

White Birch Lakes
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2022
(Meeting conducted through GoToMeeting.com and at the Clubhouse)

I. Call to Order:

President Boos called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Board Members Present: President Boos; Directors Blaisdell, Bryant, Ostrowski, Dombrowski and Baker also, Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Trojanowski, Manager Michelle Waters and Lead Maintenance Jessica Johnson
Board Members Attending by Teleconference/GoToMeeting: None
Board Members/Others Absent: Brandle

Note: There were approximately 9 Members listening to the meeting through GoToMeeting and approximately 22 Members in Attendance at the Clubhouse.

The Invocation was given by President Boos.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present and listening.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

- ATV Policy and Discussion
- Tennis Court
- Quiet Time

III. Approval of Minutes:

(2) Director Ostrowski moves to approve the minutes from the August Board Meeting, 2nd by Director Dombrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

(3) Director Dombrowski moves to approve the financial reports for August as presented, subject to the Auditor's approval, 2nd by Director Bryant. All Ayes, motion carried.

(4) Director Ostrowski moves to approve the September Payables as presented, 2nd by Director Blaisdell. All Ayes, motion carried.

V. President's Report: President Boos reported the following:

“Labor Day weekend has passed, and many had a good time at White Birch, but remember camping season has not ended. There are many more weeks to enjoy the grounds and activities that are planned, such as the plant exchange, hayrides and Halloween.”

“The cornhole boards that were added this year are being used frequently. Wednesday nights is an unofficial tournament with over 30 people attending. This was a great spot to put these with the playground and pavilion in case of a scattered shower.”

“Unfortunately, we have had a couple of break-ins. The staff will be looking at the camera footage at the gates to see if we can assist in resolving these issues. Also, be aware there is now a camera set up at the emergency exit for additional surveillance.”

VI. Manager's Report: Michelle Waters reported the following:

“Good morning, everyone. The update on the gate is we are waiting on 2 parts that are backordered with no ship date as yet.”

“From the last meeting, I contacted Ideal Sealcoating. Their bid is for them to be here 2 days, one side per day. I did contact 2 other asphalt companies for other bids, but they did not come when they said they would.”

“We are currently looking for a full-time maintenance person as Justin Blakemore has taken a new job. If anyone knows of someone looking for full

time employment, tell them to fill out an application. As we are down to 1 full time person and 1 part time person, some projects will be put off. Please be patient and if there are simple projects that volunteers can help with such as staining the gazebo at Holiday Lake, picking up trash on the roadside and we have no trespassing signs that need to be put up on the boundary lines of WB before hunting season.”

“Jess and I are going to a gravel road maintenance seminar on the 21st, that is through the Center for Technology and Training it is free of charge for entities that maintain their own gravel roads. We look forward to this seminar.”

“We need to order cutting edges for the grader. We did not purchase any last year. In your packet is the price of what we need to order for the season. \$1565.26.”

(5) Director Ostrowski made a motion to purchase cutting blades for the grader at the cost of \$1565.26. 2nd Director Bryant. All Ayes, motion carried.

“Jess found chlorine for the pool \$2 less than what we have been paying. We are stocking up for the winter because the store only carries it through Nov 1.”

“I want to say Thank you to our staff for all the hard work they do. On Labor Day weekend, our Clubhouse Attendants were very busy and had to continually clean the clubhouse shower rooms because members would not remove their shoes as required. We need members to take responsibility to let us know when toilets are plugged so the debris doesn’t end up on the floor. If members could have more respect for their amenities, it would benefit everyone. Also, with the dumpsters in the campground, members continued to just pile on top of the lids and leave bags on or around the dumpsters, when there was a 20-yard dumpster not full right next to the small ones. Maintenance had to move all of the overflow so the garbage company could pick up our trash. This takes time away from other projects.”

“Also, the picnic table outside of the clubhouse was broken over the weekend. We watched the cameras to see what happened. It was not malicious but the teenager that broke it never reported it to the attendants.”

“I’ll state this again. If members could have more respect for their amenities, it would benefit everyone.”

VII. Maintenance Report: Jess had nothing to add at this time.

VIII. Committee Reports:

a. Additional Appointment of 2021-22 Committee Members:

Technology Committee: Jessica Statezni, Chairperson. Director Blaisdell, Liaison.

