

HORSESHOE LAKE CORPORATION Board of Trustee’s Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1 2019, at 7:00pm

Northfield Township Public Safety Building 8360 Main St. Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Scott Chisholm

Roll Call –

Present	Absent
Scott Chisholm	
Joe Bennett	
Ken Johnson	
Brian Trim arrived at 7:20pm	
George Brown	
Vacant Shady Beach Trustee Position	
Thomas Merrill	
Lori Blanchard	
	Mark Caples
Ken Johnson	
Sandi Bodi	
Paul Carlson	

Approval of Agenda – Bruce La Rue motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Joe Bennett seconded. Motion carried

Swearing in of new Trustees - New Trustee Paul Carlson (Leocadia), Re-elected Trustees Scott Chisholm (Lincoln), Brian Trim (Schrum), George Brown (Shady Beach), Bruce LaRue (Schrum) recited the oath of office.

Election of Officers

- a. President - Tom Merrill nominated Paul Carlson. Brian Trim nominated Scott Chisholm. ? motioned to close nominations, seconded by Brian Trim. Tom Merrill wanted discussion and expressed concern that he did not feel that was listening to the concerns of Leocadia residents. Brian Trim responded that Chisholm was doing his best to represent the entire corporation, and trying to represent all Leocadians, not just lakeview. Trustees voted by private ballot and the vote was 8-2 in favor of Scott Chisholm.
- b. Vice President – Tom Merrill nominated Sandi Bodi, who declined. Tom Merrill nominated Lori Blanchard, who declined. Brian Trim was nominated by Bruce LaRue. Joe Bennett motion to accept Brian Trim and Bruce LaRue seconded. Motion carried.
- c. Treasurer – Joe Bennett was nominated by Brian Trim and was seconded by Bruce LaRue. Brian Trim stated Joe has done an excellent job. Scott Chisholm motioned to close the nomination and reelect Joe Bennett, seconded by Ken Johnson. Motion carried.
- d. Secretary – Brian Trim nominated Mark Caples who was absent from the meeting, but had indicated he would accept the position. Ken Johnson seconded. Scott Chisholm motioned to close the nomination and elect Mark Caples, seconded by Joe Bennett. Motion carried.
- e. Clerk – Scott Chisholm nominated George Brown as Clerk. Tom Merrill motioned to close the nomination and reappoint George Brown as Clerk. Brian Trim seconded. Motion carried.

- f. Recording Secretary (non-voting positions) – This is a new position offered to Susan Bolla, who has agreed as an ex officio Secretary to continue typing the minutes of meetings either in person or from tape. Nonpaying position. Brian Trim motioned to accept Susan Bolla as recording secretary, Ken Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements – Scott Chisholm stated that the motion to allow members to add to any discussion at a board meeting passed in the annual meeting was invalid. The board meetings are run by board members. The past practice of allowing open forum at the beginning of a board meeting will continue.

Public Forum (Guest Comments) - 5 mins per person *please refrain from joining in on trustee discussions during the remainder of the meeting.*

Marty Blank, Leocadia Subdivision, objected to Scott Chisholm being President and spoke at length about how he did not feel Leocadians concerns were being addressed.

Elaine Baublitz, Leocadia Subdivision, shared concerns about non-Leocadians using Leocadia Park and said she had taken pictures of non-members using the park. One person, not from any sub (owns metes and bounds property on Horseshoe Lake), spent five hours with his own portable picnic table. Board members shared her concern and urged her to call the police if this was happening. However, they also expressed concern that people who had the right to use the park were being questioned and made to feel unwelcome. Trustee Bruce LaRue said when he recently walked down to check out the new path, he was met with hostility by Elaine Baublitz and another female resident, which seems to be a recurring issue.

Approval of Minutes – Sandi Bodi motioned to accept the August minutes as presented. Seconded by Brian Trim. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report/Correspondence

George Brown discussed an email sent by Susan Bolla returning the \$250 Secretary stipend.

He also was asked to check out a complaint about parts of Leocadia not being mowed near the new bridge across the Catholic Church Drain. He contacted the lawn mowing contractor who said the high water made some parts unmowable, but understands that when the ground is dry enough, he will mow in the future.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Bennett reviewed the following with the Board. He explained a new reporting method for the new fiscal year, which he felt was clearer for the Board.

