

**LAKES OF BLISS WOODS  
HOMEOWNERS MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2017**

**Attendees:** Chris Steenwyk, Mark Smith, Derek Chimenti, Bonnie Johnson, Janet Lamberton.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Steenwyk at 7:01 p.m.

**Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from July 17, 2017, made by Chris and seconded by Bonnie.

**Treasurer's Report**

\$ 56,934.76    Checking  
   62,301.78    Reserves  
\$119,236.54    Total

Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Mark and seconded by Bonnie.

**Architectural Review**

621 Birch Street – Basketball Hoop  
900 Elm Street – Patio  
621 Hickory Street – Landscaping  
619 Birch Street – Shutters  
914 Oak Street – Fence & Windows

Remember that all approval forms for landscaping, pools and fences can be found on the Bliss Woods website at [blisswoods.org](http://blisswoods.org).

**Landscape & Maintenance**

Rollins has only done a few algae treatments on the ponds this year. The waterfall is currently not running due to the intake being clogged. We did inquire with Rollins if there was something they could do so that the intake at the waterfall does not become clogged with dead algae but they said the only thing they can do is pull it out and put it on shore when they see it. The water level in the front pond is very low which could also be another concern. Janet and her husband have helped with issue many times since they have lived here but suggest that we get a quote for next year so that we can stay on top of this problem. We hope to have the waterfall up and running soon.

Please remember that there is no fishing allowed in our ponds. We have had issues in the past with geese being tangled in fishing lines.

Muskrat trapping is not currently taking place because the water is currently too low in the ponds and after a while the muskrats catch on which makes trapping harder. The last invoice

we received from our trapper indicated that he caught 14 muskrats. We will never get rid of them but we will continue to work to keep their numbers down.

Another concern is the drain that goes under Bliss Road to Windstone. The area around the drain needs to be cleared to help prevent the drain from being clogged to allow water to flow freely. If this drained becomes clogged, the next time we get a good rain the ponds could rise and flow into neighboring backyards. Last year, the cattails were pulled and left for Alan Landscaping to take away but were washed back into the ponds before they could be picked up. Cattails will not be a problem in the spring but we will monitor this drain.

The flowerbed by the flagpoles is in need of some work. We have asked Alan Landscaping to add a better variety of plants to make it more attractive. The north entrance flowerbeds will also have work done to them. The flags at the main entrance were finally replaced.

The Village has taken down a couple of trees at the main entrance, which will be replaced sometime this month through the 50/50 program.

### **Old Business**

Thank you to Pat for all of her hard work in organizing this year's neighborhood picnic!

We talked with our attorney regarding putting signs in the parks indicating "no hardball" but we were advised not to because then we have to define what a hardball is. We want our kids to continue using the parks but they are not baseball fields.

If you have any complaints regarding a homeowner, please contact the management company.

There have been many questions regarding the trash pickup. Please note that hazardous waste must be scheduled for pickup.

### **New Business**

The 2018 budget was sent out to all homeowners and dues were not increased again this year. The current reserves may need to be used to dredge the ponds in the near future.

Motion to accept the 2018 budget was made by Janet and seconded by Derek.

### **Homeowner Questions & Concerns**

Make sure your water bill is not an estimate. If it is, then your meter needs to be replaced.

It would be nice to know who is running for the Board before elections, as well as, access to a short bio. This would allow homeowners to know something about the candidates before they sign a proxy allowing someone else to vote for them. (The Board will discuss this possibility for the next elections.)

It was shared that the flowerbed in the front entryway needed much work and homeowners would like to be involved in choosing what is planted. They would like to see Alan's plans before any work is done. It would also be nice to have a committee that oversees this. (The Board agreed to put a committee in place for this project. The committee will consist of Ellen Bonewitz, Pat Heine, Dave Nadler and Bonnie Johnson. Plans will be submitted to the committee for review prior to the work beginning.)

### **Elections**

Denise, from Nemanich Management, explained to homeowners at the meeting how the proxies and voting would take place. She then asked the homeowners for a motion to close the nominations.

The motion to close the nominations was made from the floor and seconded by Derek Chimenti.

Election results: Dave Nadler and Derek Chimenti will have one-year terms. Mark Smith, Chris Steenwyk and Bonnie Johnson will have two-year terms.

Thanks to Glenn Nordell for his work on the neighborhood directory.

Thank you to Janet Lamberton for her time served on the Board.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris and seconded by Derek.