Activities Committee: Kim Mitchell

EPC Committee: Director Bryant reported the following:

Bob Mitchell has accepted the position as Chairperson. The board thanked Bob.

Director Bryant stated to everyone applying for EPC approval that the application is specific to what needs to be filled out, “If it is not filled out completely, it will not be addressed. You will get it back. Michelle has volunteered to state that every time she hands an application out. We can’t do our job if it is not complete. If you are doing anything near the property line, your property has to be identified. The stakes have to be identified. If removing trees, the trees have to be marked. We do not want other incidents like we had on Hemlock. When you get an application read it and fill it out completely, please. Thank you.

*(6) Director Ostrowski moves to approve the additional Members to the Committees as stated, 2nd by Director Blaisdell
All Ayes, motion carried.*

b. Committee Reports:

Safety Committee: Bob Pelfery:

“Labor Day weekend was the worst weekend that I have seen here in 26 years. And that is sad. We had people in here tearing up the roads, and it takes a lot of money to care for the roads. We had people very disrespectful this year for their neighbors, for me and for other people. Hey, come on we are up here to have a good time, I agree with that. But, lets have some respect for people who own property in here that like to come up and enjoy a little bit of this peace and quiet. We have people in here that will tell you where to go. That is sad, I put up with a lot, I hear complaints and I really bite my tongue sometimes. I wish people would come up here and enjoy themselves and have a little respect for our property, have respect for our bathrooms, have respect for the people that are up here enjoying themselves. We had a rollover on Wolf Lane. I don't know if he tipped it over or fell out of it. I didn't hear about it until later. Guys call the safety number don't wait until an hour or 2 later. Let's all enjoy the place we have. It is a beautiful area, let's enjoy it. The stop sign at Laurel Lane is going to get someone hurt, no one wants to stop. What is the difference? You don't go to Clare and not stop at their signs. Have respect for the signs, have respect for the speed limit in here. I mean it isn't that bad, I mean if you have an emergency, your husband is passed out or you have to get home, ok, but there is no reason for going 40 -50 mph down these roads. I am beating my head up against the wall. I need to have the support from somewhere. That is all I am going to say. I am glad everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves.”

Director Ostrowski, Liaison to the Committee, would like to request from the Board to set up a meeting with the Clare County Sherriff's Department. He stated, “There are a lot of rumors on what the department will and won't do and how involved they will be.” He would like to have a sit down with the department and get first hand from the law enforcement. “We had a lot of incidents this past weekend, an accident, a break in, and a lot of disregard for the laws. Will they come in? Can they come in on a certain basis? What will they do or don't do, but I want to hear it first-hand. I would like to get the authorization from the Board to have a meeting with the Sherriff's Department and at least hear from them and not hear say. At least see what our options are to try and curb some of the incidents we have had that are pretty serious safety issues, like a home break in, in the middle of the day and a break in at night, while the person was in their home. There was also an accident on Wolf Lane and I think he was taken away in an ambulance. I don't know if we are being naive thinking that once people go through these gates there is nothing going wrong or bad. It is. I think we need to see what the Sherriff's Department will and won't do and what he can and can't do and report back to the Board. I would love to have another Board member or someone on the Safety Committee to come along for an extra set of ears.” Director Baker supported the idea and requested that if she could not attend, she would like to add some questions to Director Ostrowski. Director Blaisdell supported and volunteered to join the meeting. Director Bryant and Dombrowski also agreed and President Boos stated he could proceed.

