

Hidden Valley Lake

Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting

June 25, 2009

APPROVED

Board of Directors Present: Robert Starks, Karen Shell, Donna Lask, Jeff Fuell and Bill Blantz

Board of Directors Absent:

Community Manager Present: Bruce Keller

President Robert Starks called the June 25, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Report: Robert Starks

On behalf of the Staff, the POA Board and everyone here at HVL we give our deepest sympathy to the family for the recent loss of our neighbor Edward Kreimer. May we observe a brief silence in Ed's memory and for all of our loved ones who have passed on.

.....Thank you.

June has been another great month and our community gardens are gorgeous. Many, many thanks to the garden club for all of the work that you do. Our community gardens are outstanding and also thanks to our many neighbors who have great landscaping. Our community has never looked better.

Our Hidden Valley Lake community provides each of us with a unique opportunity to be involved in the operation of our community. Our committees and board positions are all volunteers and we provide support for the communities continuing success. If you are not involved in a committee, you may wish to attend a few meetings and try it out. You will probably meet some really great people.

Bill Blantz announced that "Stinky" was at Dearborn County Hospital and could people send him cards. For those who did not know him his name is Russ Dickman.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Lask

The POA continues to operate favorable to budget. The net income for the month of May was \$2,848 which was better than budget by \$7,473. We received a payment from the Cable company of \$3,592 which was not budgeted as they have switched to quarterly payments rather than paying annually. Total expenses for the month were \$4,191 under budget with no significant unusual expenses.

Year to date we are better than budget by \$27,674. Year to date total expenses are \$21,876 less than budgeted and revenues are \$5,798 better than budget.

The survey for the 5 Year Plan was revised according to some suggestions at last months meeting and some have already been mailed. The balance will be in the mail in the next few days.

Vela Reiman, Lot 1045 asked what is our reserve? Donna Lask replied \$700,000.00. Vela Reiman asked is the lack of Security responsible for this large reserve? I have heard of many break-ins. Bob Starks stated we have a reserve equal to the debt on this building and we can't discuss personnel issues, but we are keeping a position open. Bruce Keller stated that there were three car break-ins and two of the cars were not locked. Both Deputies Eric Hudepohl and Tony Hudepohl are here tonight and Ed Kreimer was their uncle so arrangements had to be made for them to attend the funeral. We are always covered by the county.

Secretary's Report: Jeff Fuell

Motion to approve the May 28, 2009 Board of Directors Minutes. Motion made by Donna Lask and seconded by Jeff Fuell with a change of wording from Emerald Ask Borer to Emerald Ash Borer, under the Parks and Recreation Report. Motion passed unanimously.

A resident asked why the May 28, 2009 minutes were not published in the Echoes and Bruce Keller stated it was just as mistake and will be published next month.

Community Manager's Report: Bruce Keller

We had several vehicles broken into this week. Please remember to lock your cars. Most of the car break-ins which occurred over the past three years involved unlocked autos. Bills are being prepared for send-off next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Committee Report: George Lortz

Amphitheater: working on designs for stage and bleacher area. Trees and shrubs need to be removed. Sammy Gutzwiller asked about music. Will it be wired? What about noise ordinances? George Lortz stated the sound system will not be permanent. Jim Ulrick asked who approved this project? George Lortz stated it was approved several years ago and the only thing they have done so far is level the field for a cost of approximately \$1,000. Dave Patterson said it seems like we are moving dirt, etc. before the plan is finalized. Becky Lortz, Lot 1882 stated this Committee held several public presentations and it is in the Echoes each month. Bob Starks stated the money was funded last year and the project is being done in phases. Bruce Keller said we have spent \$5,000 so far and have added a ballfield.

Dog Park: not ready yet, but expect to see presentation at the July Parks & Recreation meeting.

Playground Task Force: has six members and has met six times. The playset at the pool has been replaced.

Walking paths: signs were budgeted for this year and we will have trail identification signs made.

Deer Study: new chairperson is Julie Hewetson. Final report will be released after we get the flyover information to be available early next year.

