Amston Lake District Board of Directors Regular Meeting MINUTES

September 17th, 2014 7:00 p.m. ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231

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A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Present: D. O'Brien, F. Hoisl, R. DeCormier, D. Moorcroft, C. Lenti, L. Lenti, M. Paul Absent: D. Martin. S. Martin

B. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions

Carl Wool, Deepwood Drive, Hebron

Spafford ROW has erosion by the Biox station and should be repaired; Main Beach has weeds growing in sand which need to be removed; Main Beach Boat Launch is often inaccessible due to cars parked in front of it. Need to put up NO PARKING signs.

Margery Nichols, Spafford Drive, Lebanon

Will resident comment sessions be added to agenda (as requested by group of residents?); Dave O'Brien responded that the Board voted to keep to the existing agenda; residents can email comments to the Board for review

Bruce

Discussed the placement of the granite stone commemorating the Amston Volunteer Firemen; The stone appears to be on CT Water Co. property for pumphouse; wants to place stone in old footprint of firehouse; Dave O'Brien stated that the Main Beach and this area may be used for other purposes in the future and the Board did not want to place the stone in the middle of the property

Erica Thompson

Asked if anyone from the Fire Dept was present when stone was moved; Dave O'Brien stated no. Mark Paul proposed and all agreed to set a mutually agreeable date when a meeting can be held at the Main Beach and the site for the stone can be agreed upon. All agreed.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Lou Lenti made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Dave Moorcroft seconded the motion. Mark Paul abstained. All others approved.

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report

S. Martin not present

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication

See attached

G. Receive President's Report

The summer went well and we are now preparing for the fall/winter season

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

See attached – we are doing very well, we have no debt. The new Tax Collector brought in much in past due taxes.

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report

Dave O'Brien read the report for the record. See attached.

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives

Dave Martin not present; Dave O'Brien reported that the water is extremely clear, the condition of the lake is excellent according to both Dr. Knocklein and Chatham Health Group. We had no negative test results this season.

- K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
- Security F. Hoisl Services were well received by majority of residents; no major issues this season; need to determine security for fall/winter season; (3) boats still awaiting resident removal from improper moorings, (1) boat without ID was removed from the Oakland ROW and stored on Main Beach; November 1st boat removal signs will be put up this weekend
- 2. Dam D. Moorcroft water is 4 to 5 inches below the dam; will start lowering on Oct 15 to reach desired 10 to 12 inch level; new signs to be placed on dam
- 3. Storm Drains new strategies are to be discussed
- 4. Boats & Rafts L. Lenti we may need a few more boat racks as they are all being used; will determine at later date.
- 5. Weeds and Algae M. Paul treatment went well and signs were posted as required; should see results within two weeks post application; follow up from ACT is forthcoming; thank you to Marge and Dave Arnold for inspecting the ACT boat before it entered our lake
- 6. Communications R. DeCormier tax collection is going well but future discussions must be held in regards to tax policies including what to do with liens, foreclosures, etc.; New signs have been made for the dam, docks, etc as requested in the previous two meetings; website and mass mailings are working well, unless we add pictures.
- 7. Lebanon Roads Snowplowing contract to be discussed later
- 8. ROW Updates and Maintenance C. Lenti Cleanup of \$2100 for beaches approved; Machine rake both beaches and remove weeds/grass; also repair along shoreline on Lollipop Beach; also approved \$650 to remove the vandalized trees on Lollipop Beach; docks need to be moved by November 15; concrete pads need to be added under legs of boat racks next year; We need to develop guidelines for vendors placing boats in our lake (fire rescue, ACT); we need a document between us and the vendors that will be shared with both Hebron and Lebanon; should include guidelines, training packets, contact info and best practices for bringing in boats from other lakes.
- 9. Calendar and Tasks R. DeCormier October tasks are in process and near completion; barley straw needs to be removed from lake and boat removal signs need to be posted
 - At 8:30 pm, Dave Moorcroft made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Lebanon Snowplowing bids for the upcoming season; Lou Lenti seconded and all approved.
 - Executive Session ended at 9:43 pm.
- Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business Nothing to act upon.
- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action Nothing to add.
- N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting Nothing to add.
- O. Adjournment
 - D. Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn and M. Paul seconded. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Claire Lenti, Director Amston Lake Tax District