

FOUR LAKES BOARD of TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021
Online Meeting, 7:00 pm

Board Members:

Mark Somnis– Board President
Sharon Ayers
Rod Case
Terry Deschenes
Bob Liebling
Dave Prochazka
Vivienne Gevers
Marc Sanders

Board Members Absent:

Additional Attendees:

Dave Spencer
Kathy Higgins
Wolff
Bill Michaels
Ellis Hampton

A. Approval of September's meeting minutes as posted on the website. Moved and seconded...approved.

B. Committee Reports

Financial

Chairperson: Rod Case

REPORT: report was distributed yesterday. New items that came up subsequent to yesterday's report were: ...under lakes Bob gave an invoice with for half the amount for the signs. He has now submitted the other half, so the total amount for the signs for all the lakes is \$989.26. Another late breaking item was in regard to the software Rod uses to do the books. In the past, Rod got an updated version of QuickBooks once every three years. QuickBooks has now gone to an annual subscription which is \$250 yearly instead of \$250 every three years. Rod has created a manual detailing how to do the duties of Treasurer when he decides to leave the position. Other associations have the Treasurer as an out sourced paid position. Rod is concerned that a qualified person may not be able to be a neighborhood volunteer as the duties can be quite extensive.

Communications

Chairperson: Kathy Higgins

REPORT: Made some suggestions. One was to provide the community with electronic access to the Directory. Also interested in a new website (could possibly use Go Daddy to develop a new website) and perhaps putting the Directory on the website. Idea was proposed for making the website more neighborly in terms of introducing new neighbors. Would like to communicate using email and FaceBook but would also like to have an old fashioned phone tree in the case of emergencies and for those who do not resort to electronics and FaceBook to communicate. Another idea was to spotlight new neighbors to facilitate getting to know folks in the neighborhood. Kathy wanted to know if the Emergency Preparedness group handled communications regarding power outages and downed trees. Dave said that is not something the Emergency Committee has taken responsibility for at this time. Terry will help Kathy with the automatic phone dialing system. There's a monthly fee to create a website for the community. Could be \$30 per month. Kathy will do some additional research on this. The Masons volunteered to do a new website and might be in a position to help. Dave Spencer said he is willing to help as well. Terry is working on the newsletter. The articles have been sent to him and he should have it out in about a week. The 10 year

plan is 17 pages long. Need to make a decision as to how to distribute it to the community. Terry is working on that as well. He says he will probably mail the 10 year plan separate from the newsletter. The Directory needs to be updated with the new neighbor additions. The Welcome committee will continue to send to all Board members the names and contact information of all new neighbors and Terry will handle the Directory updates, as usual.

Community Property

Chairpersons: Vivienne Gevers

REPORT: No updates beyond the info in the 10 year plan. The committee was asked if they have made a decision on the second half invoice for Bill Michaels. Vivienne will let Rod know and he will write the check.

Emergency Preparedness

Chairperson: Dave Spencer

REPORT: Mr. Wolff is interested in taking on the orange captain position. Dave wants to stay with the committee and is hopeful that life will get back to more normal conditions and that would give him more time. He is welcome to anyone else getting involved in either Roads or Emergency Preparedness. Open to recruiting some of the new neighbors. It is clear there is not enough time for both. Mr. Wolf is willing to take on being the captain of the orange section.

Entertainment

Chairperson: Nina Hufford

REPORT: No report

Hospitality

Chairperson: Sharon Ayers

REPORT: Dropped a Welcome card at the new neighbors who are not officially a part of Four Lakes. Did a notice for the newsletter sharing pieces of the Board's welcome letter. Also included a list of neighbors welcomed. The last family welcomed was the Salashoor family in the Schaefer's old house. It was noted that Rod Case notified Sharon regarding the Porter family moving into the Lolo home.

Lakes

Chairpersons: Bob Leibling and Dave Prochaka

REPORT: Tomorrow (November 18) will meet with the guy providing the bubbler fountain for Osprey Lake. Folks are welcome to join in and ask questions. Should be there at around 10-1030. The plan is to ask about costs and the date of installation. We will need community funds to go towards the cost of the fountain at Osprey. The total is about \$32K and the lake landowners are giving approximately \$16K. We will need money \$16.5K from the community to make up the difference. The committee suggests we budget around \$20K and return any unused funds. A video exists that Bob sent out via email so everyone can see how the bubbler works and the effect on the lake. Motion made that community funds be used to partially pay for the bubbler fountain in the amount of \$20K. All voted in the affirmative and the motion passed. The money will be taken out of savings dropping it from \$60K to \$40K. The eagle perch is complete and the scout implementing the project is now an official Eagle Scout. The Osprey Lake drain was half open but with the increased rain the second pipe was opened and we are in good shape handling the volume.

Legal

Chairperson: Terry Deschenes

REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

Roads

Chairperson: Dave Spencer

REPORT: Not a lot to report for emergency or roads. The news for this month is that we do have a restock supply of ice melt, but....the spreader is broken again. We will probably need to replace the motor on the ice spreader and anticipate that would only be a short term solution. It might be time to look at a long term replacement. If we repair this one or if it can't be repaired we will need to figure out if there's room in the budget for a replacement. The problem could be corrosion in the engine. We haven't

depleted any of the roads improvement funds that were allocated, so we do have some money if we need to buy a new one. A new unit could be at least \$1200 to \$3,000. The new motor will ship out and be received by Friday. Hope to have it installed and working by Friday when the temperatures drop. We will need to see if we can get a new spreader due to supply chain issues.

In the meantime, some potholes are forming on 237th between the stop sign and the hill road. Will do some patching if it stays dry and warm enough. Bill and Mark have volunteered to help. There's one in front of Mark Anderson's house as well as Rod Case's.

Security

Chairperson: Don Sikes

REPORT: No report at this time.

Water

Chairperson: Mark S. and Patrick G.

REPORT: No updates at this time. Will receive information regarding the additional testing in the Newsletter.

C. Old Business

Checking for any interest in joining the Board to fill the open position. Is there anyone on the Board interested in becoming President. No volunteers at this time. The ideal situation is to have someone currently on the Board take on the position.

D. New Business

What are the next steps for the 10 year plan. It was generally understood that we would send it out to the community around Thanksgiving. Then after the holidays have a community meeting and get thoughts and ideas for financing. The plan contains three different scenarios for financing. Before the meeting we need to send out a notice 30 days prior. The meeting will be on January 13th at the police station in Issaquah. Attendance can be via Zoom or in person (masks required). Agenda will be to decide on how to fund the contents of the plan. The key outcome for the January meeting is to come away with one of the three options for funding the projects. Are we going to change the way we operate or are we back to yearly repairs. The information will be in the Newsletter as well. The problem that we're facing is the way we are funding the community isn't working. The answer we need to get from folks is which way to fund the plan. That will go on the ballot and then it will be voted up or down in March.

Adjournment:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 15th 2021 at 7:00** pm via online Teams.