1. Balance of Accounts, Checking Accounts and Reserve
2. Bills due for payment
3. Approval of Treasurers Report

Horseshoe Lake Corporation

Treasurer's Report: 10/1/2019

	HLC Checking	HLC Money Market-Op	HLC Money Market-Weed	Road- Leocadia	Road- Lincoln	Road- Schrum	Road- Shady
Beginning Balance 7/1/2019	\$4,111.41	\$28,347.81	\$11,786.48	\$2,622.48	\$3,718.00	\$2,620.99	\$5,361.53
INCOME							
Dues	\$885.40						
Weed Assessments	\$249.60		\$249.60				
Road Dues	\$770.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$570.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00						
Gate Keys	\$10.00						
Returned Checks							
Transfer from MM to Checking							
Interest							
Total Income	\$1,940.00	\$0.00	\$249.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$570.00
EXPENSES							
Legal	\$0.00						
Landscaping	\$0.00						
Telephone	(\$15.85)						
Electric	(\$20.35)						
Road Dues-Leocadia	\$0.00						
Road Dues-Lincoln	\$0.00						
Road Dues-Schrum	(\$200.00)						
Road Dues-Shady Beach	(\$570.00)						
Road Expenses				(\$197.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$162.50)
HLC Money Market-Operating	(\$250.00)	\$250.00					
HLC Money Market-Weed	(\$249.60)						
HLC Insurance	\$0.00						
Gate Keys	\$0.00						
PO Box	\$0.00						
Northfield Property Taxes	\$0.00						
Aqua Weed	\$0.00						
SOM DEQ Permit	\$0.00						
Tree Service	\$0.00						
Bank Fees	\$0.00						
Flowers	\$0.00						
Boat Launch	\$0.00						
State of Michigan	(\$20.00)						
Transfer from MM to Checking	\$0.00						
Clerk Fee-George Brown	\$0.00						
Treasurer Fee	\$0.00						
Secretary Fee	\$0.00						
Leocadia Survey	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-George Brown	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-Scott Chisholm	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-Brian Trim	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-Sandi Bodi	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-Laura Misko	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-Susan Bolla	\$0.00						
Capital Expense (Foot Bridge)	\$0.00						
Total Expenses	(\$1,325.80)	\$250.00	\$0.00	(\$197.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$162.50)
Ending Balance 7/31/19	\$4,725.61	\$28,597.81	\$12,036.08	\$2,425.48	\$3,718.00	\$2,820.99	\$5,769.03

Horseshoe Lake Corporation

Treasurer's Report: 9/10/2019

	HLC Checking	HLC Money Market-Op	HLC Money Market-Weed	Road- Leocadia	Road- Lincoln	Road- Schrum	Road- Shady
Beginning Balance 8/1/2019	\$6,708.64	\$28,095.49	\$15,670.89	\$2,515.50	\$3,600.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,598.53
INCOME							
Dues	\$655.00						
Weed Assessments	\$204.60		\$204.60				
Road Dues	\$735.00			\$160.00	\$120.00	\$200.00	\$255.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00						
Gate Keys	\$10.00						
Returned Checks							
Transfer from MM to Checking	\$4,090.00						
Interest		\$2.32	\$0.99				
Total Income	\$5,719.60	\$2.32	\$205.59	\$160.00	\$120.00	\$200.00	\$255.00
EXPENSES							
Legal	\$0.00						
Landscaping	(\$875.00)						
Telephone	(\$15.85)						
Electric	(\$19.88)						
Road Dues-Leocadia	(\$160.00)						
Road Dues-Lincoln	(\$120.00)						
Road Dues-Schrum	(\$200.00)						
Road Dues-Shady Beach	(\$255.00)						
Road Expenses				(\$53.02)	(\$2.00)	(\$579.01)	\$508.00
HLC Money Market-Operating	(\$250.00)	\$250.00					
HLC Money Market-Weed	(\$204.60)						
HLC Insurance	\$0.00						
Gate Keys	\$0.00						
PO Box	\$0.00						
Northfield Property Taxes	\$0.00						
Aqua Weed	(\$4,090.00)		(\$4,090.00)				
SOM DEQ Permit	\$0.00						
Tree Service	\$0.00						
Bank Fees	\$0.00						
Flowers	\$0.00						
Boat Launch	\$0.00						
State of Michigan	\$0.00						
Transfer from MM to Checking	\$0.00						
Clerk Fee-George Brown	(\$1,500.00)						
Treasurer Fee	(\$250.00)						
Secretary Fee	(\$250.00)						
Leocadia Survey	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-George Brown	(\$27.50)						
Reimbursement-Scott Chisholm	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-Brian Trim	\$0.00						
Reimbursement Sandi Bodi	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-Laura Misko	\$0.00						
Reimbursement-Susan Bolla	(\$99.00)						
Capital Expense (Foot Bridge)	\$0.00						
Total Expenses	(\$8,316.83)	\$250.00	(\$4,090.00)	(\$53.02)	(\$2.00)	(\$579.01)	\$508.00
Ending Balance 8/31/19	\$4,111.41	\$28,347.81	\$11,786.48	\$2,622.48	\$3,718.00	\$2,620.99	\$5,361.53

