

**LAKES OF BLISS WOODS
HOMEOWNERS MEETING
APRIL 27, 2015**

Attendees:

Board: Chris Steenwyk, Mark Smith, Janet Lamberton, Derek Chimentij; Absent: Bonnie Johnson

Residents: 6

Meeting called to order by Chris Steenwyk at 7:05pm

Motion to approve the October 13, 2014 minutes made by Janet and seconded by Chris.

Treasurer's Report

\$ 59,761.48 Assets

\$ 41,862.09 Reserves

\$101,623.58 Total, as of 3/31/2015

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Mark and seconded by Chris. Chris will ask Nemanich Management to transfer \$20,000 dollars from assets (checking) into reserves (savings).

Old Business

The 2014 Board election left a vacancy on the board. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Chris to fill this one year position with appointment of Derek Chimenti.

Architectural Review

Most homes have been repaired and look good with variety of roof colors and siding resulting from damaging storm of last May 20th, 2014. One request submitted tonight.

Landscape & Maintenance

- The channel by the waterfall is of concern with the embankment increasing (over past 15 years) and narrowing this area that leads to/from the waterfall. Have received a quote of \$35,000, yet still researching options as to time-frame and various steps involved.
- Derek summarized the Pond & Naturalization Initiative. Our man-made ponds have about a 20 year lifespan, and then dredging to remove settled sediment may be necessary.
- Reserve funds used last summer/fall to: 1) Replace one (of the two) storm grates adjacent to the waterfall, as was crushed by collapsed large boulders. 2) Replace two broken sprinkler pumps in the north and middle ponds costing \$5,600.
- The middle pond's decorative fountain is broken. As there are two aerators heads functioning for this pond, & considering the reserve funds used (above), the Board agreed not to replace it.
- Reminder to residents to be cautious using fertilizers and keep grass clippings away from road. Rains drain into storm sewer and then deposit into these retention ponds that in turn increase sediment and aquatic pollution.

- Pond treatments will start May 1st through October 1st, these services performed by **Rollins Aquatics** under a two year contract.
- **Luna Irrigation** to maintain our sprinkler systems in common areas. Mark will inquire as to when will be started.
- Re-signed a 3 year contract with **Alan Horticulture**. The board will do a walk-about to assess trees, shrubs, plantings, mulch, etc for their maintenance and to suggest areas that can benefit with transplants from overgrown areas, likewise a 10' buffer around water areas of natural planning to avoid invasive bushes. It was suggested to get smaller trees to transplant. Regarding the Ash trees, that City of Sugar Grove tagged—believed all were gotten, but were stumps left in ground.

New Business

Garage sale dates are June 5 & 6, Friday and Saturday for participating in the Sugar Grove community plan for all subdivisions. Chris to ask for any resident(s) to take lead for our LOBW participation, with reimbursement of advertising fees.

It was noted that this week a person representing internet service walking door to door, yet unsure if actually soliciting and/or had city permit.

In fishing related issues, earlier this month, some teen-agers were observed by board members fishing by the waterfall and most left immediately when asked if they were residents. (This area was rebuilt last fall from collapsed boulders onto the metal grate.) There have been other reports of fishing after dark and leaving dead fish along embankment. Mark has had dialogue with the SG Chief, who will speak with his sergeants and advise. SGPD was invited to tonight's meeting on this topic, yet unable to attend.

The last reserve US flag has been hung by Mark.

Welcome Packets are still being distributed to new homeowners by Pat Graceffa.

Homeowner Concerns

Do our ponds have a clay base?

Do we have original [ponds/waterfall] plans from Inland?

Did Engineering Enterprises install a "restrictor" along with overland?

Suggested to do "core sample" before dredging.

Will we hire the same company for lighting [the trees at both entrances] during Christmas? No.

John Elleby offered to replace ground level entry lights when observed burned out.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark and seconded by Chris at 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted – Janet Lamberton