

LAKE SOMERSET PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
March 21, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Al Hoffmann (President)	Chris Scollard (Treasurer)
Larry McNeal (Secretary)	Rick Meyer (Parks)
Carl Reuter (Security)	Gary Grandy (Building Control)
Larry Wright (Water Quality)	

Board Members Absent:

Tony Harsch (Roads)	Debra Gossett (Vice President)
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Others Present:

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Al Hoffmann and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. Board Meeting Minutes (Larry McNeal)

On a motion by Larry Wright, seconded by Carl Reuter, the minutes of the February 21, 2009 Board meeting were **approved**.

II. Treasurer's Report (Chris Scollard)

Income for February 2009 was \$2,028.23. Expenditures for the same period totaled \$4,028.41. Total assets as of February 28, 2009 were \$177,477.38. As of February 28, 2009, 88 lots owned by 61 members were delinquent in payment of dues. Released 12 liens this month. Will mail May 1 dues statements next week.

On a motion by Carl Reuter, seconded by Larry Wright, the Treasurer's Report was **accepted as presented**.

III. President's Report (Al Hoffmann)

Al attended an MSU Extension course, "Introduction To Lakes." The last session will deal with plants and management. Parks cleanup will be April 18. Meckley re-zoned some of his property. Asking for a conditional use permit. Won't be any action for at least a couple of months. Winter damage was minimal. Critter damage at pole barn. OK'd a Consumers' request to take out some trees at power lines.

IV. Vice President's Report (Debra Gossett)

No report.

V. **Committee Reports**

Building Control (Gary Grandy)

No permits for the month.

Water Quality (Larry Wright)

Larry Wright reviewed the contract for harvester operators. Will add the harvester under the maintenance section. Carl Reuter said whatever was approved for the harvester operators should also apply to the guards. Opposed a dollar an hour increase for returning operators. Larry said he hopes to have at least 5 operators. Two operators a day to cover a morning and an afternoon shift. Larry said he believes he can stay within his budget. Chris said Larry can come to the Board a month or so before he runs out of money if necessary and get authorization to use contingency funds to supplement his budget. Larry said he plans to run the harvester 8 hours a day for 5 days a week weather and conditions permitting. Larry Wright moved to approve the harvester operator contract for 2009 with a rate of \$11 per hour up to the budget amount of \$8,000 as amended. Larry McNeal requested a roll call vote. The motion was approved by a vote of three yes, two no and one abstention. Voting yes were Rick Meyer, Larry Wright and Larry McNeal. Voting no were Carl Reuter and Chris Scollard. Gary Grandy abstained.

Parks (Rick Meyer)

Have three contracts to approve. Lawn maintenance and services for two years, island mowing is for one year, and installing and removing docks for two years. Docks contract quote is under budget. On a motion by Chris Scollard, seconded by Larry McNeal, the lawn maintenance and docks contracts were **approved**.

Roads (Tony Harsch)

No report.

Security (Carl Reuter)

Carl said boat stickers will be available March 27. Schedule is set for 8 guards covering 102 shifts.

Community Council (Sharon Badders)

Chris said she will pick up deed changes on Monday and send out new Welcome Packets.

Brush Area – John Dickelman said the brush area will be open every Saturday from about 9 am to 4 pm. John recommended a new lock with four keys for the brush area. On a motion by Gary Grandy, seconded by Larry Wright, the Board **approved** John Dickelman's recommendation. Carl Reuter will get the lock and keys.

VI. **Old Business**

Hillandale – Al said he has talked with Ed Meckley about including the Meckley subdivision in the Association and under association by laws.

Gazette – Cover letter for the audit report in the Spring Gazette is for 2007 not 2008. Report itself is fine. Will mail the 2008 Audit cover letter with the dues billings.

VII. New Business

Island Gazebo Sign - Larry McNeal requested approval to replace the "Nick's Place" sign on the island gazebo with a new sign saying, "Nick & Charlie's Place" in honor of Charlie Hummel who recently passed away. Estimated cost is \$45-\$50. On a motion by Carl Reuter, seconded by Larry Wright, the Board **approved** placing a permanent "Nick & Charlie's Place" sign on the island gazebo.

Office Furniture - Chris Scollard moved to donate old office equipment and furniture which will net the Association a \$200 tax credit as well as removing it from the Association's personal property inventory. The motion was seconded by Gary Grandy and **approved** by the Board on a voice vote.

Gazette Printing - Pete Tochman recommended the Board approve changing the way the Gazette is printed from just copying the pages to actually printing them. Will particularly benefit the fall issue which contains numerous photographs. Would cost an additional \$200 per year. It will be put in next year's budget.

Gossett Resignation – Al said he is waiting for a formal letter of resignation from Debra Gossett. When it comes he will bring it to the Board for action.

VIII. Audience Participation

The goose lady is resigning and Eddie Cantu volunteered to do the goose roundup this year. Al will have permit details for the Board to act on at the April meeting.

John Shepherd expressed concern about a report that Meckley wants to start a quarry on his land and the potential impact that could have on Lake Somerset property values. Dave Raley agreed and said it could become a new Bundy Hill. Next township meeting is April 20.

A woman in the audience asked if the harvester is being operated as required and why property owners are asked to pay for the island gazebo sign. She said something should be on the sign to indicate why it is there.

Another woman would like to see an assessment of harvester operations and the areas covered. Also felt the guards should get a raise and there should be performance evaluations for harvester operators. Chris Scheithauer suggested merit raises for harvester operators.

Rick Scouten asked what it would take to have streetlights throughout the association.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry McNeal, Secretary.