

Beaches and Rows Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 @ 6:00PM – Manion ROW

Agenda Items:

1. **Call to order and request volunteer to record meeting minutes** - Meeting called to order at 6:06pm
2. **Members present and introduction of new members and guests** - Karen Hinch, Maureen Dagon, Janet Garrett, Patricia Arnestad, Teri Nixon, Jodi Stubbings, Karen Patterson, Kelly Verrett, Mary Withey
 - Maureen Dagon shared some of the history of the committee and that after 6 years on the committee, she has decided to resign as a member to spend more time with her family. John Slauenwhite and Cherie Shaft will assume stewardship of the Oakland ROW. Discussion with Karen Patterson in attendance. Karen agreed to be a co-chair of the committee with Teri.
 - Discussion regarding how to get more people involved. Possibly send an email blast or share on Amston Lake Facebook page. Suggestion to take information from the recent newsletter to laminate and post at the Beaches and ROWs. Teri will type up a draft of information to share with the committee for review. A message will also be posted on Facebook several days before each meeting sharing our meeting time and location and inviting community members to attend.
3. **Approve previous meeting minutes** – May 11, 2022 Meeting minutes approved. Patty made a motion to approve, and Jodi seconded.
4. **Updates and reports for individual Beaches and ROWs-**
 - **Main Beach** - Discussion regarding geese deterrent flags. Reviewed information shared by a member of the BOD. Karen P agreed to do some research to identify a product. Suggested that we try on Oakland ROW as geese droppings have been a problem there. Main beach was raked by our contractor. The beach will be raked every 2 weeks.
 - **Elsmere** – Green algae blooms were noted and brought to the attention of the Lake Health Committee. A Lake Health Committee member identified it as filamentous algae which is not harmful. Elsmere has 15 empty spaces on boat racks. Parking at Elsmere is limited, but parking on side streets or nearby ROW at Francis Drive is available.
 - **Francis** - No issues at this time.
 - **Oakland** - Beach has been raked. This ROW's waterfront will be maintained by volunteers and not our contractor.
 - **Meadowbrook** - No issues at this time. Karen Hinch agreed to be the steward for this ROW.
 - **Cove** - Waterline has been raked several times. Some erosion and presence of foam at waterline noted. Discussion regarding foam and whether it is naturally occurring or the result of contamination. Jeff Arpin will be contacted to discuss. The steward will assess whether gravel needs to be raked.
 - **Lollipop Beach** - The plaque was added to the bench at Lollipop. Lollipop was raked and will be raked every 2 weeks by contractor. Dogs continue to be a problem. If someone sees someone on the beach with a dog after hours, the Board Member who is responsible for security should be contacted.
 - **Ryan Terrace** – The steward reported that erosion is occurring at the waterline due to the steep nature of the property. The water from the road continues to run down the center of the row. Discussed whether contractor who did the work on the ROW could be contacted to review what is happening. Pressure treated wood on stairs needs to be repaired/replaced and a handrail for the stairs should be installed. Teri will try and find a contractor to do the needed repair.

- **Manion** - Boats without tags will be removed. Suggest trim bushes along the sides of the ROW. Boats should all be along one side to increase space. Committee members encouraged to place red tags on boats without appropriate lake tags.

5. Other items -

- ALD Newsletter – recent edition of the Amston Laker has information about the Beaches and ROWs committee.
- Flower planting around the lake – Discussion regarding what process should be put in place if members of the committee want to plant flowers at the Beaches or ROWS. Propose that the Steward for the ROW discuss proposed planting. Proposal will be brought to Beaches and ROWs committee members to discuss with the BOD. Discussed having a member of the community who is a Master Gardener consult regarding plant selection and placement.
- Roads will be milled this weekend (Bush, Scanlon, and Andrews Roads) – Informational for the committee.
- Boat Racks – The committee continues to identify a contractor.
- Storm Drain – Kelly Corner storm drain needs work.

6. Motion to adjourn – Mary made a motion and Jan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7: 30pm.

Next meeting date: **Wednesday, July 13, 2022 (in person) at Elsmere ROW.**

Submitted by –
Mary Withey