Director Blaisdell stated that he drove around with Bob on Saturday morning just to get a feel on what Bob is seeing. We rode for an hour; and went down to the campground and around. “Honestly, I didn't really see anything crazy”. (It was Labor Day weekend, on Saturday morning) Director Blaisdell would recommend that if you get an opportunity to ride around with Bob, that the Board members should. “The one thing I noticed on that particular day was a lot of children driving around, unsupervised or the parents were not with them or riding with them. Most of them were wearing helmets. There were a couple that were not. I think the thing that was most interesting to me, was when we first started, Bob and I pulled up to the corner of Wolf and Maple and as we were stopped a child came through on a motorcycle and stopped. He thought he had to stop because we were there. Bob said no you can go ahead and the child said OK thank you. But it kind of goes along with the fact that the children and members are being told that these roads are kind of trails. Thirty-three miles of trails. The parents are letting the kids go but there is a certain amount of children that I don't think understand the rules of the road. They may understand the rules of the trail but they do not understand the rules of the road. Somebody could potentially get hurt, especially if somebody is riding in a car behind them and didn't realize that he stopped and he could have been hurt. Director Blaisdell suggested that a solution or recommendation would be to see if White Birch could sponsor a program for children. Maybe Memorial Day weekend where we can have them come in and get some training and possibly get a certificate because that is part of the rules of the DNR. Those children need to have that certificate as a minimum even if they are with their parents.” This was a program that has been brought up before and Michelle stated that it is a program or class that is run by volunteers and we were not able to find someone previously in our area. We do have a new contact at the DNR and Michelle will look to see if there is anyone that would be willing to hold a class.

Safety Committee: Steve Biechele, Chairperson, reported the following:

Steve would like to thank Bob for all that he does. “I think that regarding the speeding maybe a handful of 8-year-olds with sling shots would take care of that. I did not get the report from the Sherriff's department this month. I will check and make sure I am still on the list to receive their emails. The report usually reflects calls, that fluctuate a lot such as property checks, so in the Winter we will see more of that. “Steve also requested that if his schedule would allow it, he would like to also sit in on t he meeting with the Sherriff's Department.

Director Baker would like to know if we can Brine after the holiday weekend. It was explained that first we are at the mercy of the company's schedule and 2nd the brining is to keep the dust control down during the busy weekend. Her other question was if we can use speed bumps on other roads to keep speed under control? Director Dombrowski stated that this has been discussed before and with some research it was shown that there has been some HOH that have been sued for putting in unauthorized speed bumps when an injury has taken place. Something to consider. We would need clarification on how to get approval to install these.

Bob Pelfery added that if anyone would like to do a ride along, come out after dinner at like 5 or 6 at night. It was added that Bob does also have a camera

with him to document interactions.

Election Committee: Teresa Stephens, Chairperson, reported the following:

“There will be a meeting next month on Thursday the 13th at 10:00 am. It is just something we do in the Fall to kind of review how the election procedure went, outline dates for next year, find out what we did wrong and what we did right. I think we did a pretty good job this year. We were done counting before the comments from the floor were finished. So, it just expedited things, I think we counted that as pretty much a well-oiled machine. I want to thank the Board for changing the order of the meeting, so that we could do that. It just makes everything so much smoother. So, Thank you. I got a list of the members on the committee and will be calling them, just to make sure that if they are not here or don't read the newsletter, they will know. The next meeting will not be until Spring.”

Conservation Committee: Dawn Holzer reporting the following:

“Well, I kind of have a committee but there is not a committee that we had last year Conservation. I am currently working with Clare County Gypsy moths survey and we do have a forester by the name of Joe Nash. I asked him to come out to a member's house to check and see if it was Oak Wilt. If it was Oak Wilt it would be really bad. He took some samples and sent it in to UofM, and there is no charge for him to come out and do this type of thing. Members just have to contact him and I have some business cards. The second thing is that I had him check the tree at the gate. When you go out the gate on the right-hand side there is a big Oak tree there, I was concerned that it had Oak Wilt. Well, it is not. It is Chestnut Bore. It is an insect and that can spread to other trees, not by the root system like Oak does. It jumps to the trees. He suggested that we have that tree cut down and the stump ground, so it does not pass it on to other Oak trees in that area. There is a lot out there. Just an FYI. His name is Joe Nash and his phone number, at the Conservation, is 989 539-6401 ext. 3. We will have to get a professional to get that tree out of there during a slow time. If anyone has concerns about maybe having Oak Wilt in the woods, I have been looking really good, and we are looking really good, compared to other townships in the community. There are townships out there that had devastation to a lot of areas. When Oak Wilt gets started, it travels in the root underground. You should not be cutting Oak trees between the month of April thru July. I hope that these vendors that are clearing these lots know this and if they don't, they need to be told. If Oak Wilt gets in here, we will not have a forest. You can look up on Goggle and it will tell you everything you need to know about Oak Wilt. I also did get some more pamphlets for members and new member packets.” This is going to be turned over to Director Brandle who has handled this in the past.

