

**WHITE LAKE AND DUCK LAKE SEVEN HARBORS ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JULY 16, 2020**

President LeVasseur called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the VFW hall on Duck Lake Road in Highland, Michigan.

**Trustees Present:**

Denise LeVasseur	Larry McCullen
Tom Oltesvig	Vicki Zellinger
Sharon Crary	Mike Kuzmich
Nancy Oltsevig	Linda Slack
Scott Thurlow	Nancy Drury

**Minutes**

Linda Slack read the minutes from the June meeting. No changes were proposed. Tom made a motion to approve the minutes as read. This was seconded by Sherry Miller and passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report**

Sharon explained the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Road and Contingency funds. After the transfer, the General Fund balance only reflects current year maintenance collections (including about \$7000 in collections from past due fees). 75% of the excess funds were transferred to the Road Fund and 25% of the excess funds were transferred to the Contingency Fund on the Treasurer's Report. Hopefully, this will provide some clarification of what funds are earmarked for in the future.

**Road Maintenance – Gravel and Ditches**

Scott reported on the roads on the Duck Lake side and said they look great after the grading and gravel was installed. Two of the gravel roads will be upgraded this year with three roads remaining to be done in 2021 with the new budget year. Ditches have also been cleaned however; there is still one issue outstanding on Campers that needs to be corrected. Joan Cooper has been working with the County on issues with the culvert that connects White Lake and Duck Lake. Scott discussed building a break wall into Duck Lake to prevent the sand from going into the culvert. Denice stated some of the boulders on Outlot B could be used for this project. Sharon was also authorized to purchase some grass seed and hay to help prevent the sand from filling the culvert also.

Denice investigated the purchase of new signs for the Duck Lake side also. Signs only run about \$40 each. There are a couple areas that need to be addressed with signage – one is a dead end street and the other is on the corner of Campers and

Hunters where many people seem to end up driving into the ditch. Signs would help to clarify the situation. Tom stated that he has sign posts available that we can use for this project.

Even after the gravel application, Scott explained that the roads are still very dusty. There was some discussion about calcium chloride application. Tom is going to check with Oakland County to inquire about whether this expense might be covered by them.

This discussion also led to the discussion of sand washing into the canal at the South Beach. We are investigating using boulders on Outlot B to build a breakwater 15-20 feet into the water from the South Beach. If we continue to purchase sand, it will continue to wash into the canal without this breakwater. It is planned that rocks will be visible just above the water line. Boats are not supposed to be in this area anyway given the buoy markers. Sherry expressed some concern about kayaks though and a potential liability issue. Denice suggested that maybe we contact the DNR.

Denice clarified that there are about 12 boulders on outlet B that can be split up between the project on the Duck Lake side and South Beach.

### **Road Maintenance - Other**

Sharon stated that the seal coat project for East and West Clarice is expected to begin on July 29th. The crack seal project is slightly delayed. Once this is complete, we don't expect any major road expenses for a few years – just minor annual maintenance.

### **Tree Removal**

A large branch fell just before the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend on the Lakeview Drive outlot. Denice has received a number of emails about other tree issues throughout the neighborhood. She added that the FY 2021 tree expense budget is very tight.

At the July Board meeting, Mike volunteered to develop a policy for tree removal in the future and presented some guidelines. His plan is to get three tree quotes in the future for trees. He has accumulated a list of tree removal contractors and noted that some of these contractors have arborists on staff. His guidelines include a breakdown of what is actually included in the quote, as the contractor did not remove the wood from the tree on Lakeview. We should consider increasing the tree budget next year.

At the last Board Meeting, we also discussed replacing each tree removed with a new tree. It was mentioned that an arborist might live in the neighborhood. Denice will investigate.

### **Outlot B**

We are depositing pea gravel on outlot B to correct muskrat damage. It was supposed to be delivered today. The pea gravel needs to be raked to fill in the holes. Denice received communication regarding other muskrat issues in the neighborhood, however, if these issues are on private property, it is the homeowners responsibility to correct them.

### **Gadd Court Erosion**

The outlot on Gadd Court is eroding and is now affecting the neighbors lot. Denice did a cleanup of this area last Sunday. There are posts and timbers there, but the neighbor is suggesting additional timbers to stop the erosion. Denice has some extra wood posts that we could use for this purpose. A member donated some soil that we could use for fill-in. We could also use some fieldstone if anyone has some available.

As it relates to the soil, Vicki had also mentioned an indentation near the South Beach that needs dirt. Tom volunteered his truck to move the soil to this area.

David Reed also mentioned that the break wall on the South Beach near the walking bridge has rusted through and the land behind it is starting to erode. We might want to consider a panel to put around the corner to remedy the situation. If we do not correct it, we will end up with a larger project in the long term. Denice asked Sharon to add this to the list of long-term projects. Placing rocks in front of the wall was also mentioned as a solution. The rocks prevent the ice from destroying the sea walls in the winter months.

### **Open Issues**

No other issues were noted. The next general membership meeting is the third Thursday in August.

At 7:52, Tom made the motion for the meeting to adjourn. Denice seconded it. This motion passed unanimously.