

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Board members present: Gary Goldblatt, Jeanne Peterson, Mike Trahan, Lynda Throm, Cliff Gartner, Jeri Swanson, Lee Dickinson, Dave Kruse, & Brian Wawrzyniak.

Minutes of last meeting approved as amended. Motion by J. Swanson, seconded by B. Wawrzyniak. Minutes for April 2017 meeting were amended to reflect spelling correction and number of demand letters sent and approved by vote via email.

President's Report: G. Goldblatt briefly explained that the bank has accepted responsibility for past due assessments on a recently foreclosed property in the neighborhood and will be paying it.

Vice President's Report: J. Peterson reported that the SLIA lawyers have electronically filed with the Illinois Secretary of State the 2017 Annual Report relating to the Association's status as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. Additionally, eight properties with the largest amounts of outstanding assessments are being targeted for collection through our SLIA lawyers. In late April, our lawyers sent out demand letters to these property owners stating the amount that was needed to be paid within 30 days to avoid a lawsuit being filed. None of these 8 owners paid the required amount during that time. About June 6, the SLIA lawyers filed lawsuits to recoup assessments plus fees and costs from these 8 properties. The court date for these properties is June 26, 2017.

Treasurer's Report: M. Trahan explained that there are only 9 members, besides the properties mentioned in the VP Report, who have not paid 2017's assessments. Reviewed budget proposals for future special projects. Board members were asked to email the Treasurer 2017's actuals versus the 2017 budget prior to July's meeting so this information can be included in the budget sent to members prior to the annual meeting. He explained that if infrastructure costs continue to be costly every year and diminish reserves that an increase in assessment fees will need to be explored. M. Trahan has also established a google drive for SLIA's President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary to access.

Beach Committee: C. Gartner thanked members for assistance on cleanup day and reported that the deck was power washed, stained, & sealed. Weeding continues to be done in the swimming area and scum continues to be cleaned on the ladders. He explained that a raft step is broken. Estimates are still needed regarding the drainage issue at the beach.

Parks and Easements Report: J. Swanson explained that the Washburns donated piers to help reduce cost in replacing the old bridges in Ravinia. She is working on sending in the paperwork for the WMB grant reimbursements. She thanked Evan Kitzmiller for his continued volunteer work on cleaning the trail between Crescent and S. Sylvan.

Lake Report: L. Dickinson explained that a tree has drifted to someone's property and will need to be moved. Lily Pads also need to be harvested. He explained that he asked our insurance what would happen if someone is hurt on a 3rd party pier that is on SLIA property. Three suggestions were made: tear the pier down, have the 3rd party add SLIA onto their insurance and give evidence to SLIA of such, or do nothing because SLIA is covered by insurance. SLIA will suggest old piers to be torn down and any new requests for 3rd party piers to be added to SLIA property will be refused.

Recreation Report: D. Kruse reported that volleyball has started for the season. Pohl's will be replacing a line they messed up while mowing. Sand will be added to the courts in Schwerman Park.

Special Projects: B. Wawrzyniak explained that he has written a draft of watercraft guidelines. He is still getting additional requests and fees for boat stickers and storage. He reported the township provided a free dumpster to assist with abandoned boat removal. He is contacting people who are leaving their kayaks on the beach rather than on the storage racks. Gary Love will be mulching between his house and the beach house after the abandon boats are all removed.

Existing Business: Discussed Oktoberfest which is scheduled for 10/7/17. The band has been booked for \$350. There is information available from previous Oktoberfest volunteers regarding electricity, the band, tents, and more. Dave Mierswa explained that he would like to write up a process regarding the bonfire and publicizing the safety standards particularly due to concerns from previous years including drunk fist fights, vehicles driving in the park, too large of a fire, trash & leaves in the fire, and the fire continuing to smolder on Sunday. Discussed how Countryside initially approves the size of the fire but that there is no one in charge of the add-on pile and that it ends up being indiscriminately increased by people. Considered the idea of not having an add-on pile, having an individual in charge of putting out the fire, and asking the fire department to put out the fire. The board and members in attendance were in agreement that beer and wine would be sold but that hard liquor would not be allowed in the park. Explored ideas to increase attendance including food trucks, an ice cream truck, hot chocolate, having tables & chairs available in the tent, doing a talent show, and having pumpkin decorating. Face painting continues to be popular. The haunted house will not continue this year but the idea of a portable haunted house or fun house was discussed. A DJ has been suggested but it was previously not very successful. All in attendance at the meeting agree that the band should keep the music at a reasonable level in order to allow conversations in the tent. Oktoberfest will be promoted & we will seek volunteers for it at the Fourth of July party and in the August shoreline.

New Business: Gary Goldblatt and Mike Trahan will be leaving the board after the annual meeting.

Member's forum: Members Andrew Kitzmiller, Sheri Liss, Renee DelMissier, and Dave Mierswa were in attendance. Concerns were brought up discussing road patching that needs to be completed by the township on Highland, the plants blocking the view from Highland onto Midlothian, and the number of boats that can be properly stored on each easement.

Next board meeting: July 19.

Motion to adjourn by J. Peterson, seconded by C. Gartner. Meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Thom
Secretary