

# DLPSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES for 9/20/05

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The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM at Duane's house, with Duane Lueck, Rod Ross, Scott Hackney, Sara Cockrell, Scott Hocking, and Jan Bachman present. Camille Brand was on vacation.

The **minutes** for the August 6th Annual Meeting and August 9th Organizational Meeting were approved as is.

Scott Hackney presented the **Treasurer's Report** for 9/20/05, with \$11,186.73 balance, income since 8/6/05 from dues & keys of \$495, and \$110 in expenses for spring boat launch dock & bench installation. Sara will call about the latest date to take out dock, preferably after 11/1. We have already been pre-billed \$110 for the removal, which will be paid when completed. Since Garage Sale expenses for the Record-Eagle ad & signs were charged on Camille's DLPSA credit card, it was expensed in Office Supplies, so will not show up as a separate listing in the budget, unless that change is made. Discussion was then held on how we ended up spending \$260 to pave the apron in front of Access #2. Total bill for removal of asphalt & paving by Precision Paving was \$590, which had been authorized by Duane with Camille on 8/13/05. All credit card bills are due monthly, so in the absence of a Board Meeting, they will be submitted by email for approval for payment during the alternating months. Receipts must be presented with all expenses for reimbursement, regardless of how payment was made. Sara presented her expenses & receipts for the newsletter & bulletin board copies of \$85.99, with about \$15 in stamps in excess, due to all of the members who accepted theirs by email. Duane said he would turn in his \$36 bill for paint from Spectrum Paint later. Discussion was held on the difference in cost of the additional mowing in Landscape Management's bill for Aug of \$540. They are doing a fine job, mowing all of the joint-use properties as needed, and the entire canal now. Jan suggested Scott move the \$7,000 in miscellaneous into Upkeep & Improvements, since Misc should be kept to a \$500 minimum. Considering the upcoming cost for re-roofing the Pavilion, building new benches, etc, some of this will be needed soon for those projects. Otherwise, Jan suggested transferring \$5,000 to a CD or money market for the long-term projects. A note would be made in the financial statement to that effect. A motion was made to pay all bills, and carried.

## Committee Reports

Since Camille was on vacation, there was no **Hospitality** report. Jan had nothing to report on **Liaison**. Scott Hocking stated that he had gotten 2 bids for a community garbage day that would offer savings for all residents & the hauler.

**Maintenance:** Duane asked about putting together a special newsletter to thank the volunteers from the park workbees. Sara reminded him that they could be included in the minutes, which are emailed to approx 60 members, and then listed at the Annual Meeting, too. The volunteers for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat workbee in the park on 9/10 were Duane & Paulette Lueck, Larry & Barb Richmond, Tom Spieles, John Stuart, Jan Zerbel, Gil Glick, Debbie & Scott Hocking, Jan Bachman, and Rod Ross. Those who participated in the 9/17 workbee were Dan & Beverly Bodary, Carl & Beth Pearce, Josh Carpenter with a chipper, and Duane Lueck.. Sue & Gary Carlson worked at access #2, and filling holes at the beach & on Schworm Drive. If we have missed any one else, please let Sara know, so she can add their name to this list. Thanks again for making a difference!

Duane reported that the tennis backboard still needs a 2<sup>nd</sup> coat of paint, which he got on sale. All the materials for the pavilion roof (shingles), and shuffleboard court (lumber & 6 posts) have been donated by UBC and Wolohan, and will be delivered when ready to do the jobs. Two of his employees will be subcontracted to do the roof for hourly pay over 2 weekends within a month. A dumpster will be needed for the removed shingles, and some helpers to pick up the debris. The picnic tables can be built at his shop over the winter. There is still much work needed in the park, since many of the facilities are broken or worn out. The 2 priorities before winter should be painting the tennis backboard, and inside walls of the pavilion.

## **Old Business**

**Docking at Access #4 & missing DLPSA sign:** The “No Docking” sign, which someone had removed from the access, showed up in Duane’s garage, so at least it has been returned. Sara had reported that the DEQ dock permit application by Carnes, Sommerville & Weinert, #05-28-0036-P, shows “closed , lack of information”. Duane reported that Jon Weinert says that their attorney, who is a DEQ specialist, stated that there are 11 criteria for docking, dating back to 1969. Per Weinert, one of those criteria allows Sommerville & Carnes to dock, since they have been there at least 15 years. He had also stated that this is no longer in effect, but still applies today, although denied due to the rules changes. The question raised then was how Weinert meets that criteria, since he hasn’t docked there for the 15 yrs. He has stated that he was given the right verbally from the previous owner. It was mentioned that it has cost them thousands of dollars in legal fees. The Board’s view is that this is not DLPSA business, but that of the DEQ. The Board will abide by the DEQ ruling, but cannot simply rely on the opinion of the lawyer retained by the 3 dock owners..

**Access #2** still needs a load of dirt, and to be seeded, where the asphalt was removed.

**By-Law Amendment wording approval:** Although the vote passed at the Annual Meeting, there was no exact wording presented at the time of vote. The following wording was presented for the revision under Membership in Section 1: “Associate membership extends to the three lots on Duck Lake Peninsula that are not included in plats one through six, but on this side of the culvert, consisting of 3654, 3666, and 3680 Peninsular Shores Drive. (Revised 8/6/05)” Motion was made to accept and carried.

**Financial review:** Since Board approval is required for the payment of all bills, as well as the bimonthly Treasurer’s Report, no further financial review of the books is needed at this time.

## **New Business**

**Update on park work:** As discussed under Maintenance, the roof is a priority, and will cost between \$1,00-\$1,200. While there is a dumpster for the roof project, the broken playground equipment should be taken down, a new structure purchased in the spring, and installed then. It was suggested that Kelly Steinebach should be involved in the selection process, and be able to purchase for \$1,000 from Apple Fence (local contact), Menards, or another supplier. The tree at the corner of the tennis court should be removed before it tears up the court surface, and could possibly be done for \$400 by Professional Tree. The railroad ties need to be replaced at the horseshoe pit. Beach sand needs to be purchased & the existing sand screened at the volleyball court. Hocking can help with his loader. Board members were requested to bring a list of all projects to the next meeting, so the big projects can be hired out, and the small projects done by volunteers.

**Recreational Committee:** John Stuart has offered to plan some activities at the park next summer, maybe even a party in June, which could be included in the May newsletter.

**New Board Meeting dates** were agreed upon for the winter, the first Monday of the month, Nov 7, Jan 2, and March 6, due to a Board member conflict with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Cockrell, DLPSA Secretary 9/30/05