

Beaches and Rows Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 6:00PM – Zoom meeting

Call to order and request volunteer to record meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM.

Volunteers and members roll call and introduction of new volunteers and guests

Maureen Dagon, Kathy Feldman, Janet Garrett, Karen Hinch, Marge Nichols, Jodi Stubbings, Kelly Verrett and Mary Withey

Approve previous meeting minutes – March 9, 2022

The minutes from the March 9, 2022, were approved. Marge motioned; Kelly seconded.

Updates from Stewards/Committee members regarding issues/condition of Beaches/ROWS

Main Beach

A volleyball net has been purchased and will be installed in early May. The big white sign that had the incorrect dates for “no dogs on the beach” has been corrected. A committee volunteer has been scooping goose poop from the beach, and another volunteer has offered to help. Raking will take place on the usual schedule.

Elsmere

No issues at this time. Committee volunteers have raked leaves. Baldi will give an estimate on removal of leaves from the road down thru the spillway. Piles of leaves at the shoreline will also need to be picked up and removed by a contractor after the spring cleanup.

Francis

The crumbling wall adjacent to the ROW has mostly fallen into the lake. Some spring cleanup has been done by committee volunteers and a resident. There is only one boat rack; there is room for a second if needed.

Oakland

Six bushes have been planted along the property line to replace bushes damaged last year when maintenance was completed. The rocks in the spillway from the plunge pool to the water have sunk into the ground, so there is no longer a channel for the water to flow to the lake and is washing over the ROW eroding the beach area. Larger rocks like those at Elsmere have been suggested to re-establish the spillway channel. The large white sign with the incorrect date for “no dogs allowed” has been removed.

Meadowbrook

No issues at this time.

Cove

The waterfront looks good. An estimate from our contractor is expected for leaf raking and to plant grass seed. Topsoil will probably not be needed. The silt fence here and in other areas did not seem to help because it was placed before all of the leaves were removed. It would be more effective in the future if silt fencing is put in place after fall leaf removal is complete.

Lollipop Beach

A bench has been ordered to honor Jeff Hatch for his service on behalf of the Lake. Location for the bench was discussed. Motion by Mary, seconded by Karen, to place the bench on the left side, between the end of the causeway and beginning of the secondary beach area, facing the point to view the sunset. Wording of the plaque should be similar to the plaque for Claire Lenti which is at the Elsmere ROW. Silt fencing has been removed. It helped to prevent erosion of sand into the Lake. The “no dog” dates have been corrected on the sign.

Ryan Terrace

No issues at this time.

Manion

Committee members met the contractor regarding location of 3 or 4 large rocks. A committee volunteer has rocks to donate. The contractor will place them closer to the road to stop cars from pulling in. Frank is marking where he wants to rocks placed. “No Smoking” signs are needed at this and other ROW’s. Frank will handle. A committee volunteer has raked at Manion, and leaves are awaiting pickup. This project has been approved and will be completed within a couple of weeks.

Other

New Boat Rack and Beaches and ROWs Protocols: New protocol sheet has been issued. It should be handed out with ALL boat stickers. It also could be laminated and posted on a boat rack at every beach and ROW. A committee member is checking on getting a few laminated. A request to the ALD to send the new protocols in an email blast and put it on the ALD website. NOTE: An error in the dates for the dogs NOT to be present on the beaches and ROWs needs to be corrected. (October 31 is on the printed form, but the date should be September 30)

Lake Cleanup Day: Since fall cleanup is usually the most labor intensive to remove leaves from the water, spring cleanup should not be too laborious. ROW’s needing the most attention are Cove and Meadowbrook. Therefore, it will be limited to a few committee volunteers. Between now and fall cleanup, we will work on getting the waiver issue clarified to achieve broader resident participation. Cleanup day is April 23, rain date April 24. Meet at Cove ROW by 10 a.m. A committee member will bring a few rakes and tarps. Volunteers may also bring their own rakes, etc.

Flower Plantings: Beautification of beaches and ROWs with pollinator plants has been suggested. It would benefit aesthetically, and would also benefit Lake health. Any flower plantings must be approved by the Board. A committee member will bring the issue to the attention of Lake Health for their endorsement and then presented to the Board.

Poison Ivy: A contractor has been hired to spray for poison ivy again this year, as needed.

Motion to adjourn:

Marge made a motion to adjourn, and Kathy seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09PM.

Next meeting date: **Wednesday, May 11, 2022.** It will be an in-person meeting. May meeting will be held at Cove ROW, per motion by Janet, seconded by Mary. In case of rain, it will be held in the Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hinch