

FOUR LAKES BOARD of TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2018
Home of Terry Deschenes, 7:00 pm

Present:

Sharon Ayers
Rod Case
Terry Deschenes
Evan Lurton
Diondra Miles
Dave Prochazka
John Ricchio
Steve Scott
Janelle Wells

A. Approval of previous month's meeting minutes as posted on the website.

B. Committee Reports

Financial: Rod Case

Budget is close to being balanced. We can cover all our expenses. Correction to last minutes: "Since the system is managed by the state dept. of health, as mandated by the association bylaws the water system funds have been and must continue to be managed separately."

Community Property: Sharon Ayers

Will finish purchasing as much play equipment as budget will allow and install dome. Will check to see if budget will allow additional purchases. Drainage problems will need to be checked prior to installing additional equipment. Poop scoop station is purchased. We are soliciting volunteers long term for garden and short term for spring clean up on April 28th...10:00 AM-1:00 PM potluck to follow, hot dogs, beer and beverages provided. Need potluck for potato salad, chips and? We also need volunteers to help install the dome. Need to write article to announce needs for Community Property. Board will help with phone calls and dividing neighborhood up for tasks and will include kid friendly tasks.

Water: Evan Lurton

Getting ready to do some planning for coming year. Letter received from Dept. of Health regarding our meter installation program which needs to be completed by July 1st 2018. We turn in a report every July as to our progress. We related our history and our progress over three years' time. By 2018 84% completion and 2019 we will be finished. We need to read our meters once a year. Not required, but expected to encourage conservation. Keeping our records in our reports will be enough to note agreements and our compliance. Reports will be our public record.

Lakes: Steve Scott

No real issues. Bob Liebling has taken on the Horrocks pond out flow. Lakes budget will be a little less than last year. If extra work is needed, the committee will make an additional request. Will spend money on algae removal. May attend convention sponsored by the Lakes protective Association.

Emergency Preparation: Mark Anderson

No Report

Roads: Tom Norton

No Report

Hospitality: Nicole Wittren

No Report

Entertainment: Nina Hufford

No Report

Communications: Janelle Wells

Will do notification for the annual meeting and other announcements as requested by committees.

Legal: Terry Deschenes

No Report

Security: Jason Didricksen

No Report

C. Old Business

- a. Budgeting: This is the point at which Board members perform their most critical function. Look at the budget – hard. At this point members should have a good idea of what money is going where, and what is expected to happen as a result of those expenditures. Our budgeting system has each of the committee chairs advocating for their needs, but WE, as a Board, are accountable to the membership that have allocated their money effectively. This is our big moment!
Discussion: Roads--Loop road continues to be a problem. Plan submitted with budget to address the situation. Do we have the money allocated where it needs to be? It appears that with the amount allocated and what is in savings—should be enough.
- b. At the November meeting, there was a discussion of the condition of one property and whether it constituted a nuisance. It was noted that the situation seemed to have improved somewhat and it was suggested that this positive information be relayed to the owners to support them in their efforts to continue to make the area more appealing to the eye. The only concrete action open to the board is to pursue the matter in court. However, this is likely to result in unknowable expense. As such, this should be referred to the membership for prior approval. The minutes from our last meeting indicated that we had agreed on a board member to approach the owner.
- c. At the November meeting we discussed the current situation regarding the easement across Taylor Dam and across Wittren’s property. There was agreement that the whole issue had become emotionally charged and we needed a different approach to finding a mutually satisfactory solution that did not involve lawyers. To that end John Ricchio agreed to meet with George Wittren to look for that answer.

Discussion: We will try to get an agreement on property lines and community only use of the easement and support to the Wittrens. Emphasis will be on coming to a common understanding of how the board will support the community use of the easement and community property in support of the Wittrens. It’s agreed that the small triangle is community property and we might put a dock and designate that for fishing. We will get estimates on a survey. We also agreed that we will clearly define the Community Property boundary west of the bridge and then work with the Wittrens to clearly define rules for use of the easement along with ongoing education to the neighborhood of the rules for use.

D. New Business

- a. Keith Renfrew has requested that a DEAD END sign be placed at the beginning of his street. Approx cost \$45. Any other locations that should be considered? *This will be paid for by Roads.*
- b. Cedar Grove Composting has been busy lobbying in Olympia to pass a bill which would exempt them from law suits for odor. Several have written to state law makers in opposition to this bill (see response from Paul Graves, our rep). Does the Board want to solicit support for this from the community? Does the Board support sending our reps a letter, on 4 Lakes letterhead voicing our objection? *Answer: Yes and will solicit membership*
- c. Election of Board President for 2018 year. *Terry was elected by a unanimous vote. Discussion: Is there a provision for Board Members voting by proxy? No proxy voting because the board will suspend vote until absent member can be polled.*

Terry Deschenes , Rod Case, Mark Anderson are up for re-election. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Adjournment:

The annual meeting will be 6:30PM on March 20, 2018 at Eagle Room at the Police Station in Issaquah.
The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Terry Deschenes' home.