

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
MINUTES
October 15th, 2014 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors
Present: D. O'Brien, F. Hoisl, R. DeCormier, C. Lenti, C. Lenti, D. Moorcroft, D. Martin, S. Martin, M. Paul (7:35 pm)
- B. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
Marge Nichols, Spafford Drive, Lebanon
Town hall meetings allow comments with time limits; she would like the Amston Lake Board to do the same; the public may have questions about reports discussed and emails discussed by Board are not seen by the general public; a sign could be hung stating no swearing, etc or individual will not be allowed to speak; limit each person to three minutes

Dave Bareiss, 151 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon
He stated that he would like to be more involved with the Board; thinks quality of lake water is great and improving; he thanked the Board and stated his support for Marge Nichols
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Dave Moorcroft made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Frank Hoisl seconded the motion. D. Martin abstained and all others approved. The motion passed.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report
2015 Meeting Date List was distributed. We will remain on third Wednesday of each month.
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication
See attached
- G. Receive President's Report
Property is for sale in Hebron that runs along edge to 20 to 30 feet within water. (20 to 30 feet belongs to 2 Deepwood Drive in Lebanon and is owned by the Ostragers.) There is concern that an access road could be built from the Lebanon side into the Hebron side. Clear cutting the property would be negative for lake health. Board agreed that in favor of researching this land.
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report
There is approximately \$290,000 cash in the general fund. Lou Lenti continues to attempt to collect additional funds for the Fish Fund to eliminate \$5 monthly account fee from bank.
See attached.
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report
Dave O'Brien read Brian Swanson's report into the record. See attached.
- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives
Dave Martin – water is very clear; 6.5 M Secchi depth in October; August 21 plant survey was conducted and no invasives were found; Kathy Garvie had milfoil concerns but plants are advanced forms of algae; people living next to H16 inlet are willing to install plunge pools to help remove sediments from in flowing water; there was a dump in the woods many years ago...Lorraine can show us where if we want to see it

Want to thank Paul Oliver for the use of his boat for the plant survey.

Phosphorous is very low in lake; may be due to minimization of phosphorous in fertilizer but not sure; plant growth in lake indicates a healthy lake – not weeds to be eradicated

K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports

1. Security – F. Hoisl – signs were torn down at beaches and thrown in lake; Greg Baier rescued them in his wetsuit; some have asked if we can keep up the chains at the beaches to keep people from hanging out there; consider gating beaches 24 x 7 from November 3 to April 30.

The abandoned boat's owner has been found. Owner has boat pass but never placed it on boat.

Drew Gibson suggested we let people know what maintenance is planned for the off season so people understand why they need to remove their boats. Planning to put leveling stones under the boat racks this off season. Lou Lenti is concerned that boats can be vandalized in the off season if left on beaches

2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – Water is about three inches below the dam; can't predict how long it will take to get 10 to 12 inches down because of rain
3. Storm Drains – Dave Martin and Dave O'Brien to work together to look at installing plunge pools near H16 inlet; get sketches to Town of Hebron
4. Boats & Rafts – L. Lenti – leveling stones to be placed under boat racks in off season; could still use one or two more racks at Ryan Terrace and Main Beach

Dave O'Brien and Ray DeCormier proposed segregating the boat ramp at Main Beach by placing stones along the drive way area so that people can no longer park in front of boat ramp. Also, would like to minimize the hump the one has to go over to get their trailer into the water; since many are hitting the bottom of their vehicles; Dave Moorcroft wants to clarify that this hump is not a part of the dam.

Ray DeCormier made a motion to spend up to \$1250 to build a separate driveway for the boat launch (separate from the Main Beach entrance.) Mark Paul seconded the motion and all approved unanimously

5. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul – no negative reports from ACT
6. Communications – D. O'Brien mentioned Drew Gibson's email about adding benches and surveying the ROWs; S. Martin is concerned that surveying each ROW will cost at least \$3000 for each one; perhaps there are ROWs which are specific areas of concern? Also, wanted to agree that P. Gandelman stated that vandalism should not stop us from adding benches for our community; Mark Paul thinks we should survey the community to see where they would like the benches placed
7. Lebanon Roads – R. DeCormier –needs a complete list of the names of the gravel roads in Lebanon
8. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti – Docks will be moved by November 15.

Sherri Martin made a motion to approve up to \$1400 to be spent to cut the brush along the northern side of the Lollipop Beach walkway when water is lowered so it is easy to reach. Mark Paul seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.

Claire Lenti also mentioned that more poison ivy spray will be needed for the ROWs too.

9. Calendar and Tasks – R. DeCormier – Need to hire a contractor to remove the docks and ramps for the winter – C.Lenti to work on; D. Martin will get 1099 labor to help him and will remove the barley straw by end of October.

Dave Moorcroft is taking over dock administration; one boat still at dock at Main Beach

Winter security starts when ice freezes – Carl Wool is interested in taking care of some of this; Frank Hoisl will contact him

- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business – nothing to discuss

- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action

In regards to the Main Beach ramp access being separated from the boat ramp access, we will also need funds to level the hump. Dave Martin made a motion to spend up to \$1250 to lower the hump on the boat ramp, if meets with approval of Dave Moorcroft to verify we are not interfering with dam area. Mark Paul seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

- N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting
Nothing to prepare

- O. Adjournment

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn. Mark Paul seconded the motion and all approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sherri-Ann Martin, Clerk
Amston Lake Tax District