

SLIA Meeting Minutes - 10/19/22

Countryside Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm by Dan Trahan

Board members present: Dan Trahan, Jeremy Vale, Peter Lind, Kim Del Bene. Laurie MacKay, Tom Truffer (True-fer)

Homeowners present: Al Grandt, Kathy Rockett

Approval of the August minutes motion by Peter seconded by Tom

Role Assignments

- Everyone will remain in their current roles

Member Forum

- Al Grandt asked about what we charge residents with their boats on easements year round. It's \$25. This started a discussion of where paddle boats are supposed to be stored over the winter as well as what residents should do with their boats when the lake is lowered.

Vice President's Report - Cliff Gartner

- Not present

Treasurer's Report - E. Meltzer

- Not present

Lake Report - T. Truffer

- No updates

Recreation Report - L. MacKay

- Lee Dickenson would like to rebuild the horseshoe pits. He's looking into a quote but this wasn't budgeted for 2022 so we may need to push it to next year.
- Basketball hoop hasn't been purchased yet for Bjorkland park, but it may still happen this year.

Beach Report - P. Lind

- No update

Parks and Easements Report - S. Owen & Kim Del Bene

- Clean up day turn out was low. There were more volunteers after which was good. Shed was cleaned out but there is a lot in there that we don't know what to do with. Shelves in there are old and falling apart, we may need to get new ones. The plan is we'll clean out the shed every clean up day to keep up with it. Pete will take lead on this.
- Briar Terrace. Sarah was going to have Tallgrass clean it up but she handled it herself. Major brush removal is done, it'll be seeded next year. We saved \$900 doing it ourselves.
- Ravinia, Sarah walked through and marked the trees that were good to keep with Tallgrass.
- Schwerman Park was aerated. The spacing between plugs was a little far apart, it's been brought up to Pouls. The park has been seeded and fertilized. The root bound maple has been removed. We're looking to get some trees planted this fall.
- Fertilized the grass at the beach and cleaned up shrubs.
- Oak Terrace. Lots of seed work. Al repaired a couple steps. There is a half dead tree that needs to be removed.
- There is a tree in Juneau that we need to look at to see if it's healthy enough to survive.

- The maple in point conform has been leaning near power lines. There is very different opinions on whether it needs to be taken down or not. 3 arborists have looked at it and they all say to remove it. 2 other arborists say to trim it heavily and keep it. Sarah may call ComEd to determine their approach. Board voted to wait and not remove the tree right now.
- Future projects. There are trees to plant all through the parks. We will continue working in Ravinia, there will be some burning going on down there this weekend. Upper Maple clearing will most likely happen over winter. Sarah will talk to Tallgrass to see if this is something we can do ourselves.
- Some concerns. There is a resident that cut down a tree that is on Maple Park easement. We discussed moving up our Maple Park survey if we have the budget. A resident has asked that we trim bushes on her property that are also on easement property. We cannot pay to have this done but if we can get volunteers. A home owner near Briar Terrace was unhappy with the clearing that happened.
- A new slide was added in Schermerman Park and the merry-go-round was fixed. Kim has been finding park equipment from FaceBook Marketplace to save money. She's looking into a spider web climber that is about 1/3 the cost typically. A question came up around insurance and if they have certain stipulations we need to follow. Kim will follow up with Cliff to find out.
- A neighbor brought up the desire to put a gazebo in at Schermerman Park. We discussed this and thought a pavilion may be more useful. The budget is not there for next year but can be considered for the year following. It should be discussed at the next annual meeting.
- Oktoberfest update. We made \$600. It went really well. There were some decorations that went missing. The band didn't feel great about the majority of the crowds being out of the tent.

Unfinished Business

- Tom: Sediment test to determine if dredging is necessary. Dredging options. This hasn't happened yet
- Dan: Put order in for speed cushions
- Laurie: Bjorkland Park 2nd basketball hoop
- Beaver situation. Lake County animal control recommended a couple trappers. Dan reached out to find the cost. Range of \$750-\$1200 + \$150 per beaver caught. Once caught it'll be killed. The board didn't want to pursue killing the beaver so we recommend wrapping trees.
- Dan emailed the company regarding speed cushions. We need to select the arrow type and color. Fremont township will make the purchase and we'll pay them back. Delivery will be received in the spring.
- Dan will get more information from Lochloman regarding the electric motor discussion that started at the annual meeting.

New Business

- Member trimmed a red oak tree on Maple Park North easement without board approval
- Dan motioned to meet again in Feb as business slows down in the winter

Closing of meeting: Motioned by Dan, seconded by Tom

Next Board Meeting will be in 2/15/2023

Respectfully submitted, Jeremy Vale, Secretary