

SUMMARY OF FEB ELV BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2017

OFFICER REPORTS

President

- There were 120 people at the December 2016 Holiday Party held at CJ Pub in Shelby Township. More residents have said it was great. The staff could not have been nicer and there was plenty of food.

Vice President

- A comparison of photos taken of the willow tree on an ELV resident's property and which overhangs the lake, in February 2017 and in November 2016, shows that the tree appears to have been trimmed. The resident's attorney confirmed this and ELVHA will be receiving a bill for half the trimming cost.

Recording Secretary

- Created and distributed the agenda for this (February) meeting.
- Made additional revisions to the informational content included with Policy Letter #5 on Lake Levels.

Corresponding Secretary

Newsletter Deadlines: Friday, February 3, 2017 and March 3, 2017

Correspondence:

- An ELV resident emailed to say that Ron Burr (810-632-0093) Long Lake (Brighton area) Lake Management Committee switched from LakePro to Aqua-Weed Control, Inc. after a thorough year after year trend analysis of costs vs. action to prevent pond weeds. Their results using Aqua-Weed have been phenomenal. She suggests we look into using Aqua-Weed as our lake treatment company.
- An ELV resident reported that the creek phragmites have been cut down.
- The deadline for our phone directory information to go to Cathedral Directories is March 29, 2017. They will email us a file of the non-phone number information by February 28, 2017.
- An ELV resident emailed to tell me about slow drains at Chancery and Little Creek. After emailing the DPW and Cindy Stewart (Community Affairs Director) about this issue, the City cleaned out a drain on Friday, January 20th.
- Talked with an ELV resident to find out if the extra weed treatment the resident did (they paid for the chemicals and applied them) made a difference. The resident said it was hard to tell. The whole lake was better overall last year than the year before. They only applied the treatment once. They recommend having LakePro do it, it was hard work. They still have chemical left so they are going to apply again. They rake a lot.
- I gave the Fishing Log Info from our beach lots to the Treasurer. There weren't many entries.

Action Items:

Cleaning the Outfalls into Sandshores Lake

- Talked with Steve Koth at Oakland County Water Resources Commission about cleaning the outfalls into Sandshores Lake. The County says the City should be able to vacuum them out if they can get to them. After studying the satellite view and the drain map, it appears that the only outfall the City might be able to vacuum out is the one at Sandshores Beach.
- The County does not clean out the outfalls or catch basins. They hire Pipeline Management Co. County says we should find out how much it would cost to have the City come out and clean the catch basins and then contact Pipeline Management.
- An ELV resident and civil engineer says a hard rain should flush stuff out of those pipes.
- Created a list of action items the ELV Board should consider that address the storm sewer drains around Sandshores Lake. Once the Board reviews it and provides comments, we can meet with the City DPW to see what they might be able to do for us.

Walker Beach Renovation

- An ELV resident and civil engineer has drawn up two (2) plans for the beach area at Walker Beach. These plans were provided to PEA, a Troy engineering firm, to quote.

Advertising:

- All State has renewed their ad for 10 months and an invoice for \$400 will be sent to them.
- Home Instead has renewed their ad for the year and an invoice for \$480 has been sent to them.
- Complete Landscaping has renewed their ad for five (5) months, beginning in March, and an invoice for \$200 will be sent to them.

Treasurer

- There are no unusual items of note for the January month end treasurer reports.
- A payment was made for \$950 to have the phragmites cut from the creek.
- Received a written complaint from an ELV resident stating that overspray from the phragmites treatment has killed the resident's grass. The resident is asking the Board to reimburse the \$270 spent for repairing the lawn damaged. **The Corresponding Secretary will write a letter to respond, reminding the resident of their agreement to the phragmites treatment even after the Board had informed the resident of the possible overspray and risk of lawn damage.**
- The \$800 State of Michigan check for the ELVHA permit, which was sent to LakePro, has not yet been cashed. This is not unusual but good to keep an eye on.
- Dues are collected from 384 homes to-date out of 550 homes total. This is consistent with prior years. An update will be provided to the Board in two (2) weeks and starting on the 15th or 20th, outreach to remind residents that have not yet paid will begin. An ELV resident, the former Recording Secretary, offered to help.
- Spoke with an ELV resident about their dog run. The resident indicated they spoke with the Restrictions Chair (former) and that they had received an approval letter.
- Completed and filed the 2016 tax report form 1120-h. The payment was \$1801.
- Current balances in the ELV accounts are: Operating Accounts **\$113,887** and Reserve Account **\$87,123**.
 - **The Membership Chair moved to approve the December 2016 and January 2017 Treasurer's Reports. The Restrictions Chair seconded and the Board approved.**

