

11/7/05 DLPSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order at 7:35, with directors Duane Lueck, Rod Ross, Scott Hackney, Sara Cockrell, Camille Brand, and Jan Bachman present. Scott Hocking was absent. We had a guest, Dan Bodary, who had asked to attend the meeting.

Secretary's Minutes for the 9/20/05 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Scott Hackney presented the **Treasurer's Report**, with 11/7 balance of \$11,606.73, \$225 in dues income, and \$1,924.18 in expenses paid (fall newsletter \$80.58, Landscape Management: Aug-\$540.28, Sept-\$296.90, and Oct-\$219.96, Access #2 improvements \$590, State of MI registration \$20, paint \$36.28, boat launch dock removal \$100, stamps \$14.80, copies \$5.41, and misc office supplies \$19.97). Sara presented her credit card receipt of \$24 for the annual post office box rental. Due to Scott Hackney's profession, he has had to resign from signing DLPSA checks, which Duane will assume.

Scott mentioned that we will be over budget with Landscape Management after the fall leaf work is done. Discussion was held that canal mowing had been added to the list of mowing this summer, that fall work was delayed until spring in the past due to insufficient account balance, and that we received generous free man-hours last year.

Duane stated that the Pavilion roof will exceed the \$1,000-1,200 estimate due to the additional dumpster load from disposal of the worn-out playground structures, and the ridge vent that was added to the roof job. Costs were \$860 for labor, \$424 for dumpster, and \$171.85 for extra materials for the vent, which will allow for better circulation and keep mold from forming underneath. Duane had also cleaned out the storage locker behind the pavilion, and his efforts on this project were recognized. Approval passed to pay bills as presented.

Public Participation by Dan Bodary: Dan introduced himself as owner of 4239 Central Park Drive since 1966, which is adjacent to access #4 on the south side, and a dues-paying member. He wanted to let the board know that the boat docking issue at access #4 has been a matter of dispute since 1974, ever since Tom Carnes started docking his boat there 31 years ago, at which time Dan complained to the association. Subsequently, Max Sommerville joined Carnes, and then the owner of 4357 Central Park Dr, across the street, docked there for a short time. Dan was most concerned that Jon Weinert got permission from the previous owner to dock there, and that the 3 boat/dock owners are saying that anyone who buys their homes will be grandfathered, too, since Carnes and Sommerville have docked there for over 15 years. Dan said they have also been telling their neighbors that an attorney has given them permission, although they have not been willing to show any documentation. His question was what position DLPSA would take on this matter, especially if 4 boats become 10 in the future. Discussion was that DLPSA's purpose is beautification, and has no authority, and that it should be turned over to the appropriate government entity, like golf carts, loose dogs, etc. In this case, it would be the DEQ. Dan reminded us that they are in violation with the DEQ permit process since none has been granted. The 3 boat/dock owners were sent violation notices by the DEQ on 8/24/04. DLPSA has been notified by the DEQ most recently on 7/30/99, 12/27/99, and 7/23/02 that operating a marina requires a permit, and that none has been approved. Duane stated that Weinert said he has a permit but it's not available still, and that if anyone else applied, they would not meet the 11 criteria. Per Weinert, that's the reason the DEQ gave them permission, due to a 1969 law, and the DEQ doesn't want to fight it. The question was then asked why Weinert was given permission, since he didn't live there 15 years ago. Dan reminded us that Weinert had stated in May that if they weren't able to keep their boats at access # 4, that the boat launch dock would have to be removed to be fair.

What if an accident happens? Weinert had stated at the May Board meeting that his homeowner's insurance would cover. We were reminded about the docks from access #1 that got blown into other's property a few years ago. It was suggested that DLPSA should hire an attorney, and not take the word of an insurance agent, to determine who would be held liable. Dan is in the insurance business, and assured us that Weinert's homeowner's policy would not take responsibility for any accident on the dock.

Dan also wanted to make us aware that the dock owners are now storing their docks on access #4, in addition to the neighboring owner to the north. He added that the DLPSA sign was removed about the time the docks were put in the water again in August. The board stated that there was to be no overnight storage, that it had been a problem in the past at access #1, with old docks, tires, and mosquito breeding, so that was when the signs were posted. The hoists do not belong there, and could be towed at the owner's expense.

At this point, Dan was advised that there are 2 matters here, 1) the docking, which is a DEQ matter, that DLPSA would not get involved, but could be pursued by any interested individuals, and 2) the overnight storage on the access. Dan thanked the Board for their time and left at 8:30

Committee Reports:

Hospitality- Camille had nothing to report.

Liaison- Jan had nothing to report.

Newsletter – Sara had nothing to report, although Duane said he still wants to get out a winter newsletter.

Maintenance- See Old Business

Old Business:

Docking status at Access #4 & DLPSA sign: Duane stated that the sign had been dropped off in his garage, and that it has been disposed of by accident. It was decided that DLPSA members would have to purchase a new one to replace it then, since someone had taken it down. A motion was made and passed to replace the sign. Scott Hocking was also going to get a sign for the Boat Launch reminding users to lock up after use.

Update on park work: Duane brought another list of projects needed still at the accesses and park. The board broke them down into 3 groups, for a handyman, by volunteers, and work to get bids on. Duane has 4 employees who could do the work. He mentioned that it would make maintenance more convenient if we had a power source at the pavilion, and that he has a contact at Cherryland who could trench down the pathway. Cost for service would be \$9/month.

Discussion was held about possible lighting in the park, which would bring power there, too, and cut down on neighborhood problems. Jan asked about lighting at the street corners.

Duane also stated that the big trees at the corner of the tennis backboard need to be removed before they do damage. The tennis courts need to be powerwashed in the spring and in the middle of the summer. Sparkle Wash has a larger washer and could do the job better. It took 4.5 hours to do the shuffleboard court with a smaller washer. An excavator needs to be brought in for the stump removal projects, and to move sand and black dirt.

Community garbage collection: It was reported that Scott Hocking is working on a special 2-3 year contract for one refuse company to pick up assorted garbage, carts, bags, etc, for all residents on one day, to reduce traffic and wear & tear on the roads within our community, at reduced rates. No resident would have to use this service, and the company would have to go out and make the sales to implement.

New Business :

Aquatic species sign was ordered from the DEQ, and John Novak installed on a post at the boat launch. Interlochen State Park has had them posted for several years, in addition to most other inland lakes.

Boat Launch dock: It was removed early since the first section had fallen into the water due to a lack of pins, which caused the stanchion to slip forward, per Duane.

Real estate signs have started to proliferate at the intersection of Peninsular Shores and East Shore Dr, in addition to many other corners. Although the township does not have an ordinance yet, zoning will in the future, and temporary signs will be restricted to Open Houses. It was suggested that local realtors cooperate, to help keep our community more beautiful.

Locks will be needed for the pavilion storage area, where there are a new set of horseshoes, and the shuffleboard court.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Cockrell, DLPSA Secretary 11/13/05, with revision 1/2/06