Emerald Ash Borer: not critical yet, but getting closer. If you self treat it would cost \$30 per tree per year.

There is a new issue regarding complaints about non-residents using our beach.

Front Entrance: we have three preliminary designs to choose from. Jim Ulrick, Lot 1304 led some discussion regarding costs of this project.

Regretfully, we have accepted the resignation of Dan Puterbaugh.

The Committee sent a request to the Board to drop the costs of projects on the survey going in the mail, but was denied. Lengthy discussion between Bob Starks, Donna Lask, Sammy Gutzwiller and George Lortz.

The HVL-POA website had information on the Front Entrance project that included outdated pictures and was deleted per request of the Board to Moe Manion.

Judicial Panel Report: Emmy Myers

No report.

Lakes Committee Report: Dave Patterson

Looking into using the VRUC camera on pipes in all small lakes. Concerning Crystal Lake we will wait till the lake is down to make a determination. Silt flow, erosion and fertilizers are a concern on all the lakes. Some people reported excessive noise on the lake. We all need to use common sense and common courtesy. We would like to start Lake Patrol earlier in the season next year and will budget for that. We have a third person on board Lake Patrol, Dave Wise. If you see something on the lake you don't think is right, call Paul Rolfes and he will come right out. Regarding dredging, Bruce Keller put a procedure together for us to look into.

Stickers: The committee would like to submit the following Request for Motion:

To re-institute the rule requiring that all residents' and property owners' vehicles must have a current, valid HVL registration sticker attached to the inside of the lower corner of the driver's side on the windshield. This would apply to all vehicles that are required to have a state license or registration.

Motion to discuss by Jeff Fuell and seconded by Bill Blantz for a first reading.

Bob Sypniewski thought this type of motion should come from Safety, Security and Elections Committee. They will review and work with the Lakes Committee.

Architectural Committee Report: Bill Minnery

The following Performance Bond Returns were read by Bill Minnery.

Lot 1648	Haffey Homes	19631 Knollwood Dr.	\$2,000.00
Lot 557	James & Kathy Schneider	1383 Skyview Circle	\$500.00

Motion to approve the Performance Bond Returns by Karen Shell and seconded by Jeff Fuell. Motion passed unanimously.

Second reading of the definition and rules for Alternative Sources of Energy.

Definition: Alternative source of energy - Any source of energy not provided by the local power utility.

Rules for alternative sources of energy:

1. Wind turbines or other free standing alternative source of energy (excluding temporary backup electric generators) are not permitted.
2. Solar panels are restricted to the foot print of the house. The height of the solar panels may not exceed the peak of the roof.

Motion for discussion by Jeff Fuell and seconded by Karen Shell.

Architectural Committee Chairman explained to those present that these rules were a result of a contractor inquiring at a previous Architectural meeting about the existence of rules for alternative sources of energy. It was also explained that these rules are dynamic and would be adapted to accommodate continuously developing technologies keeping in mind the best interests of the community. Two residents objected to the rules. The proposed definition and regulations were then rejected by the Board.

Motion failed.

Political Action/Future Planning Committee Report: George Lortz

POA budgeting: proposal for accounting system.

Tax Refund: no word yet.

Electronic Communication: will consider updating the web site.

Annexation: information available in the office and on the website.

Community planning vision will be completed by end of the year and adjustable each year.

There was some discussion with Jeff Fuell regarding the purpose of the committee and the five year plan.

Civic Club Committee Report: Robin Harrison

The Luau will be this Saturday night at the beach. The cost is \$10.00 and bring a dish to share.

We will have a D.J. and a giant raffle. There will be two scholarships this year due July 1st.

There will be a 4th of July bike parade and a steel drum band at the beach. July 22nd will be the next meeting.

Finance Committee Report: John Reiniger

Motion to approve the May 2009 Financial reports by Jeff Fuell and seconded by Donna Lask. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed the five year plan.

