

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 10, 2023
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP FALL MEETING
SUNSET SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
Held at New Buffalo Township Library

PRESENT:

Conrad Rieckhoff, President
Missy Goldberg, Chair Communications Committee, Vice-President
Betsy Ruley, Recording Secretary
Cheryl Istvan, Chair By-Laws Committee
Ron Watson, Chair Beach Committee
John Taylor, Chair Park Committee (Not present)

Meeting called to order by President, Conrad Rieckhoff, at 10:03 a.m.

Conrad: Let's begin with a roll call. Conrad, Missy, Betsy, Ron, Cheryl all present. No Treasurer at this time.

We need a Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Spring Meeting.

Arlene Pokuta: Are you going to read the Minutes?

Betsy: I wasn't planning on it. They were posted on the website, Facebook and there were copies at the sign-in desk.

Arlene: I didn't get a copy. There aren't any.

Betsy: Maybe you could borrow a copy from a neighbor....

Marie Pusinelli: I make the motion to approve the minutes from Spring meeting.

Candy: I second the motion.

Conrad: Any objections? The motion passes.
I am stepping back and as a board we have worked hard. Thank you to you all for your hard work and support.

Missy: We live in an amazing neighborhood. Thanks to Conrad. We have 91 members. We need some kind of drive to increase our numbers. We now have Facebook, PayPal to pay dues, and our website.

Arlene: In person is best.

Conrad: We have been doing that. Every time someone new moves in, I have made an effort to welcome them and explain about the association.

Extensive discussion regarding participation of residents.

Betsy: Thanks to you all for your support these past 2 years. I am proud of our work in the park especially.

Conrad: Review of the Treasurer (no one in position at this time)

Presentation of Financial Report (copy attached).

We have hired Sanchez Landscaping (Jose'). He has also agreed to work with SSPOA members at a discounted rate if anyone is interested.

Ron: Beach report. We have some sand at the East Beach. The West Beach is still under water. Lake levels are currently 2"-3" higher than the median and 2'-3' higher than the record lows.

The New Buffalo Shoreline Alliance case is in federal court—we are hoping to get beach restoration. (Extensive explanation of history of erosion and lawsuit.)

The Drain Commission has promised a berm by the Water Street bridge. They are also working on a revetment across East Beach to the Salerno property. The Drain Commissioner placed the location of the revetment to where it would encroach 5' on our beach. I am working with Bart Goldberg and Conrad Rieckhoff on this issue. Since the work on the revetment will be going on over the winter, we need to be observant when going to the beach in the late fall and winter timeframe.

Cheryl: By-Laws Committee. I sent out the proposed By-Laws changes.

Cheryl reads the current By-Laws Article 8, Section F:

An officer can be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members entitled to vote in an election of officers. A special membership meeting may be called for this purpose if necessary.

Change to:

An officer or standing committee chair who has been elected by SSPOA membership can be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members entitled to vote in an election of officers. A special membership meeting may be called for this purpose if necessary.

A committee chair who has been appointed by the President of the Board of Directors can be removed from office, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors.

Arlene: We must do notices by mail.

Ron: I would suggest both mail and e-mail.

Cheryl: Those are good suggestions.

Conrad: Asks for motion to approve change.

Marie: I make a motion to approve the By-Laws change.

Candy: I second the motion.

Conrad: Vote? Vote by hands—vote passes, unanimously.

Jennifer Gaughan: Are we going to have a pumpkin sale?

Conrad: No. John closed his fruit stand. Not sure where else we could get them discounted.

Jennifer: What about a food drive?

Conrad: I will send out a notice in the near future.

Connie Carney: I'd like to talk about the poison ivy in the back of the park. I am concerned about the children. Could we post signs?

Sharon: The sand box is too close to the road. It is vulnerable to injury to the kids and liability on the Association.

Conrad: That is something for the next Park Chair.

Ron: We should put signs around the park also to limit the Association's risk as recommended by our attorney.

Sharon: Also, one string of lights on the bridge are out. We also need to replace the spotlight on the Sunset Shores sign on Eagle.

Conrad: Let's move on to the election.

Cheryl: We only need written ballots if a race is contested.

Sharon: There are no write-in votes.

Ron Watson – President

Kathy Rohan – Secretary

Call for vote by hands.

Vote unanimous. Congratulations!

Ron: Newly elected President: About the chairs for the committees...

Cheryl Istvan is willing to take on Treasurer.

Call for vote by Board for Cheryl Istvan to be installed as Treasurer. Vote passes, no objections.

Arlene Pokuta will be Park Chair.

Sharon Kelly Kenny will take over the By-Laws Committee.

Rich Bogus (not present) has agreed to take over the Beach Committee.

Each chair can name their committee members.

I would like to call a vote of membership for confirm the Committee Chairs. Unanimous.

We will be fiscally responsible and bring our account in order.

Connie Carney: I make a motion to approve Ron's recommendations.

Kathy: I make a motion to approve Cheryl as Treasurer.

Ron: The Board has approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.