Director Dombrowski brought up that the Monarch Butterflies have been put on the Endangered Species list. He stated that “He remembered as a child on the pipeline, lots and lots of milkweed, which is its major food source. I know that the gas company cuts the pipeline on a fairly regular basis. I purchased some seed on the internet, relatively cheap, and just sprinkled them along my property and the pipeline where I remember them growing as a child. Anyone else that has some clearings or along the pipeline just check it out. You are looking at \$10 - \$15. Monarch Butterflies are such a beautiful thing. We all remember them. It took me a couple of clicks and then 10 minutes of talking. Now is the perfect time to plant them.

C & R Committee: Director Baker reporting for Marie Sherry, Chairperson.

The C & R Committee has created a preliminary draft of a proposed C & R document. Discussions at our recent September 6th meeting will be incorporated and then run by various stakeholders, including the Board. The goal remains to have a final draft to the Board by November. The C & R Committee Chair strongly recommends that a good electronic communication system with the members be established no later than December 2022. Preferably before. Member education is crucial to the success of this endeavor.

President Boos added that Marie also requested that the Board have a work session to go over just the C & R's and her proposals. She could not do it on the 17th of September. It was decided that a work session/Special Meeting would be scheduled for Saturday, September 24th at 10 am at the Clubhouse. This is an Open meeting for this work session. This will be posted for members.

Technology Committee: Director Blaisdell reporting the following:

“I did contact about 3 or 4 months ago Steve Scoville who is the Superintendent of Farwell schools. He came to a Lincoln Twp board meeting and addressed the board meeting and talked about the potential of running a line to connect Harrison schools and Farwell schools together. They were looking at two (2) different ways for it to go. One of them would have been going down Old State Road, and was encouraging because if they were going to run a line through there. It was a possibility that White Birch might be able to connect to that depending on the company that would be running the line and whether they would do it. Everyone was all excited about it and I hadn't heard anything about it so I contacted Steve about two (2) or three (3) weeks ago. Unfortunately, that concept is dead. The reason being is that the estimates for the county to do that was over fifty (50) million dollars. They did have a grant and the company itself, that was willing to do the work, was willing to put in thirty-two (32) million. Obviously, because they were going to gain revenue from anybody that attached to it. Including grants, they were at thirty-two (32) thirty-five (35) million. They were short. The good news is they are looking at other options and will be filing for some sort of grants in the fall. They said they will contact me or contact us to let us know.”

“The second thing I did was I went to Verizon to look at a possibility of a tower. There is an application that you can fill out. It is an extremely long shot because there are thousands of areas that are looking to have towers put in. I started to look at the application, fill it out and the first thing you have to do is you have

to identify where that tower will be. I contacted the Board members and said this is something we need to look at. If we want a tower, where would we want to place it? The two requirements are that it has to be within five (5) hundred feet of a paved road. That was the requirement because I thought the big hill over by the old maintenance road would be perfect. We would have to convince them that Ziggy Road and Hazel Trail or whatever that connector right there would be significant. I don't know if we would even get looked at if we recommended that. The other option would be that the Association purchase their own tower. That would be extremely expensive and then get Verizon or ATT to connect their equipment to it. And the last thing is, that because there is such a difficult time getting in remote areas, I read something that Richard Hassberger had sent over, that he was so frustrated that it was going to cost him over Fifty (50) thousand dollars, when he bought his property that he lived at downstate. He was very technical savvy and he started his own company and he just recently got a million-dollar grant because he has connected a bunch of residents in the area, because he had started his own little company to do it. So, if anyone is tech savvy and wanted to make some money and start their own business, there is that possibility as well. We will continue to keep looking to see if there are more options to get better phone service and better internet service in here."

