

Lake Forest Estates
Board of Directors Meeting
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November 14th, 2019 Next Board Meeting

Call to order 7:00 pm

Jim Donze, Harry Davis, Bob Palmer, Mark Wiegert, Dave Evelsizer, Mark Basler and Greg Stephenson were in attendance.

Announcements:

Mark Basler gave an update on the progression of the Sewer Project. Voting ballots are being sent out to those Lake Forest lot owners who are registered voters in Ste. Genevieve County. If a lot owner is a registered voter in another county, they will not be able to vote on the creation of the Sewer District. Mark encouraged everyone to vote yes on the creation of the Sewer District since it is the first major milestone in the Sewer Project. Without the Sewer District Lake Forest has no access to funds to cover the cost of the project. The only other option would be to have lot owners pay a special assessment of around \$17,000 each. Additionally, we are currently under two daily fines of \$10,000 each which the Missouri DNR is waiving if we comply with our proposed timeline to upgrade the sewer plant. Everyone's vote is critical and much information has been socialized about this issue to the community. If there is something you do not understand about this effort please contact the board at lfeboard@gmail.com

A question was asked by a resident if we could negotiate the TMDL which is the document that list our limits and our current outflow out of the sewer plant. The answer was there is no negotiating with the MO DNR. We have stretched this out as far as we can go with MO DNR. Over the past 10 years or more, there have be multiple trips to Jefferson City by Board Members and Committee Members, we have had MO DNR and State Congressmen here at Lake Forest, there have been meetings with Waters Engineering who is our consultant Engineering firm and other associated activities surrounding this requirement and we just cannot put this off any longer. A failure on our part to comply with the agreed upon timeline between Lake Forest and the MO DNR will trigger the two \$10,000 daily fines which will start accumulating immediately.

A question was asked if we could post the Sewer Project timeline on the website. The Sewer Project timeline is posted on the website currently. Duane Harley and Mark Basler said that once we get past

the creation of the Sewer District which is a major milestone, we will start seeing more granular activities on the timeline.

Open Forum:

A resident asked if we could have people renting the Hall to take down all of their signs and balloons from outside the building and the roadway after their event is over. The Board agrees that is part of the cleanup of the Hall after the event it complete. Please comply.

Business session

Approval of Minutes-

Motion to approve the September minutes made by Harry Davis. Second by Dave Evelsizer. Motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurers Report- Bob Palmer

As of September 30, 2019, we had \$195,250 in checking accounts and \$339,436 in certificates of deposit. Our loan balance was \$200,724.

Total income for the fiscal year beginning February 1st was \$400,961. Expenses were \$216,925, resulting in net income of \$184,036.

Motion to approve the Treasures report by Greg Stephenson. Second by Harry Davis. Motion passed with all in favor.

Community Managers Report: Tom Duro

Water Usage – Well #1 pumped 1,836,000 gallons and Well #2 pumped 711,000 gallons for a total of 2,547,000 gallons. Everything is running well.

Lagoons – All pumps are running normal. We installed another aerator in the final cell to bring up our oxygen levels. Water Treatment Tech checked lagoons for sludge. All in great shape. Only 10—15% sludge.

Maintenance – Grass cutting is slacking off. Rented a skid steer for October. Cleaned up many areas around boat sheds and cut in ditches that were needed Also removed cedar trees at entrance to make way for new lighting project. There are still several projects to use it on. Assisted in locating water shut offs. 2 successful, 1 not. Took dump truck in for brakes. It had to be a total overall of master cylinder, rotors, pads and calipers due to rust at frozen slide bolts. Cost was \$1814.66. Riverside mowed all 3 dams.

Thank you to Joe Swope for donating a 4' wood rack to the club house. Thank you to George Meyer and Tom Brown for power washing the post office.

The following bills were voted on to be paid:

DBK Salt \$2580.66

Motion to approve by Dave Evelsizer. Second by Mark Wiegert. Motion passed with all in favor.

Water Treat Technology \$505.00

Motion to approve by Harry Davis. Second by Dave Evelsizer. Motion passed with all in favor.

Riverside Landscaping \$700.00

Motion to approve by Mark Wiegert. Second by Mark Basler. Motion passed with all in favor.

D & S \$1814.66

Motion to approve by Bob Palmer. Second by Greg Stephenson. Motion passed with all in favor.

Committees:

Public Works: Don Kuehn

Don talked about dressing up the ditch out in front of the office where it's pretty low and hard to mow. While we have the skid steer would be a great time to get this done. Tom will be looking at that and making a determination.

Also, Don said the Lake Forest entrance lighting upgrade is moving along. There will be more information sent out as recommendations and decisions are being made.

A resident asked about the speed bumps on Cedar Circle that was talked about a few meetings ago. Moveable speed bumps are being considered as an option but additional asphalt speed bumps are still a possibility. Please be a good neighbor and slow down!

