

LAKE HAUTO CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING
July 16, 2015

Present: Ken Snyder, George Demetriades, Bob Davidovich, Dave DeMelfi, Scott Murphy, Jack Murphy
Excused: Cy Fulton, Chester Gangaware, Jennifer Lavine
Presiding: Ken Snyder

PRESIDENTS REMARKS:

1. We are building a good volunteer base. Going into a growth pattern. Beautification Committee fixed the wall at Eastwood, ordered new signs, planted flowers. We would like to thank all the volunteers at Oakwood for helping to spread mulch and are now painting the tables that had been painted before.
2. The new road on Lake Drive will be going in starting August 3rd. It will be going from the cut in the road to almost the gate (about 475 Lake Drive). The gate area will also be redone.
3. Maintenance has been fixing the trails this week. They have done the trail from Great Oaks Drive to Crescent Beach, from Hickory Terrace to Pine Terrace, and from Oak Court to White Oak Road. It is costing a little over a \$1000.00 per trail.
4. At Oakwood Beach we took down the fence at the tennis court. Will be making a volleyball court with sand, basketball court and then a shuffleboard court

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE MEETING

G. Demetriades made a motion, seconded by J. Murphy, to accept the June meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION FOR BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by G. Demetriades, and seconded by J. Murphy, to accept the bills to be paid. All in favor. Motion carried to pay this month's bills.

TREASURERS REPORT: Read by B. Davidovich

A motion was made by G. Demetriades, and seconded by S. Murphy, to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor-motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LEGAL: K. Snyder (G. Demetriades reported)

1. Still have the same 3 issues.
2. The suit with Griffiths is ready for court.
3. The accident on Rt. 54, we will be exonerated since we do not own the road.
4. Have a suit with Amodea for building over the property line with a deck. Will be in court 8/5 or before.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A motion was made by G. Demetriades, seconded by J. Murphy, to accept the new member: Susan Reim, Kathryn and Leonard Oriel, Kyle Berezwick, Robert Williams and Scott Robb. All in favor, motion carried.

RECREATION: (Jennifer Lavine)

1. There were 110 would attended the Steak & Clam Bake. The band was Maury Rutch.
2. County Line band will be playing this weekend.
3. Might do a movie night at Eastwood.

DAM: (Chester Gangaware) absent

1. Nothing

WATER QUALITY: (Chester Gangaware) absent

1. Nothing.

BUILDING PLANS: (George Demetriades)

1. Nothing

INSURANCE: (Ken Snyder) G. Demetriades reported

1. Our coverage went up by \$3000.00. First time since all of our claims from blow down a few years ago.

SECURITY: (Jack Murphy)

1. Nothing new. Will have 2 guards for the bands along with 2 additional helpers for the two side entrances to Crescent. The amount of members without displaying their tags is dwindling.

GATES: (Cy Fulton) absent. Ken Snyder reported.

1. Some repairs were performed at East entrance

BUILDING, GROUNDS, BEACHES AND ROAD MAINTENANCE: (Dave DeMelfi)

1. Reported earlier.
2. Discussion held about getting a price for the additional road to continue all the way to the gates through the Lake Hauto Woods section.

MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES: (Ken Snyder) G. Demetriades reported

1. Working on the trails every day.
2. They did not repair some of the potholes unless they were really bad in the section that is to be resurfaced.

ROADS: (Ken Snyder) G. Demetriades reported

1. Project to start August 3rd.
2. Will look into additional cost to do the rest of the east end of Lake Drive.

FISH: (Bob Davidovich)

1. Nothing new.
2. Discussion held about why the board choose not to stock the lake with trout. B. Davidovich explained that we only put trout in Birch Pools for the kids. In the lake the trout will only congregate where the springs come into the lake because that is the only cold water. We spent less money on trout and instead put the money into the native fresh water fish. Put in channel cat fish, hybrid bass, yellow perch, crappies, blue gills and feeder fish. We used to put in only trout and the genetics of the native fish was going down. B. Davidovich explained that the catfish feed on algae and bladder wart. The focus has been on improving the regular fish population after the drastic drawdown a few years ago.

DOCKS: (Scott Murphy)

1. The wasps are better after the spraying before the docks went in.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: (Bob Davidovich)

1. McArdle called about the dry hydrants. They should be back flushed every 6 months. This blows away the dirt at the end of the pipe. They could not get Zero Beach dry hydrant to work. They pulled up rocks. A diver checked and found that there was a crack in the pipe. Board decided that the best idea would be to abandon the dry hydrant at Zero Beach. There are a lot of permits needed now to install a dry hydrant. Can get water just as quickly from Eastwood.
2. Will be trimming the rhododendron at Birch Pools entrance and then that dry hydrant can be retested. It is too narrow an opening for a fire truck.
3. Should send a letter every 6 months requesting that the dry hydrants be tested.
4. Will send a letter to the fire companies in the area alerting them that the dry hydrant at Zero Beach is not operational.
5. Discussion held about the fire hydrants throughout the lake. They are virtually useless. The fire companies mainly rely on the dry hydrants and a pumper.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT (George Demetriades & Scott Murphy are co-chairpersons)

1. There will be a band this week, next weekend and then the picnic. The donations collected for the summer entertainment will donate \$500.00 to the band at the annual picnic. Therefore, the beach will be open to everyone once the food is done.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An email will be sent out stating that Greenwood will be doing work on the breast of their dam. There will be big equipment doing drilling in the next 2 – 3 weeks.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Lorraine Drosdak thanked the board for the renovations to the Community Center. She questioned children using recreational vehicles. J. Murphy said that security has been instructed to stop anyone looking to be under 16 and to call the parents and send them home. She also asked if golf carts could be permitted on the beach. Some elderly have problems on the walkway. It was suggested that they put a handicapped sticker on the RV.
2. Sue Nelson asked about doing the rest of Lake Drive. She suggested an assessment with proper information. S. Murphy suggested that the board find the money somewhere and pay it back to the proper account next year. She also asked about Tippetts Road and getting it repaired. K. Snyder said that he has asked Nesquehoning every year to repair the road and put it in the budget. She also asked for new lines on the roads all the way out to Rt. 54.
3. Lenny Ciszek reported about the break ins in the Oakwood section. It was things taken from unlocked vehicles at night. He asked if we could fluctuate the hours of security. Discussion held.
4. D. DeMelfi said that there was a problem this weekend and he was told not to talk to security and that if there was a problem to talk to J. Murphy. J. Murphy said that he told D. DeMelfi not to instruct security what to do and that he never told the members not to talk to security.
5. Effie Benek questioned about kayaks at Eastwood.
6. Tracy Petner reported her being questioned about a tree being taken down on her property. She feels that the rules do not apply to everyone.
7. Sue Nelson asked if there is a yearly work schedule for maintenance. She also questioned how many boats a person can register.
8. Warren Nelson questioned about the floating dock at Amoda's property. Why can't we get it him to take it out?
9. John Leipold questioned about the mess at Charlie Price's. K. Snyder said that our lawyer said that there is nothing we can do about it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Picked names for the order on the 2015 Board of Directors ballot.
Ann Palaskey-Miller
Joseph Totani
George Demetriades
Richard Mummey

CLUB MEMBER DISCUSSION

1. Nothing

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by B. Davidovich, seconded by G. Demetriades, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Thomas
Secretary