

Lake Forest Estates
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12th, 2023
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February 9th, 2023 Next Board Meeting

Call to order 7:00 pm

Jim Donze, Tim Uding, Dave Evelsizer, Rose Kastrup, Mark Wiegert, and Kent Orrick were in attendance.

Announcements:

If you are interested in running for the Board, please get your resume into the office by February 15th, 2023.

Open Forum:

Todd Jokerst proposed window tinting for the Community Center. There was discussion about the benefits of reduced glare and energy savings for cooling.

Todd also presented the purchase of two TV's, one over the fireplace in the Frontenac room and one over the fireplace in the main hall.

Kayla Hogenmiller asked how to get access to the Community Center for community events. Jim Donze said that those events went through the Entertainment Committee for scheduling.

Business session

Approval of Minutes-

Motion to approve the December 2022 Board Meeting minutes made by Mark Wiegert. Second by Tim Uding. Motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurers Report- Rose Kastrup

As of December 31, we had \$378,118 in our checking accounts and \$230,250 in certificates of deposit.

For the twelve months ending December 31, total income was \$432,148. Expenses for the same period were \$274,333 resulting in net income of \$217,815.

Jim Donze mentioned that we need to get the documentation together on Lake Forest's payment to the Water District for water which was two payments of \$36,000 each. This covered the cost of operating

the sewer plant and water during the time that the Water District was not billing residents but responsible for the operation of these services.

Jim also said that Lake Forest needs to get the hours on how much time Tom Duro is spending working for the Water District so that Lake Forest can be reimbursed for those hours.

Additionally, Jim said that we need to look at moving some funds into a CD for the time being. These are funds earmarked for Capital improvements such as road repair.

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report made by Mark Wiegert. Second by Dave Evelsizer. Motion passed with all in favor.

Community Managers Report: Tom Duro

A New throttle cable was installed on the Gator. It also needs a new starter.

The dump truck needed a new windshield to pass inspection. Glasstime in Festus came down and installed it for about \$285.00.

Jokerst Landscaping did more ditch work on the dam before Lakewood.

The one snow event we had was hard to work with. Salt only works to about 15 degrees. The temperature was below zero for a few evenings.

Board Approvals

\$584.39- MFA (Post Office Propane)

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

\$2060.00- Jokerst Landscaping (Ditch Work)

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

Jim Donze discussed the handicap ramp at the Post Office and that pricing and design are still ongoing.

Committees:

Public Works: Don Kuehn

Already captured in Tom's report. There are a few more ditches that will be worked on.

Planning and Finance: Rose Kastrup

See Roses report...

Kent Orrick said that there is a discrepancy in the Fiscal year for Lake Forest. The By-Laws state that our Fiscal year runs from March through February and not February through January. This was tabled until more information can be found on the discrepancy.

Dave Evelsizer made a motion that no spending for cosmetic or unnecessary upgrades or changes to any building or structure, to include the Community Center, Marina Pavilion and Post Office, shall exceed \$2,000, in any fiscal until the Clean Water District project is completed. This limit will not extend to normal, scheduled Public Works budgetary expenses for maintenance and upkeep.

There was a lot of discussion about Dave's motion and the impact on limiting improvements in the Community. Jim Donze told everyone that with the unknown expenses with the Sewer upgrade that we need to be very careful spending money until we know more about what Lake Forest may be liable for in the future. He went on to say that it does look like we have a lot of money in the bank but a 5% overrun on the Sewer upgrade could easily wipe that out.

Dave Evelsizer amended his motion to say that no spending for cosmetic or unnecessary upgrades or changes to any building or structure, to include the Community Center, Marina Pavilion and Post Office, shall exceed \$3,000, in this fiscal year. This limit will not extend to normal, scheduled Public Works budgetary expenses for maintenance and upkeep. Motion seconded by Tim Uding. Motion passed with a majority voting in favor. Mark Wiegert voted no.

Tom Duro asked who is the Chair of the Community Center Committee? Kent Orrick is the Chairman was the response.

ACC: Tom Duro

There was an application for a room addition. Also, two lots were purchased by Doug Meyer with the intention of building houses.

Currently for new construction the application and cost for water hook up are in our building permit. That needs to be taken out and moved over to the Water District.

Kent Orrick made a motion to move the water tap cost and application from Lake Forest Building Permit to the Water District. Rose Kastrup seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

Lakes: Chuck Easley/Ray Joggerst

The otters are still in Lake Anne. Otters are carnivores and in addition to eating fish, will eat small mammals, making small dogs and cats potential prey. If threatened, they have been known to attack humans. Thus, we believe they need to be removed from Lake Forest's lakes. Ray and Tim have attempted to live trap them but have not had any luck. At this point, we would be asking for permission from the board to bring in outside help to trap the otters and remove them from the property. The Board approves the trapping provided the Lake Committee contacts the local DNR Game Warden to advise him of the plan. Residents' property cannot be accessed without prior approval.

The locks at the ramps will change to the new code on or about March 1st. The cable gates and locks are to prevent unauthorized access to the lake so please do not share this code with anyone or post it on any social media platform and please lock the gates after you have launched/loaded your boat.

The no wake buoys will be put back out once the marina end is navigable again and we are out of the serious threats for ice.

The annual kids fishing day will be June 10, 2023. We will be holding a free will pancake breakfast this spring in support of it. The date for the pancake breakfast has not been set yet.

We will be holding a spring bass tournament on Lake Anne. The date for it is not yet set.

Boat Slip Lottery applications need to be in the office by February 1st, 2023.

We received a request for the Polar Plunge for March 4th, 2023, at the Marina. Motion to approve by Kent Orrick. Second by Tim Uding. Motion approved with all in favor.

Security: Dave Evelsizer

A resident parked her car at the O Road commuter lot and her plates were stolen and replaced with the plates from a stolen car. Our Flock camera picked up the license plate, but it took few days to figure out what had transpired. The Flock camera has proved to be very effective, and the Sheriff's Department responds immediately when triggered.

All Season's Lawn Care off OO/DD had all their catalytic converters cut off their vehicles. These are a high theft item. Be aware when leaving your vehicles for extended periods of time. Some were taken at the Boat Sheds but without a time frame to look at it's hard to go back in time to find anything.

Rules Committee- Dave Evelsizer

No report

Hall- Tom

Hall is in good shape. Booking is picking up as the year starts.

Entertainment-

We have someone interested in being the Committee Chair for the Entertainment Committee. If you are interested let the office know. This will be filled at the next Board Meeting.

Curb Appeal – Open

No report

Boatsheds: Dan Kastrup

We are still waiting on the concrete to be poured for the new boat sheds.

There is one opening for reserved camper spots for \$100 a year. Inquire at the office if you are interested.

Pool- Tom Duro

It's time to start sending lifeguard applications to the office. We also need a place to get recertification.

ATV – Greg Stephenson

Ray Joggerst asked residents to stay off the mud and not make things worse on the trails.

Webmaster – Rhonda

Please use the Website there is a lot of information there. Please send photos to Rhonda at lakeforest63670@gmail.com

If you are an experienced webmaster and would like to help with the Lake Forest website, contact Tom Duro.

Old Business:

Bob Bach brought up the emergency response team and asked if anyone was interested in participating. Bob would like to get this going again. If you are interested contact Bob Bach.

New Business:

None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Kent Orrick. Seconded by Dave Evelsizer. Motion passed with all in favor.