

BEACHES AND ROWS COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 13, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Chairperson, Teri Nixon.

Members and volunteers present: Teri Nixon, Maureen Dagon, Lisa Salerno, Patty Arnestad, Marge Nichols, Kelly Verret, Mary Withey (meeting was held via Zoom)

Minutes for Nov. 12, 2020 meeting: Motion to approve by Marge, seconded by Patty. All approved.

1) Cove Rd. ROW:

Chain is rusted and broken. Water's edge area needs evaluation; perhaps use some of the fiber bands. People are still tripping over the 4 X 4 board and crushed stone not good to walk on. The bench was moved back and is now in a good place.

2) Oakland ROW:

Three racks need staining. The cement wall has been repaired. The bench still needs to be moved back from the beach area, onto the grass. Moving the bench has been approved and is on the "to do" list.

3) Ryan Terrace ROW:

The two boat racks need staining. The steward has cleared the slope of downed branches.

4) Lollipop Beach:

Boat racks need staining; no repairs needed. The Silt Fence is in. A tree fell and needs to be cleared away.

5) Elsmere ROW:

All 3 boat racks need staining. There are lots of leaves there again, washed in by current. Need to be raked out. A pile of sticks near the top need to be removed.

6) Francis Dr. ROW:

Looking toward the lake, the wall on the left side has collapsed. Not sure if it's on ALD property or the abutting property owner's property. Should the Board reach out to that owner? The committee is requesting this ROW be surveyed. There is only one boat rack and there may be room for another. However, this may also be a good location for an SUP rack (stand-up paddle board). A design for SUP rack should be obtained.

7) Meadowbrook ROW:

One boat rack needs to be stained. A suggestion was made to add a SUP.

8) Spafford ROW:

Two boat racks need to be stained.

9) Main Beach:

A tree came down and a volunteer resident cleared it away. Four boat racks need staining. Need a new steward for the Main Beach; current steward has stepped down.

10) Other:

Contractor email blast/Facebook post: The board approved an email blast. Need quotes for the next fiscal year. This would be for bush/tree trimming, raking beaches. The contractor would need their own equipment. Baldi already does grass mowing and leaf cleaning in fall. The Board is looking into hiring an arborist to take down large trees.

Budget: The Beaches & ROW's budget for this year still had \$11,000 as of the end of November, 2020.

Next Fiscal Year Budget (2021/2022): Board is requesting the new shed be repainted. The committee will begin working on their budget for next year. Staining for all the boat racks (that need it) will be included in next year's budget.

Smoking at the beaches/ROW's: Information was sent to a member of the Lake Health Committee on environmental impact of cigarette filters/butts left on the beaches – chemicals can harm the lake, fish eating the filters could get sick and die. Request to eliminate smoking on the beaches – allow smoking in parking lot only, and bring trash home. Columbia Lake and Lake Hayward have non-smoking rules. Research should be done to find out how they enforce this.

Security: Security for the coming season continues to be a concern of the committee members/volunteers. Previous year's security was discussed, both good and bad. Residents being hired to take on some of the security hours and how it was handled in the past was discussed. We are all in agreement, the security in place last year was unacceptable and we have to do better this year. Committee members are willing to help if needed.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:30 pm. Committee members and volunteers agreed to hold the February and March meetings via Zoom, to avoid possible Covid exposure. Meetings will resume at the Clubhouse in the spring if possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Nichols & Teri Nixon