

# Hidden Valley Lake

Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting

October 22, 2009

APPROVED

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

**Board of Directors Absent: None**

**Community Manager Present: Bruce Keller**

President Robert Starks called the October 22, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **President's Report: Robert Starks**

Please turn off your cell phones.

Many, many thanks to Kathy Wirth project leader, the Parks committee, our staff and the many talented volunteers who helped to install the new playground equipment over at our ball park, aka the 77 acres. By installing this playground equipment ourselves we have saved approximately \$18,000.00 in installation charges for the community. Thank you very much.

On another subject, I do not wish to steal anyone's thunder but I must congratulate Robin Harrison and the Civic's committee for doing an outstanding job with "Make a Difference Day". They even had "Binny" attending. Binny is Rumpke's recycling mascot.

We also have a door prize tonight. Rumpke has sent to us (4) Certificates for Greens fees and carts for Shaker Run Golf Course. We plan to have a drawing tonight for these certificates and we will use the sign in sheet to assist in selecting the winner. If you have not signed in, please do so now in order to have a chance to possibly win these (4) certificates.

As previously announced the next Coordinating Council/Team Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is planned for setting budget priorities and finalizing the 2010 budget. This will eliminate the need for the Saturday morning budget meeting. Our treasurer Donna has devoted a lot of time and met with staff and many of you to get as much preliminary work done as possible. We hope everyone finds this to be a convenient time for the budget meeting. Please mark your calendar for the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

On another note the Board extends our compliments to the Parks committee and our staff on the new additional walking path. It is a great addition to the existing walking paths. In closing, we are also aware that some existing walkways have been damaged and we anticipate having the damaged surfaces repaved at the earliest opportunity and as funds become available.

## **Treasurer's Report: Donna Lask**

September income was \$167,897 which is \$10,750 better than budget. Expenses of \$166,304 were less than budget by \$2,172 so that our net income for September exceeded budget by \$12,921. Fines assessed were \$7,198 over budget which accounted for the majority of the income surplus. On the expense side the Lakes department was over budget due to the state dam

inspection of \$738 which had been budgeted in a different month and the General department expenses exceeded budget because of the real estate tax accrual. The other departments spent less than budget.

Year to date our net income is better than budget by \$34,580.

**Secretary's Report: Jeff Fuell**

**Motion to approve the September 24, 2009 POA Board of Directors Minutes. Motion by Bill Blantz and seconded by Donna Lask. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Community Manager's Report: Bruce Keller**

I wanted to mention how inspirational it is to me when I see the volunteers we have in the Valley. I will not mention names but in a 10 day period there have been over 100 cases of volunteerism throughout the Valley. The volunteerism they participated in include putting together a playground, cleaning up the Valley for Make a Difference Day, refurbishing the cemetery on Alpine and Highridge, Committee Members at meetings and indeed all of you in this room today. This does not include the folks that I see out on a daily basis just picking up trash to make the Valley look better. I also want to say how proud I am of our Maintenance Team that can now add playgrounds onto their resume along with building docks and repairing dams.

On another note, I would like to appeal to everyone to lock your cars and your homes. Nearly all of the theft we have here in the Valley can be attributed to folks not locking their doors.

Important dates to remember:

The POA office will be closed on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Board meeting for November is on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the December meeting/appreciation is on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Streets & Drainage Committee Report: John Getzendanner**

No report.

**Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Kathy Wirth**

The playground is complete. There will be a slide show of pictures on the website. A big thank you to the Board for the money and the support; the Community Manager who was involved all the way through; the Maintenance Team who did an excellent job; the P & R Committee; the Playground Task Force; the many volunteers; the Civic Club who provided breakfast; Willie's who provided lunch along with the POA; Playworld Representatives and Supervisors. We are looking forward to the 3 new play areas to begin in April and new shade or shelters at the beach.

77 Acre Park plan has been reviewed and we are looking into a new parking lot, paths, and soccer fields.

The Deer Task Force had 120 attendants at the last meeting. The audio is on the website. Thank you to all who came, the panel of experts and George Lortz who moderated the meeting. There was a lot of valuable information presented in an unbiased manner.

Emerald Ash Borer will be here eventually and we are monitoring the status of this pest.