Director Baker stated, that she wanted to follow up on her suggestion of maybe going to State Rep and the County Commissioner in the area to try and ask them to advocate for us. "There are a lot of federal dollars out there to expand broadband access in rural areas. Putting pressure on our elected officials might help us get some of those monies. Anyways, I thought it may be a good time because it is election time and they want to get re-elected. Unfortunately, the County Commissioner of our area is changing hands. We are now getting a new County Commissioner because of redistricting. I don't want to make too many waves at the township, because I know we don't always have the best reputation there. Then I thought let's put more pressure on the State Rep. But the State Rep is terming out. It is a completely new candidate, and I work with candidates, and the last thing they are worried about is right now is a small little community wanting their broadband access. I am thinking that the timing may not be applicable at this time. Once we have someone elected in that position, that might be a route you may want to consider. For now, I guess we have to put it on hold. I just wanted you to know. I did not just drop that, it just didn't work out."

Activities Committee: Marney Frank reporting the following:

"We had 24 for Bingo on Aug. 20, 2022. Everyone enjoyed Bingo. My son John was the caller. I would like to thank John and the other members who helped set tables and chairs up and put everything away afterwards. It was greatly appreciated."

"For the Labor Day celebration we had 128 people that ate in spite of the weather. I would like to thank Willa and Bill Coombe for donating 12 pounds of hamburger for sloppy joes. A big thank you goes to Debbie McDonald for volunteering to make the baked beans for the event. They were yummy. I would also like to thank the wonderful ladies on my committee, Kim Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, and Chloe Ostrowski for all the hours and work they put into this event. They did a wonderful job and were very dependable and helpful. I would also like to thank everyone who came and brought a dish to pass or a dessert. I would also like to thank Carl Buchholz for volunteering to DJ and even bringing his own table and etc. and Lisa Trojanowski for offering her karaoke machine."

"The next event will be the Plant Exchange on September 24, 2022 at the Campground Pavilion from 1:00 pm to 3 pm. Members can bring plants and houseplants they want to donate to someone else or just come and pick up plants to enhance their gardens."

"The next Bingo will be on October 22, 2022 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Clubhouse."

"The Color Hayride will be on October 15, 2022 from noon until 5:00 pm. Hot dogs, chili, chips, coffee, cider and donuts will be served. The chili is being made and donated by Nancy and Carl Buchholz."

"On October 29, 2022, there will be a Trunk or Treat in the Clubhouse Parking lot from 3 pm to 4 pm. We will also have a Halloween Party at the Clubhouse from 3 pm to 5 pm, with games costume judging for "5 and under" and "6 and over", hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, popcorn, coffee, cider and donuts will be provided."

EPC Committee: Director Bryant reporting:

"We had 9 tree removal, 2 driveways, 1 drive campsite septic and drain field, and one building permit to enclose a porch area off a pole barn."

Campground Committee: Director Dombrowski reporting:

"I noticed that we got the painted lines for the new fence to be installed. Is that still on schedule?" (yes) "Some of the stake posts are loose, like they are rotted at the base. I have a suspicion that the only thing holding them up is the water lines." Jess stated that she was aware. "Driving through the campground, everything looks fantastic. Whatever you guys are doing good job back there. But, are you still having an issue with people not moving their campers out of the storage for cleanup? I think I counted about 6 or 8 storage vehicles." Michelle state that was correct. Director Dombrowski was just making sure that this matter was being pursued.

"Not related to campground, there is a trail cut by the emergency entrance. Is it being barricaded or anything.?" Jess stated that we have a camera and it will be blocked soon.

Campground Committee: Laura Mitchell reporting:

“At the end of the month they will be meeting to possibly clean out the walking trail, if anyone would like to volunteer to help.”

Conservation Committee: Teresa Stephens reporting:

“It is no longer a committee. Last year we had signs made for Smokey the Bear. It kind of fell to me to update it and it seems like it was changing every day. So, right now it is at Moderate. I have not changed it since the election. The signs to change it are here in the closet. This may be something that the EPC committee wants to take on. I think this is something that can not just be ignored, especially when people come up on the weekends. I just want to throw that out there that even though it is no longer a committee, someone still needs to take care of it.”

