

1/2/06 DLPSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM at Duane Lueck's home, with all directors present, Duane Lueck, Rod Ross, Scott Hackney, Sara Cockrell, Camille Brand, Scott Hocking, and Jan Bachman.

Secretary's Minutes for 11/7/05 Board Meeting. Duane demanded a correction be made on page 2 under Park Work, eliminating the listing of the hourly labor rate for his employees at \$12/hr. Sara re-read her notes to the Board, which definitely included the \$12/hr rate in the minutes. Motion carried to revise minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Hackney presented, with expenses approved from November meeting of \$1,479.85 (\$860 for pavilion roofing labor, \$424 for dumpster waste removal, \$171.85 to UBC for miscellaneous roofing materials, and \$24 for annual post office rental. No income was shown, so balance was \$8,427.70. There was no bill from Landscape Management for November. Scott will handle late fee charges for 5th/3rd credit card again, \$36 due 1/8. No new expenditures, so motion was made to accept report as is.

No **Public Participation** was requested for this meeting.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Camille had nothing to report. She will send packet & fall newsletter to new member, Jim Gauthier.

Maintenance: Duane stated that he has the key to the pavilion storage closet, and to remind him in the spring. He has been getting bids out already, and will work with Jan on a winter newsletter to get some work done in January & February. Other work: 7-8 trees need to be taken down south of the tennis court, in addition to the roots on the east. Any preference between A-1, Professional, or Leonardo's? The interior of the pavilion needs to be washed & sprayed since it will need to be painted with oil versus latex. Duane will stop by and discuss playground structures with Kelly Steinebach again. Maybe Menards could be asked for a donation.

Liaison: Jan reported she hadn't called on the fire dept sign on the canal yet, due to the busy holidays.

Newsletter: We will send the next newsletter to all residents, recognizing those who have already helped with the park work in the fall, and to ask for more volunteers to call to sign up. Some work could be done in Duane's shop nearby at nights or on Saturdays. The Projects for 2006 would be included, in addition to all work already completed, and the expenses to-date. The next newsletter is usually scheduled for delivery about May 1st, before the Garage Sale, which has been moved back to the first Saturday in June. It also includes a dues remittance form and announcement for the August

Annual Meeting. The other newsletter is sent in the fall, after the Annual Meeting but before the snowbirds leave, to announce the new board, budget, and the meeting minutes.

Old Business:

Signs: Scott Hocking reported that he had already ordered the boat launch “lock after use” sign through Wischman from Heller, so will need to add to order for replacement of DLPSA’s Access #4 “No Docking” sign.

Plan for park work: See attached Projects for 2006 list, indicating work for handyman, volunteers & bids. All materials will be supplied for the handyman to maintain financial control. Hocking offered to ask Wolohan for some materials, and Duane would approach Brown Lumber.

Cherryland Electric power and/or lighting: Duane will call to get bid.

Community garbage collection: Scott Hocking stated that he has encountered snags with the community garbage pickup day. Waste Management wanted to know how many would sign up, since they already have many customers here. He has also discussed with Shoreline and Maple Disposal. Scott mentioned that there is no leverage to give discounted pickup, unless other supplier was to come in and take away their customers. Service would have to be offered for weekly pickup, bags, and recycling. We should include in next newsletter to see how much interest, and how many are seasonal, full-time residents, or not interested. This program is being considered to cut back the number of garbage trucks picking up on our roads, the additional wear & tear, and traffic.

New Business:

General Meeting: Duane suggested that we hold another meeting annually but open to the membership to express their views and vote on issues. Scott Hocking and Jan agreed that they have heard others complain about feeling alienated/ not welcome by the “closed” meetings. Discussion was held that previous boards years ago voted to close the meetings due to the length of the meetings already, and lack of space in homes. This matter was discussed and voted on at the 8/7/04 Annual Meeting. In the meantime, the Board has been asked to open the meeting three times to members, and all have been allowed to present their views. Duane stated that public participation at the regularly-scheduled, monthly Board Meetings needs to be put on the agenda by the President or Secretary, input received, and then tabled for discussion until the next board meeting. Sara mentioned that a Special Meeting can also be scheduled, as was done on 11/19/03, when liability insurance was being considered. Another possibility was if one representative from each plat was invited to participate, but a previous board attempted to get representation, with no offers. Another consideration is that each of the 6 plats differ drastically in size, from 12 to 82 lots. It was mentioned the optimum would be to hold the 2 meetings 6 months apart, and possibly change the August Annual Meeting date to later in the fall, except that many residents are here only during the summer, and on weekends. But, the General Meeting could be held in May at the pavilion in the evening, or on a Saturday morning. Then, dues checks and new keys, if necessary, could be handled, in addition to signing up volunteers for the projects for the summer. If the weather was inclement, we could have a backup location at Duane’s shop, or possibly the Blair school library, or Golden Fellowship in Interlochen, as has been done in the past. If the Annual Meeting date was changed to September or October, it would have to

be passed as an amendment to the by-laws, with a 2/3rd vote to pass. A possibility for consideration is May 20 for the General Meeting, and the last weekend in September for the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Cockrell, DLPSA Secretary 1/17/06

UPCOMING DATES:

Bi-Monthly Board Meetings: March 6, May 1, July 3

Tentative Spring General Meeting: May 20...Dues paid, new keys?, sign-up volunteers, planning for projects

DLPSA Community Garage Sale (1st Sat in June): June 3

DLPSA Annual Meeting (1st Sat in Aug): August 5...New board directors & budget