Brian Trim motioned to accept the Treasurer's reports for August and September and pay the bills. Tom Merrill seconded. 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Buoys for the beaches – Brian Trim wants to wait until spring to install the buoys, preferring to install anchors with ropes. We need 8 used 5-gallon buckets or pails that can be filled with concrete. Message will be posted on Nextdoor email asking for the buckets rather than buying them. Brian Trim reported the muck mats were installed in Leocadia, Lincoln and Schrum to create three new beaches, so all four subs will have beaches. He was impressed with the effectiveness of the mats.

- B. Red Flags Levels -The Drain Commission wants to conduct a study of our lake level and install water sensors so they can monitor the water level. Brian Trim stated that he was told by Evan Pratt that the WRC is moving forward with clearing out the Horseshoe Lake Creek exiting our Lake and doing what they can to dredge near the weir within their limited budget.
- C. Shady Beach tree in road way - Sandi Bodi read the motion made at a previous meeting indicating that a letter to the resident would be reviewed first by our attorney. President Chisholm said he would follow up with the attorney regarding the language in the letter.
- D. Potential Township Keyholing Ordinance – George Brown read correspondence from 2000 regarding a keyholing ordinance reviewed by the Planning Commission that was never approved.
- E. Leocadia Park pathway – Scott Chisholm reviewed the steps he has taken to determine whether the posts that have been installed by the corporation are legal. The bottom line is that each step of the way, he has been given different answers by different people at the township and country level, and because we’re dealing with private roads, township employees/officials are unsure whose jurisdiction this falls under; Zoning Board, Planning Commission, or perhaps neither. Tom Merrill expressed concern that Chisholm jumped ahead by working with other board members to install wood chips in the grassy area of Lakeshore Drive without bringing it to the Board first. Brian Trim said that in addition to this path, another chipped path would be created along the lakeshore for the residents of Leocadia so they can better enjoy their park.

II. New Business

- a. 2019-2020 Meeting Times - Meetings Required in April, July, August and October (Bylaws)

There was considerable discussion about this issue. Brian Trim stated several trustees had told him they were in favor of reducing the number of meetings to as few as seven. Tom Merrill wanted to continue with the monthly meeting and cancel ones we didn’t need. Lori Blanchard had to leave the meeting at 8:35, but she indicated she was in favor of reducing the meetings.

Motion by Bruce LaRue, seconded by George Brown, to reduce the board meetings to nine a year: October, December, February, March, April, May, June, July, and August.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 1

Abstained: 2

Motion carried.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Communication
- b. Beautification
- c. Lake Weed Control / Management
- d. By-Laws & Twp. Ordinance Enforcement
- e. Accesses
- f. Roads
- g. Registration & Election Committee

Bruce La Rue motioned to table the committee appointments until the December meeting. Seconded by Ken Johnson. 1 abstained. Motion carried

IV. Subdivision Reports

- a. Schrum
- b. Shady Beach
- c. Leocadia
- d. Lincoln

Motion by Brian Trim, supported by Tom Merrill, to accept the return of Susan Bolla's \$250 Secretary stipend. This motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business: Motion by Brian Trim, supported by Scott Chisholm to approve Resolution 2019-2020 Financial Signatories for PNC Bank as the board's banking institution.

Ayes: Bennett, Bodi, Carlson, Chisholm, Johnson, Brown, LaRue, Merrill, Trim

Nays: None

Absent: Caples, Blanchard

Abstained: None

George Brown read a letter from 1992 that supported a safe, chipped wood nature trail along Lakeshore Drive through Leocadia because of concern of increased traffic along Six Mile with the development of the Links Golf Course. Having a trail along Lakeshore Drive has been a long-time concern for Leocadia residents.

Tom Merrill asked for an updated Trustee list, and Scott Chisholm indicated one would be provided.

Motioned to adjourn - Tom Merrill motioned to adjourn. Bruce LaRue seconded. Motion carried

Next Meeting: December 3 2019 7:00pm Northfield Township Public Safety Building