Safety, Security & Elections Committee Report: Bob Sypniewski

Bob Starks stated that since the wording has changed by adding "rear tail lights" this will be considered the first reading and will be published in the Echoes as such.

By unanimous vote of members present, the S, S & E Committee recommends to the POA Board that the following Golf Cart Vehicle Policy be considered for inclusion in the HVL POA Handbook.

Motion to discuss by Jeff Fuell and seconded by Karen Shell.

Agreement and Release of Liability for Golf Carts in Hidden Valley

I _____ acknowledge that Hidden Valley Lake will provide access to its streets, roadways and/or parking areas for my golf cart and agree that I will follow all of the golf cart rules listed on this form. Furthermore I understand that Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association bears no liability for accidents or incidents associated with my golf cart.

I also agree to abide by the following rules:

1. I will register my cart by April 30th each year, for a \$5 fee, with the Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association office. I will show proof of insurance for my cart at the time of registration. The registration sticker will then be placed on the left rear bumper of my cart.
2. If there are vehicles behind me while driving on HVL streets, I will pull over at the next available area and allow them to pass.
3. I will maintain the proper safety equipment on my cart. For daytime driving I will have a rear view mirror and brake lights. Additionally, for driving after dusk I will have turn signal lights, rear tail lights and headlights.
4. Proof of insurance specifically indicating coverage for my golf cart will be carried by anyone driving it.
5. I will not allow any persons under the age of 16 to drive my cart. The driver must have a valid driver's license on his/her person when operating my golf cart.
6. I understand that regardless of who is driving my cart, I am responsible for his/her actions.

I have read this Release of Liability Agreement. I fully understand its terms and sign it voluntarily and without inducement. I understand that any cost to Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association, related to accidents or incidents involving my cart, will be added to my account and will be paid by me.

Golf Cart Owner:

Lot Number:

Date:

Hidden Valley Lake Employee:

Date:

Sammy Gutzwiller thought that with all the added expenses on residents right now why should we require lights. No one would drive a golf cart after dark without lights. Also regarding insurance, the POA should be listed so we would be notified if a policy gets cancelled.

Michael Parks, Lot 1703 led a discussion regarding the legal speed limit of 25, and that brake lights can be a problem to install do to changes in the wiring harness.

Bill Acra, Lot 1535 asked for a list of deaths, injuries, etc. in HVL caused by golf carts.

Bruce Keller said that safety is number one for him in HVL and he does not want to report a death on a golf cart.

Jeff Meinecke wants to know why we need to sign a waiver. If he wants to let his 14 year old drive his golf cart he should have that right.

Trish Sypniewski feels that kids are driving the carts that have nothing to do with golfing.

Bonnie Starks, Lot 2800 is on the committee and stated the purpose of this policy is to keep residents from being sued.

More discussion followed and it was voted to put the policy in the paper as a first reading.

Bob Sypniewski made mention that Drug Awareness Day is scheduled for August 15th. It will be more involved with more activities planned than in the past.

Streets & Drainage Committee: John Getzendanner

Recommend a motion allowing the Community Manager to enter into a contract with Barrett Paving for this years paving at a cost of \$100,000.00. Motion by Bill Blantz and seconded by Jeff Fuell. Motion passed unanimously.

The streets to be paved were then listed by John Getzendanner as being Alpine Drive from Schmarr Drive to Cravenhurst Drive along with Hampton, Hartford, Hanover, Hanby and Montclair.

Recommend appointment of Tom Warner as a member of the Committee. Motion by Donna Lask and seconded by Jeff Fuell. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

Sammy Gutzwiller gave a brief history of the Bright Volunteer Fire Department and encouraged HVL POA to give a healthy donation. Also the Bright Festival needs our support and volunteerism.

Motion to donate \$5,000.00 to the Bright Volunteer Fire Department made by Donna Lask and seconded by Karen Shell. After more discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Blantz stated that he sends money each year for tickets and recommends each home owner to send in \$100.00.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Shell and seconded by Jeff Fuell. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 9:26 pm

Minutes Prepared by Gloria Weber