

Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by President Jerry Klahn.

Attendance

Members in attendance were: Linda Sheppard, Laurie Francis, Kathy Nelson, Linda Ebbe, Patti Ebbe, Steve Nowicki, Dick Wadnal, Tom Wycklendt, Dave Trudeau, Jerry Sipla, Ron Fischer, Linda Gies, John Kovac, Dave Duxstad, Jerry Klahn, Norm Abler, Linda Sheppard, Bill Scharles, Joan Schwegel, and Bob Linke.

Guest Report

Terry James, representing the 18th district to Adams County and member of Tri-Lakes Association, spoke to us about the Shoreline Protection Ordinance (NR115). The ordinance will take effect in September 2013. Chris Murphy from the Adams County Land and Water Commission and Phil McLaughlin from the Adams County Planning and Zoning Commission are the two people one needs to contact. Murphy handles the technical and enforcement aspects of NR115 and McLaughlin heads the adjustment committee to approve/disapprove adjustments to NR115. All property owners need to be aware of NR115 and how it can affect their lake properties.

Mr. James conveyed his support for the lakes, his concerns to keep the dams safe, and his desire to keep LSPOA (Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association) appraised of Adams County decisions that affect our lakes.

Secretary's Report

After reading the minutes of the last board meeting held on December 5, 2009, Steve Nowicki moved that we accept the minutes as written; Ron Fischer seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Linda Sheppard reported that the beginning checkbook balance from November 30, 2009, was \$7,537.17. There were total receipts of \$4,953.92, and total expenses of \$6,251.18. The ending checkbook balance on December 31, 2009, was \$6,239.91. Jerry Sipla moved to accept the treasurer's report; Dick Wadnal seconded and the motion was approved.

Budget Committee Report

Chairperson Bob Linke deferred to committee member Jerry Sipla who noted that we were still in the negative comparing income to expenses. The total income (with some outstanding figures) was \$111,476 for the year 2009. Our budgeted income was \$155,159, a difference of \$43,683. Our expenses to date (with some outstanding figures) are \$127,757.23. This is currently a negative \$16,281.23. Our loan balance is \$227,000.

Tri-Lakes Management Report

Chairperson Steve Nowicki reported the following:

- A toe drain in the Sherwood dam requires necessary repairs which will be paid by Adam County.

- The weed harvester being purchased by the Tri-Lakes Association will not be paid up front but in incremental steps with performance standards met at every step during the building of the harvester..
- In regard to controlling the spread of zebra mussels throughout the lakes, the harvesters are not required to have separate trailers for each lake. The DNR is exploring the development of a new bacteria that destroys the zebra mussels without hurting anything else in the lake. Tri-Lakes will let us know the status of the bacteria development.

Architectural Report

Chairperson Bill Scharles had no report.

LSPOA Assistant Report

Barb Schwarz is on vacation, so there is no report.

Covenants Committee Report

No report.

Scholarship and Donations Committee

Chairperson Joan Schwegel had no report, but encouraged members to donate to scholarship fund.

Business Committee Report

Chairperson Dick Wadnal reported the following:

- The food inventory is still high, but Lodge Manager Mike Sheppard is working on reducing it.
- All previous policy changes have been made to reduce staff, reduce hours, limit food and liquor inventory, and increase traffic flow with promotions such as bingo nights in February.
- Mike will need to have surgery on January 21 and has been training his assistant manager to handle staff and expenses while he is gone.

Housing Committee Report

Steve Nowicki reported the following:

- The housing committee is continuing its study to reduce the plumbing cost. The committee found that costs in 2009 were often for repairs that were not included in the maintenance contract. They currently have two bids for 2010 from two companies; one for \$350 that does not include septic inspection and one for \$429 that does include septic inspection. They are checking out the feasibility of both bids.
- The committee is aware that kitchen repairs will be necessary this year, the patio door needs replacing, and that the floors need to be stripped and professional resurfaced. The estimated cost is about \$7,000 for the floors.
- A mirror was replaced in the women's bathroom as someone broke it on New Year's Eve.
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Nominating Committee Report

Jinny Matush had no updates on Board members for the empty spots from Broadsword, Glencove, and Westwood Shores.

Recreation Committee Report

Chairperson John Kovac had no report.

Conservation Committee Report

Chairperson Dave Trudeau reported the following:

- Dave submitted the application for a grant of \$2,400 for the Firewise project. Work hours of 240 hours are requested of LSPOA members. This is an opportunity to involve ALL property owners to accomplish a needed safety measure. Three clean-up sessions—one in Spring 2010, one in Fall 2010, and one in Spring 2011—are scheduled for all LSPOA members who wish to help. Part of the grant will be to educate the public about Firewise and what individual property owners can do to keep their properties safe from forest fires. The insert about Firewise that was sent with the dues request letter fills the first part of the education component. Chipping will be done by the Town of Rome with them contributing half the cost. The chipper costs \$1,200 a day.
- We need to help identify properties in need of clean up for Firewise.

Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

Old Business

None

New Business

- A new list of committee members for 2010 was distributed by President Jerry Klahn. Jerry requested that each committee meet and select a chairperson before the February meeting.
- All members are requested to come up a vision of where we feel the Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association is going in the future. We will share our visions at the April 2010 board meeting.

Respectfully submitted—Joan Schwegel, Secretary