

Ess Lake Association

Annual Newsletter 2022

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The new Board of Directors have been elected: President: Mark Pollard, Vice President: Shirley Daugherty, Secretary: Jim Badour, Treasurer: Sharon Quist, Board Members: Cheryl Leach, Aimee Smith, and Geoff Denstaedt. The board has set regular meetings on the following dates: 07/23/21, 10/23/21, 01/22/22, 04/30/22, and 06/25/22. At all board meetings, there is a time for public comment. If anyone is interested in attending or would like a concern addressed, please contact one of the board members in writing or send your information to esslakeassociation@yahoo.com or our address: PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746.

2021 – 2022 Ess Lake Board Goals:

- Complete Canal Project
- Complete requiring bylaw & restrictions compliance on lot #115
- Establish & Define Board Committees for 2021/22
- Initiate process for review of the Bylaws and Restrictions for 2025 implementation
- Setup Budget for fiscal 2021/2022
- Address the issue of dead/dying trees along Norway Court
- Explore Community Signage for improvements
- Remove & Replace Tennis Court practice backboard

Please let the Board know if you would like additional issues addressed.

Website: We will continue to make improvements to the website this year. We are hopeful that we will be able to add Zelle as a payment option soon. This is in review currently due to TCF being purchased by Huntington Bank. We still would like your pictures to post on the website. All pictures must be submitted and approved before being posted. This can be completed through the member area of the website. We will also be expanding a services area so that new association members will know what cable, internet, phone, utilities, and other services are available in the area. If you have any recommendations, please send us those through our email address. The website address is: www.esslake.com

Canal Project: Mark Pollard continues to pursue this initiative. Mark will be in the process over the winter to redefine the permit to the state to be able to put in a seawall. The permit will ask for installation of 45' of seawall along each side for the canal, then install the riprap. The board hopes to be able to complete this project in 2023.


Duckweed: The canal was successfully treated throughout last year for various species of aquatic weeds. By the end of the season, most weeds had dissipated. Evaluation for further treatments will take place in the spring of 2022.

Norway Court Dead Trees & Canal Clean up: Several residents helped with cleaning up some of the down trees in the canal area. The board would like to thank John Quist, Tim Fleming, Nancy Lee, Chris Laursen, Dave Shawdash, Walt Ross, and Mark Pollard for all of the cleanup efforts that took place during the past year. The cleanup will continue over the winter and next spring.

Security Patrol: The security patrol will continue this year with John Quist. If there are any issues, John will be in contact with you.

Tennis Court: The practice board for tennis will be removed sometime in the spring due to it rotting. A plan to replace it will be in place over the next year.

Pickleball: Are you interested in playing pickle ball? Do you know what it is? It's a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. We have a few Ess Lake Association members who like to play and are looking for more people to join. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Nancy Lee (734)624-8757.



Committee Members Needed: We are looking for association members to help form the following committees, 4th of July Activities, Fishing, and Bylaws & Restrictions Changes committees. If any members would like to be on any of these committees, please contact us at the association email address: esslakeassociation@yahoo.com

Building & Tree Removal: All construction of buildings and major changes to lots must be reviewed by the board. **A plan must be submitted to the Board for approval and record retention.** The forms for submitting a building plan and variance are on the website in the member's area under the "Forms" button. They can also be requested by sending an email to our address: esslakeassociation@yahoo.com or by mailing a request to PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746. The form submittals are necessary to reduce the number of violations that exist in the association for items that have not been approved. Tree removal according to the Bylaws and restrictions is permitted with permission depending on the size of the tree, however the board is requesting that you contact them prior to removal of any trees, in case there are concerns from the board or other association members.

Reminder of Oak Tree Removal & Oak Wilt: The following is from the DNR about Oak Wilt: "The normal time-tested advice is to prevent oak wilt by not pruning or otherwise 'injuring' oaks from **April 15 to July 15**. The spread of oak wilt occurs during this time of year as beetles move spores from fungal fruiting structures on the trees killed last year by oak wilt to wounds on healthy oaks." Please do not trim or plan to cut down any oaks during this time period. This will help prevent the spread of this disease in our area.

Reminder for Unleashed Dogs: We continue to encourage residents to walk their dogs with a leash. To help protect the association, signs have been installed on all outlots stating: "Dogs Must be on Leashes". Your current Board of Directors supports all State, County and Township leash laws. Please abide by these laws while you have your dogs out & about.

E-mail Address: We ask that if you have an e-mail address please let us know. This is the best way to stay in contact with Association Business. If your email address or any other personal information has changed, please contact us at: esslakeassociation@yahoo.com or at PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746.

Minutes & Newsletters: Due to the cost of sending meeting minutes out, they are available on our website as they are approved. You can also contact Jim Badour or Sharon Quist at esslakeassociation@yahoo.com so that these can be emailed to you.

Community Cleanup Date: The annual community cleanup is scheduled for May 21, 2022. During this weekend we ask that the association help to clean up the outlots, put out the picnic tables, install the dock, along with general clean up on the owners property.

Directories: Sharon Quist has recently updated the association directory. The latest directory update is available on the association website under the member area. Please sign up as a member so that you have access to the most up to date directory.

Change of Status: If your address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let us know at esslakeassociation@yahoo.com or contact us through the website: www.esslake.com

Annual Meeting and Proxy: The annual meeting will be held on Saturday July 2nd 2022 at the pavilion at 10am. The proxy for voting is available on the website under the member's area, under "Forms", or by requesting through the association email address: esslakeassociation@yahoo.com