P & R need members. Please attend a meeting if any of these topics appeals to you.

Zumbathon is Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 in the Community Center. Zumba is a combination of Latin Dance, fitness and cardio. 100% of the registration fees and donations go to the American Breast Cancer Foundation. There will also be a buy one get one free membership to the Fitness Center and you can direct all questions to Angie Ruberg.

**Judicial Panel Report: Emmy Myers**

No report.

**Architectural Committee Report: Bill Minnery**

No report.

There are no Performance Bond Returns for the month of October.

**Civic Club Committee Report: Robin Harrison**

It's been a very busy month. First Saturday was Card Night and the next Saturday was the Haunted Hayride and Chilifest with about 500 people coming through. Life Springs Church came and donated hot cider. The next Saturday was Make a Difference Day and Bob Starks called Rumpke to have "Binny" the recycling bin come out. Ed Hampton raised a barrel of food. The Halloween Walk will be at the beach on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>. \$4.00 per child and bring your own bag.

**Finance Committee Report: John Reiniger**

**Motion to approve the September 2009 Financial Reports by Donna Lask and seconded by Jeff Fuell. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Request a motion allowing the Community Manager to spend up to \$1,200 to add redundancy to our data-base system. This will add another hard drive to our system and a third hard drive for breakdowns and will allow us to store information off site. This action will allow us to recover data in the event of computer breakdown. Motion made by Jeff Fuell and seconded by Karen Shell. Motion passed unanimously.**

John stated that they are reviewing the bidding process. Between the Finance Committee, the Board or the Community Manager, who does what?

**Safety, Security & Elections Committee Report: Larry Rohling**

**Request a motion to appoint Vela Reiman as Vice-Chairperson. Motion made by Karen Shell and seconded by Donna Lask. Motion passed unanimously.**

At our meeting, Bruce Keller read a report about stray electrical currents in water. He will be checking with REMC.

Regarding beach security we are looking into fencing and a card reader to control traffic.

Jeff Fuell forwarded photos of a type of speed bump that will allow snow plows to pass over. Our committee will review and make a proposal to the Board.

We will be reviewing the POA Handbook at the next two meetings.

Request a motion for the approval of our new entrance signs.

Bruce Keller presented a slide presentation of five locations for the new entrance signs to be placed.

Donna Lask asked if people were asked about putting these signs in their yards. Sammy Gutzwiller asked how high these signs would be with supports and do we need County approval for the ones to be on Fairway Drive. Bruce stated he would have to get approval. Robert Starks and Jeff Fuell agreed this needs to get Architectural Committee approval first. There were many questions and Robert Starks said to postpone the request until all the questions could be answered.

**Lakes Committee Report: Bruce Keller**

Dredging money will be budgeted again this year. It is very expensive but needed.

Lake statistics per Gerry Young said that the visibility was down to 8 ft., which is within the range previously measured for the biweekly period. The Oxygen content was 5 ppm down to a depth of 19 ft. which is normal. The clarity has not been as good the past two years as it has been previously. We will address this with Nate of Aquatic Control.

Ron Lask asked about testing for e-coli in the lake and Bruce stated that we do indeed measure this from four different locations on the lake.

**Political Action/Future Planning Committee Report: Bruce Keller**

**Request a motion placing Scott Mitchell on the committee. Motion made by Jeff Fuell and seconded by Bill Blantz. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Request a motion appointing Scott Mitchell as the committee Chairman. Motion by Jeff Fuell and seconded by Bill Blantz. Motion passed unanimously.**

Bruce Keller then turned the report over to Scott Mitchell. Scott stated they have about 10 projects and will prioritize them at the next meeting.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Ronald Scott Mezger, Lot 1266, requesting a \$175.00 refund for boat dock that he was unable to use due to the fact that he had a deck boat and another deck boat was assigned to the adjoining space. Ronald Scott Mezger read a brief statement. There was some discussion about this being an unusual situation, but the Board felt the request should have been made earlier in the season. Request denied.

The drawing was held for the golf tickets and Rich Mischell was the winner.

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

**Adjournment: 8:05 pm**

**Minutes Prepared by Gloria Weber**

11/30/2009