

Beaches and ROWS Committee

July 9, 2020

Meeting was called to order by chairperson Teri Nixon at 6:33PM.

Members present: Teri Nixon, Marge Nichols, Kathleen , Janet Garvan, Mary Withey, Maureen Dagon, Jody , Kelley Roy, Giselle Maillet and Patty Arnestad

Absent: Carl Wool, Kathy Garvie, Jeff Withey, and Lisa Salerno

NOTE: Teri Nixon was newly elected to the Board of Directors of Amston Lake District, and volunteered to chair this committee. She shared a tour of the lake's beaches and ROWs with Maureen Dagon, learning about plunge pools and spillways and other important lake features that the committee is responsible to monitor and maintain, with the board's approval. Many boats were observed on the beaches and ROWS not on racks and blocking access to the lake. Teri requested stewards to revisit their designated area and note boats that still remain a problem after the holiday weekend.

- 1) **Cove Road:** Undergrowth in the plunge pool needs to be cut back, as reported by Kathleen who is on the Lake Health Committee. The wooden board that is horizontal to the lake needs to be reviewed for a better design, not the present rocks and board. Jody reported that she showed the ROW to Todd Montagne (member of the Board of Directors) also that the bench has been moved back away from the shore as requested. Discussion about a new design for the ROW near the shore. Area needs to be re-evaluated.
- 2) **Oakland ROW:** The wall is deteriorating and will be repaired in the fall when the lake drops. (Carl has been working on getting approval from the Town of Hebron). The neighbor indicated that he has no problem with the repair of the wall.
- 3) **Ryan Terrace ROW:** A proposal for improvement to the scrub brush area below the racks to the lake was shared with the committee, with pictures and some cost estimates for a pollinator garden for erosion control and aesthetics. ROW Stewards Marge and Jan shared details about the area and a discussion arose about the stumps as a tripping hazard and liability, and accommodations for older residents to get their boats to the lake.
- 4) **Lollipop Beach:** A new ramp is waiting to be installed. The old one has a 6-7 inch gap that is a safety hazard. Stewards indicated that a new messages sign is needed for the Entrance area indicating that it is Amston Lake, etc., the current one is looking very shabby. Solar Lights for the parking lot still needs research. Porta-Potti has bad odors frequently and needs attention. Large bags of garbage were left at the beach in the parking lot over the weekend; Patty A. and her husband volunteered to clean it up.
- 5) **Elsmere ROW:** Spillway is in need of reconstruction and is to be done in this year's budget
- 6) **Francis ROW:** Several boats were restricting access to the lake during the holiday weekend. This may be a location that needs another boat rack, so there is a space to put the boats, not on the shoreline, blocking access. Also, this ROW has unclear property lines of where the ROW begins and ends, while respecting property lines of the abutting neighbors.

- 7) **No issues at Meadowbrook or Spafford** other than boats laying on shoreline or in spillway. Stewards will report repeat offenders' boat numbers to the appropriate board member for letters to be sent. (Todd?)

10) OTHER:

Surveys of property lines of Beaches and ROWS/ some have already been done

Limit of size of electric motors as horsepower increases and speeds on motors (no problem yet on the lake, but larger electric motors are being manufactured and could possibly show up on the lake)

New signs for security: NO PASS/NO ENTRY

The Board president, Frank Hoisl has requested that only the chairperson, Teri Nixon contact or communicate with him about committee concerns, etc.

Lisa Salerno continues to pick up after the geese on Mondays at Main beach. Committee members requested an email when help is needed so they can also help.

Discussion about Smoking on the beach. Lots of cigarette butts are left on the beaches and ROWs. Toxic chemicals from them are harmful to fish. Designated smoking areas were suggested. Other suggestions were made.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56PM.

Next meeting: August 13 at 6:30

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Dagon

"When Humans come together and listen to one another with respect, it brings benefit to the whole society."

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