Hemlock Lake Homeowners’ Association Meeting

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A meeting of the Hemlock Lake Homeowner’s Association was called to order at 10:06 am by President Joanna Valentine on May 27, 2023. Danielle Arcuri called roll 29 members were present constituted a quorum. Michele Bennett read the minutes from the last meeting held on September 3, 2022. Vinny Bonafede motioned to accept the minutes as read and Ruth Bruns seconded the motion, all were in favor.

The financial report was read by Danielle Arcuri.

Checking: $20,506.90

EAP: 5,012.01

Savings: 10,083.44

There is an outstanding payment due for the paving which is $6,000, and insurance is due in June. Tina More motioned to accept the financial report and Ruth Bruns seconded the motion; all were in favor.

The AED was installed in the pavilion and there is a lock box for the key with the code of 1956. We discussed holding a first aid class before and Asem offered to teach it.

Beach and Pavilion area: Jason thank you for what you have done and are doing with this ongoing project. Last year he worked on the drainage and this year he will continue to do this, so the water does not drain to the beach area.

Memory Garden is in the planning, purchasing bricks is ongoing.

Pavilion kitchen floor needs replacing, John Karcher facilitating this project. We are deciding on what other projects need completing, like painting the outside.

Trash around the pavilion area: what you create, please bring away with you. We no longer have someone to haul the trash away. If anyone would like to volunteer to do this, please let a board member know. It is greatly appreciated.

Website reminder for our meeting minutes and announcements. Facebook group has announcements and reminders. We are aware that not everyone has Facebook, so perhaps we could get a group text chain. The board investigated a group text app together, however that would cost the association to do that, so we opted not to use it for social communications.

Lake business will continue to be via the newsletter, and the website. Facebook will continue to just be social, just need to find another solution to social events for people without Facebook and quick communications.

**By-laws**: we are asking for any suggestions, additions, comments to be submitted by mid June.

**Feral cats** - we are up to 19 that have been spayed/neutered and released back in the community. Some people in the development that are feeding them. Joanna will talk to them about the issue and to stop feeding them.

**Lake/Beach**

* Aerators are on now.
* We adjusted the lake treatments, so we won’t be spending as much with Clean Flo. As soon as the milfoil is spotted, let someone on the board know so the lake can be treated for it.
* ABE labs will be testing the lake again this year. E Coli level was 2mpn/ml. Above 200mpn/ml is a concern.
* Emergent plants that were planted last year only about three came back. We will investigate getting more this year.
* No swim flag will be posted on the steps of the beach if the test results are too high to swim or if the lake has been treated and you cannot swim in it.
* Geese need to figure out how to keep them away from the lake/dock. Looking into dog or fox silhouettes.
* Sonar scans – were shared with all on the projector and discussed the progress.

**Roads**

Since we did not spend much on snow removal this year, we have additional funds to put into road paving. The cost has gone up for this project so instead of just filling in potholes we are going to be paving small stretches of roadway which is in the process of being done. The back hill was re-graded, now that it is so smooth people are speeding through that road. Joanna has talked to the managers at the waste removal company. When she called, the representative she spoke to said she didn’t know how to handle it. We are trying to deter the speeding on that road.

Paula was looking into rebuilding of the Maple Road bridge in the hollow, she was not present at this time in the meeting to inform of her findings.

Dianne Hamilton suggested that we have someone from Clean-Flo come out to one of our meetings and explain what they are doing to make our lake better. Joanna said that they do not come out on holiday weekends. Perhaps we could have a separate lake meeting for anyone who is interested.

**Burning** – we need to follow the township regulations.

**Property cleanup** – letters will be going out to homeowners that need to address this.

**Bear Road cleanup** – need a small crew to go over there and help clean it up at 1:00 meeting at the pavilion.

**Bingo tonight** – come out and win Hemlock Lake swag.

**Jim Warner** was concerned about all the dead fish they are seeing in the lake; they saw about 20-30 sunnies/perch that were dead. Also saw others in the lake with white spots on them. We will mention something to the treatment company.

**Jerry Shontz** – concerns about the issues with the fish and his spring. He was reminded that homeowners are responsible to test their own water supplies. Any lake and water treatment done to the lake is not adversely affecting any of the water supplies.

**Sofia Udeivenko** - Water testing question. Should we be testing in the deeper areas? It is recommended that we test in the shallow/beach area. Joanna will provide Sofia the phone number to question ABE labs about this. Sofia will also be tracking lake changes for the month of July, further discussion to be had.

**Dianne Hamilton** –there is a pond on Borden’s property that is higher than the spring that multiple homeowners use in the hollow, she is concerned that the poor water quality in that pond can be affecting their water supply. Joanna will go with Dianne to talk to Borden about the pond.

Joanna asked if anyone would like to help with projects around the development to let someone on the board know.

Tina More motioned to adjourn the meeting and Cassie Hogrelius seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Valentine

President