

Lake Forest Estates
Board of Directors Meeting
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March 10th, 2022 Next Board Meeting

Call to order 7:00 pm

Jim Donze, Mark Basler, Greg Stephenson, Kent Orrick, Mark Wiegert, Tim Uding, and Dave Evelsizer were in attendance.

Announcements:

Resumes to get on the ballot for the three Board seats have now closed. Best of luck to all who have submitted their resume. Beth will be sending out the resumes along with the ballots soon. The votes will be counted at the Annual meeting in April.

The valve to Lake Anne has been closed and will remain closed so the lake can return to its normal level.

Open Forum:

A resident complimented Tom for doing a great job with the snow removal. The Board thanked Tom as well. Tom received a well-deserved round of applause.

Business session

Approval of Minutes-

Motion to approve the January 2022 Board Meeting minutes made by Dave Evelsizer. Seconded by Mark Wiegert. Motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurers Report- Kent Orrick

As of January 31, we had \$176,451 in our checking accounts and \$229,234 in certificates of deposit.

For the twelve months ending January 31, total income was \$366,917. Expenses for the same time period were \$254,944, resulting in net income of \$111,973.

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

Community Managers Report: Tom Duro

This past month was slow. I spent time on keeping an eye on what I hope is the end of Aptitude installs and PLC changing poles for Citizens. We had 1 deep snow event that took us days to get cleaned up. I hope there wasn't an inconvenience to anyone on our part.

Lake Ann valve is closed now, so the lake will fill as it rains.

Joe Zimmerman replaced 4 of the LED pods on the new streetlights. Joe used his company's lift truck. Thank you to Joe for his assistance.

Board Approvals

Cape Janitorial- \$767.19

Motion to approve by Dave Evelsizer. Seconded by Tim Uding. Motion passed with all in favor.

Wolk Insurance- \$3335.85

Motion to approve by Dave Evelsizer. Seconded by Tim Uding. Motion passed with all in favor.

MFA Propane- \$607.45

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

Committees:

Public Works: Don Kuehn

Don once again thanked Tom for a great job on the snow removal.

There was a request to repair a ditch on Hilltop. This will be done this spring.

Planning and Finance: Kent Orrick

No report

ACC: Tom Duro

There is one boat slip being finished.

Lakes: Chuck Easley/Ray Joggerst

Just a reminder that the locks at the ramps will change to the new code on or about March 1st. The new code will be on the back of the boat registration stickers when you get your 2022 stickers. The 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.

The annual kids fishing day will be June 11, 2022. We will be holding a free-will pancake breakfast this Spring in support of it and will be seeking volunteers to help us with this event.

Based on the information from the CWD meeting last month, we will be looking into places to get fish for stocking this spring.

There were 18 entries for the 20 boat slips. The drawing was held to determine the order in which people would be able to select their boat slip. Beth will contact people in the order their names were drawn and let them select their slip from her diagram.

Security: Dave Evelsizer

We are looking for a new Security Guard Company. We will not be able to use the one we have for the past years.

Lance White with the Ste. Genevieve Sheriff's Department brought up the Flock System again to the Board. This is a camera system that can track vehicles that are wanted by law enforcement. Jim Donze and Dave Evelsizer will be in contact with the Sheriff's Department to see how this can benefit Lake Forest.

Rules Committee- Dave Evelsizer

The Rules Committee will be working on updating the rule book for action at the Annual Meeting in April. Expect anywhere from 5 to 10 rules that will be clarified with better language or added to the rule book as a new rule. More to follow at the March Board meeting on this in preparation for the Annual meeting.

Entertainment- Sue Alexander

No Report

Curb Appeal – Open

The Board would like to thank those individuals who have taken on the responsibility for upkeep of certain areas of Lake Forest:

Boatsheds: Tim Uding

We are getting bids for 4 large boat sheds and 10 smaller boat sheds like the new metal ones that went in last. If you are interested in a boat shed, have the office put your name on the list. No commitment until the prices are firmed up and a deposit is made. We need to at least gauge the serious interest.

Pool- Tom Duro

If you are interested in being a Lifeguard for the upcoming summer, please apply now. Also Red Cross training is required so that is a necessary class that candidates need to have for employment.

ATV – Greg Stephenson

No report

Webmaster – Beth Meier

Please use the Website there is a lot of information there. Please send photos to the Beth at the office email address.

Old Business:

The Board decided to cancel the fireworks show since our contractor could not support us on the 4th of July weekend. The Board felt that along with not being able to have the show on the weekend of the 4th of July and an increase of \$1000 (\$5200) it was not worth it to the residents.

Jackie Supina asked if the Board would consider having the fireworks show on Labor Day weekend. The Board agreed and Tom will see if the company can support that weekend.

Bob Gustafason asked about the Annual Assessment not being lowered even though the Planning and Finance Committee presented an Annual Budget that reflected a reduction in the Assessment. Jim Donze replied that with the known capital improvements that are on the horizon, like the new roof for the Community Center and epoxying the pool that are over \$100,000 along with the unknown cost associated with the Sewer Plant upgrade that Lake Forest may be required to pay, it was not wise to lower the assessments at this time. The Lake Forest Clean Water District has already seen a million dollar increase in the cost of the project just based on inflation in the state of the current economy.

Additionally, there may be cost associated with dredging that the sewer project will not cover. While the equipment is onsite, it is a good time to get those coves dredged. Ultimately the Board is responsible for the financial health of the Association and the Board feels that it would not be prudent to present a reduction in the Assessment for the community to vote on. Jim also said that "Special Assessments" do not require any vote by the community and that the Board would not like to get into a situation where a Special Assessment is required for capital improvements or some other unforeseen issue.

The Board feels the timing is such that it would be risky to make a recommendation to the community to lower the assessments.

New Business:

None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Dave Evelsizer. Second by Greg Stephenson. Motion passed with all in favor.