A question was asked about the street sign at Cedar Circle and Lakewood Drive that is looking bad. Street signs are on the list of things that have been identified in the budget to get replaced.

Planning and Finance: Bob Palmer

No Report

ACC: Todd Donze

Closed several permits. Approved two permits for window wells and one permit for a front porch. I also had several calls for tree removals for upcoming projects.

Lakes: Duane Harley

The plan is to remove the no-wake safety buoys this month. This year rather than removing the cabling and anchor weights we plan to remove the white warning buoys for winter storage and replace them with 12" diameter orange mooring buoys. The anchors and cabling will stay in place when the lake either rises or falls and should not dislodge due to the size of the mooring buoys. The goal here is to extend the life of the white warning buoys. We are in the process of designing a carabiner latching system that will allow future change out of the mooring ball and buoys.

It appears as though someone has rammed into the other boat launch post and sign down by the dam. In the future that post like the other one will require being dug out and a more substantial concrete base installed. This incident was never reported to the best of my knowledge.

Just a reminder that the boating regulations are posted on our website at www.lakeforeststatesmo.com.

The small lake is on the schedule to be dropped this year, however if no one needs to have work done the lake will not be dropped. Please contact the office and get your permit scheduled if you are planning to have work done on the small lake.

Security: Dave Evelsizer

The Security Guard will be on site for Halloween.

The window stickers were ordered and should arrived soon. These are a small vinyl sticker that will go inside your windshield that will have 3 trees and a control number. This sticker will identify your vehicle as being owned by a lot owner at Lake Forest. This is a non-descript way that others can identify you and your vehicle as belonging on Lake Forest property. These will be free and once they arrive we will work on a way to get them out to the residents.

Hall – Tom Duro

No report

Entertainment- Sue Alexander

Annual Garage Sale occurred on Saturday, 9/21/19, 7AM-12PM. All tables were reserved by LF residents. \$140 collected, and \$62 spent on two Ste Genevieve Herald advertisements, and supplies.

Oktoberfest was held on Saturday, 10/5/19, starting 330PM. Thanks go out to our grill master, Rick Jokerst; DJ, Harry Davis; coordinator, Rose Kastrup; refreshments, Jim Donze; and all those that helped set up and tear down, Greg Stephenson & son, John Picou, Wayne Basler, Paul Kreilich, and Tom Duro. Thanks to Petree Rein Powell for the decorations. Many thanks to all the residents for contributing to the buffet. Children enjoyed a bounce house, and weather was enjoyed by all.

Upcoming planned events: Halloween Witches, date TBD, and Christmas Children's party, date TBD.

As always, committee volunteers welcome!

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Curb Appeal – Linda Summers

The Curb Appeal Committee's FALL CLEANUP DAY is scheduled for October 19th at 8:00 am – 12:00. We will meet at the Community Center parking lot and work primarily in that area. I will have perennials available on a first come, first served basis at the Community Center on that date. If you have a few hours to contribute to the work team and your neighborhood, please join us.

A big thank you goes to the volunteers who worked with me in September to get most of our common planting areas weeded, trimmed and in shape for winter.

Contact Linda Summers @ (314) 609-1120 for more information or to volunteer your time. **Curb Appeal benefits every Lake Forest Estates resident.**

Boatsheds: Bruce Giesler

Two new large sheds are under way.

Pool- Tom Duro

Ragsdale winterized pool lines. Cost was about \$1530 but having about \$1445 in left over chemicals, we only owed about \$85.

ATV – John Summer

The trails are in great condition.

I had 6 youth volunteers help me with the walking trail behind the post office.

With the help of Duane Harley, we cleared about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the trail of debris and sprayed for weeds. I will finish the rest of the cleanup of this trail in the next week.

I will still be having a fall cleanup day. This time we will be focusing on the first foot bridge on the Walking Trail by the Post Office. The date is October 19th 9:00 – 11:00. I would like to see more ATV/GOLFCART owners' participation in our trails upkeep. We will be replacing the 2X6 treated boards on the bridge.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over Chairmanship of the ATV/CART Committee. If you would like to help Lake Forest out and get involved please contact John Summers 314 420-2606, or a Board Member.

Any violations of Lake Forest Rules and safety concerns will be handled in a progressive discipline manner, as with any other Lake Forest benefit. Let someone know if you see dangerous behavior. Or better yet, call the Sheriff and file a complaint.

Webmaster – Beth Meier

The website is in great shape thanks to Beth! Please use the Website there is a lot of information there.

Old Business:

A resident complained about cars speeding on Tall Pines. Please be a good neighbor and slow down. If you have young drivers in your family please have them watch their speed. The Board has been sending out warning letters for speeding in the neighborhood. After the warning letter you could be fined.

New Business:

None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Harry Davis. Second by Dave Evelsizer. Motion passed with all in favor.