

## **FOUR LAKES BOARD of OFFICERS**

Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2015  
Home of Terry Deschenes, 7:00 pm

### **Present:**

Rod Case  
Terry Deschenes  
Tom Norton  
Dave Prochazka  
Mark Anderson  
Marty Johnson  
Brendan Pecht  
Evan Lurton  
Marc Sanders  
Steve Scott  
Nina Hufford  
Diondra Miles

### **A. Committee Reports**

#### **Treasurer: Rod Case**

Went through the 2015 budget and transactions to date. We're still involved in a couple legal situations.

Checked out how to do electronic invoices with QuickBooks. Ran a test in May, but it failed. Will continue trying to get it to work.

Have instructions available for several local institutions on how to set up automatic payments. Might include a notice with the next invoice.

#### **Water: Evan Lurton**

Overall, expect to finish a total of eight meters in this year's phase of work. The automated water system for the pumpkin patch was a success. Will go over and till up the pumpkin patch later this fall.

#### **Community Property: Marty Johnson**

Continuing to have the mowing done by Tyson. Found the five-gallon bucket of grass seed that was in storage, so we'll see if it will still germinate and if so, will use it to fill in some bare areas.

The community property area was in great shape for the Fall Festival. May try to use a roller on the ground when it gets saturated this fall to smooth out bumps from all of the mole tunnels.

**Lakes: Steve Scott**

Have been working on getting the algae treated in Eagle lake and Osprey Lake; the price would be around \$3300. Also might try using grass carp on the pondweed in Osprey Lake. Other options are quite toxic or require the flow to be reduced in order to maintain the recommended concentration.

The water running down the creek into Osprey Lake is still pretty clear and not bringing a lot of muck into the lake. We might want to divert that back into the ditch past Glen's place instead of letting it flow into the lake if the water gets cloudy again.

Will also check on the grading being done on some of the other lots in the area to see if they're causing additional runoff into the lakes.

**Roads: Tom Norton**

Pretty much on budget... have spent \$1017 so far, without doing any major projects. Have incurred another \$300 in expenses to date. Most of the cost has been for gravel for the shoulders, along with some EasyStreet asphalt for repairs.

Have identified future repairs. At this point, would like to do some repair work to widen the entry shoulder. At Paula Clark's corner, there are numerous old patches that should be replaced. Also, at Rod Case's turn, the blacktop, which has been repaired multiple times and is quite thin, needs to be replaced. Total for all three projects is about \$11,000. Tom will proceed to get bids for these three projects. Not sure it will get done this year, but will see.

Should also look at the cul-de-sac beyond Rod's home that is part of the Four Lakes road system, but has not been paved. If we just do a straight road, it would be about \$6,800. Adding a turnaround would make it \$17,000.

The folks who live beyond the Four Lakes road (past Rod) are okay with what we've done so far, but of course, they would like to have blacktop if we do the work. The drain field that Evan installed this year has helped, but probably hasn't been put to the test through a winter or even with several days of heavy rain. The soil may get quickly saturated, the drain field could fill, and then we'll have a pond again... time will tell. Two of the lots in that area have a legitimate claim for the paving to be done, since they've been paying dues all of these years without having pavement all the way to their driveways, while others that are beyond the Four Lakes boundaries do not. Standard Four Lakes policy has been to provide pavement all the way to the driveway of each residence. Will keep close watch on it through the rainy season.

Evan will visit the other resident who has been paying dues to find out their preference. The current turnaround design has been sized and located for emergency vehicles.

Have also been continuing to try to resolve the issue on 241<sup>st</sup> coming down the hill to the loop road where the work was done last year (still has a spring under the road and will be an ongoing problem). Terry will query the people who live on the hill as to their willingness to place garbage cans at the bottom of the hill to prevent the garbage trucks from going up the hill.

Had a huge pile of tree chips dumped up at the top of the hill (SE 167<sup>th</sup>). Worked with Mark Anderson to pick it up and use it on his property.

### **Hospitality: Brendan Pecht**

Met the Murchisons and obtained their emergency contact info. Have two more new families to meet.

Got the road markings completed. A bit disappointed that some of the turtles have not stayed in place, so will work on reattaching those. Also got the Dead End sign in.

### **Entertainment: Nina Hufford**

Fall Festival went very well. Had a bit different demographics this year, quite a few more kids, but less people than last year. Having it earlier with nice weather after Labor Day works well for families, as did the time of day. Need to look at options to get the older generation to attend, like they did for the Work Party Potluck. (Also had a good turnout for the Neighborhood Night Out / Emergency Preparedness.) Same musicians as last year, which was great again. Not sure if the band will be available next year (they may be moving out of the area).

Apple bobbing was a big hit. Crafts seemed to be a bit of a dud. The pumpkin patch worked great... lots of varieties and really beautiful. A few are still attached to the vines, but most have been cut. The self-watering system worked great. Also could put mums in there. Much better than trying to obtain 100 pumpkins for that day.

The potluck was great, especially the chili contest. The hayride was popular, too. Continuing to get lots of help ☺ Overall, it's getting established as a great tradition.

Also looking at options for Halloween, perhaps doing a "trunk or treat" at the community area with decorated cars, folding tables, hot cider. Could also have the kids travel around the area in a big group. Planning Turkey Bowl again this year ☺.

### **Emergency Preparedness: Mark Anderson**

Aiming for an upcoming Saturday morning in October for the annual safety drill. You'll hear from your zone captains soon.

### **Communications: Terry Deschenes**

Interested in figuring out a more effective way to get information out to residents, such as when there are alerts about possible mail thefts. Have to distinguish between emergencies, alerts, announcements, etc. Happy to share the current mail merge system with someone else who could take it on (shared it with the people managing the water system this summer when we had low water situations). Could use emails from zone captains, or broadcast phone calls. Will probably just keep using the current email system for now. Will work with Mark A to ensure we have an effective system for Emergency situations, even if Mark's not home.

### **Legal: Terry Deschenes**

No report.

**Gate: Brian Thompson**

No report.

**C. New Business**

No new business. Some discussion of a previous topic about possibly installing a fountain in Eagle Lake as a decoration.

**Adjournment:**

The next general meeting is scheduled for 22 October 2015 at 7:00 pm at the home of Terry Deschenes.

--Marc Sanders, Secretary