

Minutes of the Forest Lakes Club Meeting – September 18, 2023

Chairman Jeffrey Vincent called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Members of the board present included Bernie Bukowski, Debbie Devenny and Greg Smith. Gary Branning, Jared McCall and Joe Watkins were unable to attend.

Members present included Jack Quirk, Len Bicher, Randy Palen, Randy Gutwein, Joe Mathews, Katie Trowbridge, Karen Perl, Joanne Smith, Kerrie Wilson, Kara Ruhalter, Eric Ruhalter, Christine Aboulhosn, Suheil Aboulhosn, and Christine Kavanagh.

Treasurer's Report as of September 18, 2023

We currently have \$28,969.26 in the special assessment account, \$10,873.71 in the Byram Twp. escrow account, \$41,515.79 in the Dam Assessment account, \$90,270.52 in the operating account and \$34,517.17 in the MMF for a total of \$196,046.45.

A motion was made by Greg Smith and seconded by Bernie Bukowski to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2023, meeting as read. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion

The board congratulated the winners of the recent board election; Len Bicher, Gary Branning, Randy Palen and Jack Quirk will take their place on the board at the October 16, 2023, meeting.

The Forest Lakes Club sign at the Rt. 206 entrance was discussed. It was installed approximately twelve years ago and most signs only last between eight and ten years. It is really showing its age and will be cleaned, painted and the gold lettering will be refurbished.

Our sign and the plants in the planter are infested with bagworm moths. Karen Perl and Kerrie Wilson took many of the moths, which are very destructive, off the sign and plants. Jack Quirk is planning on spraying the plants to see if he can eliminate the bagworm moths.

The board discussed the removal of the vegetation on the dam and the removal of the trees at the bottom of the dam.

As part of our dam maintenance, the club is required to remove the vegetation from the dam in the spring and wall to prevent deterioration of the dam. The board will be contacting the company we remove the vegetation sometime in October. The trees at the bottom of the dam will be removed after the leaves fall from the trees.

The phragmites near main beach and around the lake were sprayed last week and will be cut down sometime in October.

Joseph Mathews, a club member, volunteered to become a member of the facilities and maintenance committee. Joseph will be getting together with the board to discuss maintenance issues.

Greg Smith and Dorothy Gorman went around the perimeter of the lake yesterday afternoon and identified all the trees that needed to be removed. Doug Vetter, tree man, gave us an estimate of \$2,500.00 for a fall days work to remove most of the trees. A motion was made by Greg Smith and seconded by Debbie Devenny to approve the estimate. The motion was unanimously approved.

A club member advised the board that he was unhappy with the response of a board member to his post on Facebook. The board member explained that they were expressing their own opinion not the opinion of the board and apologized to the member for the response. Board members expressing their opinions on social media do not represent the boards' opinion.

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Follow-ups

Boats – Greg Smith reported that the inventory of unregistered boats has declined significantly and he plans to conduct another inventory shortly.

Potholes – There was a very lengthy discussion of the Pothole at the Rot. 206 entrances to Forest Lakes. Some of the board members gave some background information on the problem. Jack Quirk and Joe Mathews agreed to try and help work on resolving the issue.

Playground equipment – Katie Trowbridge and Christine Kavanagh discuss the possibility of fund raising to upgrade the playground equipment on main and cove. Greg Smith suggested that they measure the equipment at the beaches and obtain an estimate replacing the equipment and get back to the board.

Katie Trowbridge asked the board to consider letting grandchildren of members who attend the Forest Lakes Nursery attend the Children's event held at the lake. The board said they will discuss the request at the next work session.

Members Randy Palen and Joseph Mathews mentioned metal pipe in the volleyball court; the board will try to find the function of the pipe and see whether or not it can be removed.

A motion was made by Bernie Bukowski and seconded by Greg Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.