

Beaches and ROWs Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2019

1. Call to order – Frank Hoisl 6:50pm

2. Members present: Frank Hoisl, Sue Wilson, Kathleen Feldman, Janet Garrett, Maureen Dagon, Marge Nichols, Jim Delisle

Members Absent: Jeff Withey, Kathy Garvie, Barbara Lederer, Nancy Nurge, John Slauenwhite, Lisa Salerno, Carl Wool, Mary Withey

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes of June 13, 2019 – Jan Garrett made the motion, seconded by Marge Nichols, all approved

4. Announcements

Frank said that starting in June 2019 all Committee meeting minutes will be posted on the Amston Lake website - amstonlake.org

Jan suggested that all past correspondence also be posted – Frank suggested that Allison Stec be contacted regarding the feasibility of doing that

Frank said that Carl Wool has volunteered to serve as co-chair of the Beaches and ROW committee along with the board member who will be taking over for Maureen.

5. Old Business

Oakland ROW - Maureen updated the committee on the work done – the erosion project is complete - the grass came in well and the ROW looks great and the new drains work well

Ryan Terr ROW – Marge updated the committee on the work done to date – the engineering plans have been reviewed and accepted by the Lebanon Inland Wetlands Commission with minor revisions.

- We now need to get quotes for the work – Presently Marge is working with a number of contractors to get quotes. There was a brief discussion by the committee members about how many quotes would be necessary – Frank said at least 3 should be sufficient. Marge asked if any committee member knows of landscapers that we should contact regarding getting a quote. Once we have the quotes they should all be presented to the Board with recommendations from the committee regarding the preferred contractor. The Board will then review all quotes and make the final decision.
- Several questions came up –
 - Where will the funding for the project come from? The Rainy Day fund? The Future Projects fund? Marge mentioned that the by-laws say that the

Rainy Day Fund must be replenished to remain at 50% of the operating annual budget. However, the Future Projects Fund has no by-law requiring it to be replenished. So, if the Future Projects Fund is used, no one will need to be taxed additionally - we already have the money.

- Should we have a general contractor oversee the project during the construction phase? If so, who would that be?
- Should a district meeting be scheduled to let the residents know of the project? If so, when should that be? The Beaches and Row Committee should put together a display board of photos to display the current situation at Ryan Terr ROW and the repair work that will be done for the district meeting. Marge says she has good photos of the erosion. Frank suggested that a date in August would be appropriate depending on how quickly we can get the quotes and choose a contractor.
- Should we put together an email blast to let residents know about the importance/benefits of the project? The committee agreed that this was a good idea.
- Maintenance at Ryan Terr ROW – the area below the boat rack needs to be weed-wacked. Frank said he will take care of that.

Cove ROW – Maureen said that Carl (who was not in attendance due to illness) has a quote to have white PVC pipe put in the ground. Frank said that Carl should bring the quote to the next board meeting. We also need to get a quote to move the bench which is too close to the water's edge. Frank asked Maureen to contact Jeff Hatch to get a quote for work at Cove ROW and Lollipop Beach.

6. New Business

Other tasks for our committee this month:

Main Beach – Sue Wilson asked if we could consider planting trees between the parking lot and the beach to provide some shade.

7. Feedback from committee members

Frank suggests we put together a maintenance plan based on projected monthly projects. Marge and Maureen will get together to do this. Jim will review the plan to see if it makes sense from a landscaping/plant growth perspective. For example, don't trim dogwoods or forsythia when they are in bloom.

Paddleboat racks – we don't have a good design yet. Frank suggests considering simple 6 x 6 posts in a line. Cove ROW would be a good place for these as well as Main Beach.

Pota-potty at Main Beach – People are stealing toilet paper. How can we stop this? The company will remove the pota-potties if we can't control vandalism.

Spafford ROW – Kathy F. mentioned that the bushes between the ROW and the adjacent property had been trimmed and the trimmings left behind. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the adjacent property owner to have them removed.

Lollipop Beach - Need to get a quote to trim the bushes along the causeway. Red twig dog woods also need trimming back. Jim Delisle requested that trimming be done only on the inside of the causeway. Leave the bushes hanging out over the water, as it's good for fish.

Frank updated the Committee on some of the projects that the Lake Health Committee are currently looking into such as algae, phragmites and water quality.

Next meeting date: Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Clubhouse

Adjournment – 8:30pm (Jan Garrett made the motion, seconded by Marge Nichols, all approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Feldman