

Linda Walker

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Subject: Jan 2021 LSPOA minutes

LAKE SOMERSET PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

January 14, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance: Jodi Dahlberg

Call to Order:

Jodi Dahlberg called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Board Members Present:

President – Jodi Dahlberg

Vice President – Che-ray Bellingar

Treasurer – David Kelley

Building Control – Kelly Langley

Secretary – Linda Walker

Parks – Terry Taylor

Roads – Eric Mozer

Security – Jeff Bennett

Water Quality – Don Tappan

Board members Absent:

Officers Reports:

• **Secretary – Linda Walker**

Presented November 12, 2020 meeting minutes, on a motion by Jeff Bennett and seconded by Kelly Langley the minutes were approved.

• **President – Jodi Dalhberg**

Dredging update: Barrels left from dredging will be removed in the spring once the lake has thawed. Precaution needs to be taken when navigating into the Goose Creek channel.

Weir One update: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has provided a laundry list of things that need to be done in preparation of the permit for the weir one. This list will result in approximately \$12k more costs for studies, fees, and research to comply with the EGLE requirements per permitting. Noted was that Spicer or Kaiser group could also provide an estimate this work, in addition to Savin. Given that Savin has a established relationship with EGLE and the permitting process, Don suggested that perhaps we can get package deal to understand the impact of farm waste/run off and sediment being brought into the

lake. Formal quote for the weir has not been done due to needing to get the permit approved. Jodi has requested Savin to “sharpen their pencil” on their first estimate. Depending on EGLE’s findings for remediation of the weir, will determine the final estimated cost (potentially 50-70k after permitting costs). A motion to increase the amount for permit costs to add \$6,400 more to get the permitting going for weir one was approved. This brings up the total amount to \$11,000.

- **Vice President-Che-ray Bellingar**

No report

- **Treasurer-David Kelley**

A motion to approve the Dec financial report was presented, Linda Walker made the motion to approve, Kelly Langley seconded. The financial report was approved.

- **Security-Jeff Bennett**

Ice fishing guidelines: Discussion on the number of people that can go Ice Fishing as a member’s guest. Suggestions of guest up to what you can fit into your boat or that can fish off your property line. NO TOURNAMENTS! Need volunteers to monitor ice for fishing issues. Vehicles are going to be towed if you do not have stickers.

Ramp Gate: Keys for boat launch will be changed in April.

Non-Member trespassing: Winter seems to bring more non-members to our lake. If you see non-members that are not with a member, ask them to leave. If there is residence, call the police or DNR. Check the website for phone numbers for calling DNR or local police. You will see more signs to prevent non-members encroachment on our lake and taking fish. This year we are getting stricter. Looking into possibly giving stickers to cars so that we don’t tow members cars.

- **Building Control-Kelly Langley**

Collected \$300 permit fees for a deck, a home, and a shed. Thanks to the member on Westmore that after getting a letter to apply for a permit, completed an application which was approved. REMEMBER: You must apply for permits when building or adding structures to your property. Check the membership guidelines for details on what needs a permit. Another shed on Westmore was built without a permit, a letter was sent to ask for compliance.

- **Parks-Terry Taylor**

Docks: Three docks have been purchased to put on the east side of the swim area of the main park to help with docking. Rocks were placed on the shoreline to help with erosion control which created an issue with boats docking at the park.

Park Improvements: A motion detector has been put on lights in Main Park to help with light pollution. New swim ropes were ordered as the current ones are getting worn and faded. Unauthorized trash dumping in the park’s dumpster is occurring, so a lock has been placed on it until spring. Portal trash cans were stored in the barn to avoid unauthorized use. New contracts being secured for beach tilling, mowing, and

other necessary work. Goose round up is still being planned if EGLE permits will be given and vendor still in business. Savin, as a part of restoring the west park where the leaves can be dumped, is rebuilding a road including an area to gate and lock the area to prevent unauthorized dumping. Discussion about extending fence on the main park to include the new lot raised.

- **Roads-Eric Mozer**

A special meeting was held in December with the road commissioner to learn about our options to repair our roads. Since Hillsdale country funds are small, the roads are low on the priority. The road commissioner suggested to ask for a special millage to fix our roads. This would come out of our township taxes as an assessment.

- **Water Quality-Don Tappan**

Thank you for those who helped put in the harvester. We need more volunteers to help with the harvester, water quality management, etc. If someone is interested in learning more about water quality, contact Don. He would like to train his successor.

Old Business:

Deck lights and lakeside lake light pollution. Please be conscious of your neighbors and where your lights are shining. Remember, if you are concerned about using lights as a safety precaution, a motion sensor can minimize light pollution while providing safety when needed.

New Business:

Thank you for moving the meeting day, however we can move this meeting day if we need to.

Audience Participation:

Dam repair will include the water level valve testing which will happen sometime next year.

A suggestion to get guard hired for weekends to monitor ice fishing folks was raised. This role would be on land at the main park and/or west park.

Noted was a comment to get a vote on the roads asap since it's not a board responsibility. Hillsdale county will be the ones creating the estimate, and they have been asked to provide one months ago.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm with a motion by Linda Walker and seconded by Che-ray Bellingar.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Walker, Secretary
Lake Somerset Property Owners Association Board of Directors