

HORSESHOE LAKE CORORATION – REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Tuesday, September 1, 2015 Corrected

- CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Lisa Craft at the Northfield Township Public Safety Building meeting room.
- President Craft appointed Cynthia Given to take minutes of the meeting due to absence of a Secretary.
- BOARD PRESENT:** Roll Call taken with board members Lisa Craft, Julie Kapnick, Chuck Steuer, bob Erickson, Frank Buccinna, Brian Trim, Faith Wheeler, Bruce LaRue, Jamie Claffey, and Craig Delap present. Rhonda Schwab absent.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Clerk George Brown and Bookkeeper Cynthia Given also present.
4 guests present in audience.
- QUORUM:** Established.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Motion made by Julie Kapnick and supported by Lisa Craft to approve the agenda with changes to 8 required for quorum, VIII.(j) 20th to 19th, and remove IX (b). Motion carried.**
- MINUTES:** **Motion made by Chuck Steuer and supported by Bruce LaRue to accept the minutes as amended with Chuck's name added as present; Faith Wheeler's name instead of Julie Kapnick in Item f, unfinished business, and remove Chuck Steuer's name in same item #5, and replace with someone; and change to The Courant instead of Whitmore Lake Chronicle in Item a, new business; . Motion carried.**
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** Report presented by Faith Wheeler with additional items added to the bills for payment which include Faith Wheeler wages and costs; Cynthia Given bookkeeping ~~wages~~ **stipend**; George Brown clerk ~~wages~~ **stipend**, Scott Chisholm for gate posts.
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Checking Account \$15,173.06
Savings Account \$37,953.21, which includes \$2,952.53 in reserves.
Discussed bounced check still not redeemed.
Motion by Brian Trim and supported by Bruce LaRue to accept the report and changes and approve monies to pay bills presented. Motion carried.
- PUBLIC FORUM/ GUEST COMMENTS:** Ken Johnson spoke on the sale of a "unbuildable lot" in Lincoln area that is now to have a 1400 square foot home constructed. Need to address the lack of the Township's concern as to the flooding that occurs in this area which impacts on other current residents.
Faith Wheeler spoke on the Township approving variances which included land square footage of the beach area that is not a part of the lot, and setback allowances.
Dave Taylor spoke about the township and the wetland areas. Wishes the board to take some type of action and speak to the DEQ rep Luke Golden at 517-416-7001 who represents the Washtenaw County area.
Chuck Steuer mentioned that the building department is handled by the Pittsfield Township offices.
Recommended that DEQ come to a meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: George Brown received complaints that garbage was not picked up and that Duncan wasn't using the dual purpose truck to pick up recyclables at the same time. Called Duncan and they sent truck out to get those homes missed.

There was "insufficient evidence to proceed" per the Department of Civil Rights and the case filed against HLC was dismissed.

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS:

a. Issues from Annual Meeting
b. Insurance in Road Grading

Nothing stated.

Cynthia Given requested to look into current insurance policy as to volunteers working on the roads. George Brown, along with Mark Stroble, and Ken Johnson have all worked on the roads grading with tractors and grader.

c. FOIA Policy

Tabled, incomplete at this time.

d. Delinquent Dues Collection

Discussion on current policy and procedures on the collection of delinquent dues reported at the annual meeting. Liens placed on those with more than \$500 outstanding. Need to check into process for foreclosure proceedings. Mentioned that some have appeared or contacted re leniency in the outstanding amount. George Brown to begin sending out delinquent dues notices.

e. Boat Launch Improvements:

Bruce LaRue indicated that Tim Seville was working on the gates and lock exchange so we can keep the same keys.

f. Lake Depth, inlets, Golf Course Annual Report

Bruce LaRue to obtain report on the chemicals from Eric from the Golf Course; Eric had no annual report to the township. Chuck Steuer indicated that Howard Fink, township manager, was going to look further into the golf course report, but he had no knowledge of any annual report. Cynthia Given indicated that it should be in the planning commission minutes from when the golf course was approved initially. Brian Trim toured the lake with Steve to look at the algae blooms.

Inlets were just tested with the water tests, but Faith Wheeler indicated that they should test in the spring time when water is flowing from the farmer's fields. If the water is too high and too fast, the tests will not be conclusive.

g. Weed Control:

Algae being tested. Happening in other areas too.

h. Tree removal Schrum

Tree is too large and would be best to drop into lake. Suggested wait until water freezes and drop onto lake and ice at that time for easier cleanup.

i. Taylor/Abick parking

In Shady Beach there is a tree that was dropped into the lake and never cleaned up. Including docks that posts left in, if we are looking at safety issues.

j. Bennett fence

Letter prepared for signature by President, to be mailed to owner of property.

Letter sent. Reported that they were digging holes today per Ken Johnson.

k. Bylaw Committee

Brian Trim reported that the members of the committee: Craig Delap from Leocadia, Faith Wheeler from Shady Beach, Scott Chisholm from Lincoln, and Brian Trim from Schrum were reviewing the proposed updates for presentation to the board. Possible schedule a special meeting of the board to discuss.

Bruce LaRue requested that possibility of looking to one trash hauler. Faith Wheeler cited possible enforcement issues.

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Jamie Claffey again expressed her desire to assist with the review of the bylaws. ~~which was rebuked by Brian Trim.~~ **Brian Trim gave reason why not.**

Copy of bylaws given to all board members. Chuck Steuer requested verification of the amendment on hunting that was passed by the board not the membership.

I. Bridge Party

Set for Saturday September 19th in the afternoon to open the bridge for traffic.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Status of HLC Board Member

Rhonda Schwab has missed more than two meetings without notification to the board. **Moved by Bruce LaRue and supported by Faith Wheeler to declare the Lincoln trustee position held by Rhonda Schwab to be vacant. Motion did not carry with 4 opposed and 4 affirming.**

SUBDIVISION REPORTS:

Craig Delap reported on items on access at Horseshoe Boulevard.

Lisa Craft discussed areas cleaned up and needing cleaned up.

George Brown reported that Shady Beach had several recent break ins reported to the police where doors and windows were not locked.

Bob Erickson thanked Julie Kapnick and Frank Buccinna for their involvement on the HLC Board and wished them well. Lisa Craft thanked Bob Erickson, Julie and Frank for their services. Bruce LaRue reminded the board members leaving to turn in their books.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the board is Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at NFT Public Safety Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chuck Steuer and supported by Lisa Craft to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. President Craft adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Announcement:

Faith Wheeler stated the PNC Bank Branch in Whitmore Lake is closing October 30, 2015. The Safety Box was closed by George Brown. She is also having surgery next month.

Motion by Julie Kapnick and supported by Brian Trim to reopen meeting to discuss and swear in new board members. (8:43 p.m.) Motion withdrawn since new board members cannot be sworn in until October 1, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Cynthia Given on order of President Craft.