

Lake Lenape Association Minutes for December 12 2017

LLA Board Members in Attendance (6)

M. Dunbar, S. Hagaman, S. Minnick, D. Kerr, B. Kithcart, K. Roberts,

Meeting was called to order at 7:27 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was determined that a quorum was present. A Moment of Silence was observed for our Troops and Service People.

Public in Attendance

Brenda Izzo, Regi and Jim Diverio, Pam Hinman, Ray Wexler, Barry Walsky, Joe Kimble, Jim Sinatra

For the Good of the Order

Due to the lack of members at the November, we were unable to hold elections at that time. There are no bylaws or rules that govern the elections of board members if the election is unable to happen as scheduled. It was re-scheduled for the beginning of the LLA Holiday Party. Due to the lack of interest in the LLA Holiday Party we were unable to hold elections at that time. Elections were held at the beginning of the December meeting.

150 ballots were printed. 9 ballots were used and cast. There were 5 names and 5 open board seats.

Brian Brennan won the election with 9 votes. Pamela Hinman won the election with 8 votes. Joe Liccardi won the election with 8 votes. Ken Roberts won the election with 9 votes. Peggy Widgren won the election with 8 votes. There was no write in votes.

Congratulations to Joe Liccardi, Ken Roberts and Peggy Widgren for reelection. And congratulations to the new board members: Brian Brennan and Pamela Hinman. We would like to thank Scott Hagaman and Adam Anderson for their donation of their time and efforts to maintain the lake.

Barry Walsky is the owner of the property adjacent to the clubhouse (who the association shares a driveway, the lake association has an easement to use the shared driveway for access to the clubhouse). Barry informed us that he decided not to join the lake association for 2017. Barry has been taking care of snow removal for this shared driveway for the last 3 years and is now asking the lake association to handle snow removal for this shared driveway. It is Barry's knowledge that it's the association's responsibility to clear the snow off his property on this shared driveway and this responsibility it's recorded with the town. The board asked Barry if he brought a copy of this with him, and he said no it's recorded with the town. The board asked Barry to provide some documentation that showed the association's duty to maintain this shared driveway. He said he would produce this and bring it to the next meeting or give this to either Shawn or Matt.

Many years ago when the clubhouse had heat and was open all year round the access to the clubhouse using this driveway was necessary. For the last few years the clubhouse has been closed in the winter and no access has been needed by the association during the months there would be snow, so no snow removal would be required by the association.

Regi would like to make sure we schedule 2 dates in April for our road and waterway cleanup and is willing to organize and run these. It's a great fundraising effort for the association and it's great for the community to clean up the neighborhood.

Minutes – The secretary submitted minutes for August, September and November. The reason October was skipped was that it was a long meeting and would require a significant amount of time to type up and review. Due to the fact that the November meeting was not held due to lack of attendance it was easy to type up. October minutes will be available at the next meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes for August, September and November

(1) K. Roberts (2) B. Kithcart - All in favor (Yes) - Opposed (None)

President's Report

As the weather gets colder and ice fishing becomes a possibility, the lake association will not check the ice thickness or give a "the ice is safe to walk on" announcement. The Lake Lenape association recommends against walking out on the ice and anyone going out on to the ice is done at the person's own risk.

Treasurer's Report

We ended up in a pretty good place, since we didn't budget to replace the roof. We also didn't hold the Holiday party. We are in a slight deficit from our original budget by about \$3000. The roof was an extensive cost but we cut costs in other places and ended up only down about \$3K from our original budget. We ended the year with approximately \$36K in the bank account.

Secretary Report

We have been receiving a number of real estate agents asking about liens and past dues for properties in the community since they are selling the foreclosed properties and closing on them soon. So it will be good to have new owners moving in.

We have receive communication from Brenda Izzo and Terry Hamler asking why the election committee was not extending the deadline for absentee ballots since we were postponing the date of the election.

Committee Reports

Membership Report

The total for the year was 206 members (this is down from last year). There are 61 senior members, 42 sponsored members and 103 standard members.

Clubhouse Rentals

They are done for the year.

Boat Storage

No report.

Buildings and grounds

The clubhouse was closed and winterized. We will be emptying the clubhouse.

Docks are out of the water and the garbage disposal was changed to as needed. We did notice some non-lake garbage in the dumpster, we should put a lock on the dumpster.

Insurance

No report.

Fundraising

We should do more cornhole tournaments next year and schedule them early and have them on the calendar.

We are planning on doing a fundraiser to build a park bench as a memorial for Kelsey Bederka.

Water Quality and Weed Management

The pellets worked well, there was a lot of muck removed from the area over by the Lenape Ave dock. We didn't get a report from Larry about the muck removal pellets.

Fish Habitat and Restocking

We don't have a plan to fund fish stocking in 2018 with lake dues. We will keep the donation field on the application, and let the fund increase on its own. And we will revisit funds from dues going to some stocking possibly in 2019.

Security and Bylaws

No report.

Lifeguards

We are getting the contact for the lifeguards. We are going to get a sign that says "No Diving" to put up or paint come springtime.

Due to the behavior problems that we had with children that the lifeguards were unable to stop, we will have a meeting with the lifeguards to go over general policy dealing with unruly people.

Social

There was no Holiday party due to lack of interest. The Newton Braves high school football team finished the year undefeated and they scheduled the championship game for the same night. There was also another non-lake event that got scheduled for the same night. Both combined we lost many people who would normally go to the Holiday party.

Dam

Litigation is officially over. The settlement is signed off.

We have a number of things to do to close out the loan. We submitted funding for the attorney and received that funding. We hired a CPA firm to start the dam audit and they have been making progress. We will also need a pool of funding to pay for the town's activities of running the assessment.

We need to pay for an inspection, we contact Chris Adams for a quote for that.

Technology

No Report.

COLA

No Report.

Scholarship Committee

No Report.

New Business

None.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 pm

(2) K. Roberts (2) S Hagaman - All in favor (Yes) - Opposed (None)

Minutes Submitted by S. Minnick on January 7, 2018