Assistant Treasurer (OPEN)

Lakes

- We need to go out to bid for lake management as per policy this must be competed every three years. We should try to get the request for proposal (RFP) out to vendors by mid-March. After some discussion by the Board, the decision was that we should ask the vendors to get their proposal back to us by May 1st. This will allow more time for the Board to study proposals and to make a decision on a future vendor for lake management.
- The Corresponding Secretary asked about sending the most current vegetation survey for our lakes in the RFP package and the Lakes Chair agreed it would be good to include this information.
- Policy Letter #5 has been revised to include more information on the Andale pump and locations of the sumps. The Corresponding Secretary had some additional suggestions to improve this information. **The Recording Secretary will revise Policy Letter #5 to make these improvements and submit it to the Board for review in advance of the next meeting.**
- The Corresponding Secretary asked about the location of the special tool that is mentioned in the section on operation of the Andale pump, and also the key for unlocking the electrical box for the crossover pump. The Lakes Chair stated that the tool is stored at his residence as is the key, and that the President also has a copy of the key.

Security (ABSENT)

- No report.

Maintenance

- The lights are back on at the Walker entrance.

Restrictions

- Talked with an ELV resident and they will take action so their snowplow it is not left parked in the front of their house.
- Checked into an ELV resident's dog run and they are in compliance. Talked with them about landscaping around the chain link fence and they plan to do this in the spring.
- Still waiting for a response to the letter sent to an ELV resident about the restrictions violation (deck over lake). Recommend proceeding with the next fine, which will be the second fine. Suggest that after three (3) months of fines and no action, that the Board place a lien against the property. The fines process would continue indefinitely until the situation is resolved.
 - **The Vice President moved to approve that the Restrictions Chair issue the second fine and also, if needed, the third fine to the ELV resident for the restrictions violation (deck over lake). The President seconded and the Board approved.**
- Two ELV residents plan to take action in June to bring their properties (fences) into compliance with ELV restrictions.
- An ELV resident is now in compliance with ELV restrictions (posted property signs) and this matter is closed.
- The Membership Chair stated that there have been cars parked on lawns at two ELV properties for a long time.

- **The Restrictions Chair will go look at these properties and if cars are still parked on lawns, will start with a friendly reminder about moving the cars to come into compliance with ELV restrictions.**

Membership

- There have been three deaths in ELV recently; sent sympathy cards to all on behalf of the ELV Board.
- Greeted new families this week.
- Working on the new ELV Directory and plan to get it to the printer by the end of March. Names of Lake Representatives and of the Goosebusters should be included, in addition to information about which ELV residents have the lake rakes that can be borrowed.
 - **The Corresponding Secretary will check to ensure the volunteers involved are okay with having this information in the directory and on the names of those with the lake rakes that are available to borrow.**

Special Projects

- No report.

New Business

Special Projects:

- The Corresponding Secretary stated there are four (4) water meter dog houses that need to be rebuilt.
 - **The Maintenance Chair will talk with the Special Projects Chair about taking this task on.**
- The Corresponding Secretary stated that new stickers “Dump Nothing -- Drains to Lake” need to be applied, at a minimum around Sandshores Lake and preferably around all lakes.
 - The Board agreed that applying new stickers is a good idea. **The Corresponding Secretary will contact some of those involved with these stickers in the past members to learn what they know.**
- Need to set a date in May for the Spring Meeting and a speaker is needed.
 - The President suggested either May 23rd, 24th and 25th, in that priority order, as the date for the Spring Meeting. **The Recording Secretary will submit a reservation to secure the Troy Union Cafeteria for the Spring Meeting.**
- The Corresponding Secretary suggested we ask the ELV resident and civil engineer talk about ideas for the renovation of Walker Beach. Others thought this is a good idea.
 - **The Corresponding Secretary will check with the ELV resident about presenting at the Spring Meeting.**
- The Treasurer received a letter from the Chair of the Easter Egg Hunt Committee about the need for a new bunny costume as the one that has been in use for several years is in bad shape. A new costume will cost no more than \$100 and one is available on Amazon for \$72.
 - **The Recording Secretary moved to approve up to \$100 for the purchase of a new bunny costume. The President seconded and the Board approved.**

Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

APPROVED as amended on March 20, 2017.