Campground Committee: Director Bryant

“Right now, I understand that there is a waiting list for storage in the campground. That needs to be resolved. People to know if they need to make arrangements. I am thinking that maybe we should address the problem and establish additional storage areas.” It was stated that Michelle is already working on it. Jess explained that the problem that we are running into right now is that these campers are getting bigger and bigger, therefore they are taking up more spots. Or there is a pop-up camper on a 40 ft spot. People need to be patient; it is like a puzzle and she is working on it as fast as she can. Director Bryant explained that time is of the essence, because it will not be long before campers have to come off the lots. Again, she is working on it as fast as she can and hopes to have it done by next week. There are approximately 20 on the waiting list and a few of them are 40 footers and we do not have spots for them at this time. Members expect to have the same spot annually, even if they have a pop up on a 40-foot spot and it is difficult to get people to switch spots. We are trying to use as much space as possible. Director Bryant mentioned that there are additional items in the spots which is taking up additional space. It should be campers only. Director Dombrowski stated that driving through there he noticed there are lots of areas where it requires taking down a tree or two here or there and we have created 4 or 5 slots or spots and yes sometimes it is not going to create room for a 40 ft camper, but it is going to create room for 5 or 6 pop ups. He feels that should be looked at as well, and understands that it is expensive to do. “At some point in time we have to do what we have to do.” Director Bryant stated, “they deserve the boards support on making the adjustments and just doing it.” Michelle stated that she understood last year was chaotic and what she was trying to do this year to make it smoother was to get everyone paid on time that already had a spot and then the new people get spots. Then next year we can go back there and try to get talk to those members and try to get them in a smaller spot once we have them back there. This year it is a little tougher because members already have their spots. Our staff is beat up every day about these storage spots. Director Dombrowski feels like if they have not paid on the date that they were supposed to and are not on time than they lose the spot, which we did this year, but there is more to it and it was more complicated than that. Director Dombrowski stated “year after year Fred had always found spots.” Jess explained yes, he did but now those people want those spots so, now those are permanent spots. Also, with the new fence we are hoping to possibly get more spots.

IX. Comments from the Floor:

1. Dawn Holzer, 1103, “So, we are talking about the camping and getting towards the end of the season. In the past, in March of 2017, when Kevin was on the board, if people did not remove their unit, we took them to court. There were 12 of them and they all moved them when they got the letters from the court. The board needs to consider jumping on this now and publishing that they cannot leave it on there.” It was clarified she was speaking about personal lots. “You have to remove it by October 31, and last year there were 5 left on there and they never moved them.”
2. Bob Cooley, Lot 419, “I see R2A is on the agenda for discussion, I encourage you guys to get that taken care and get it to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is meeting on Tues September 13. With that consensus, I encourage you to leave it the same way as it is right now. Also, if you could talk louder, pretend like you are yelling at your spouses or something. I am old, but I cannot hear a darn thing you are saying.”
3. Jeff Simons, Lot 299, “I will get through my list as fast as I can so bear with me. The first thing I see, is that you have handicapped parking for the Corn Hole boards on the agenda. I would like you to look at that to find a way to make that happen. I know we have members I have seen come down and take advantage of these that couldn't participate in that if they couldn't be able to get down there closer to the boards. One of those people are no longer with us. I would have to have seen one of the last days she was down there taken away from her and not have been able to enjoy that. That is very touching to me. I would like to see some way we can do that. Now that is my sugary side, the other side the vinegar side is we can always go ADA.ADA, those corn holes are new and if we restrict people from going down there it is a violation of the ADA amendment. On this side, please do it out of compassion, the other side it that. Another thing I wanted to bring to attention is the Timber culvert. You guys remember when Timber was high and we had issues with the culvert down there? With the water being low, maybe a suggestion, maybe not be so quick to get ahold of Eagle this time. It may be a good time to take care of this while the water is low. Campground bathhouse roof I encourage you to take a look at it. Sections of the roof are starting to look pretty bad, especially the west side. Take a look at replacing it or at a minimum think about killing the moss that is growing on there. It is going to ruin the shingles. I got a guy coming up to take care of my own house here soon. I can get a business card for you. One way or another a decision needs to be made whether to replace the roof or at least prolong its life by getting the moss off of it. The paper boxes at the end of the entrance gate, look like hell. I don't think some of them even get used. At least, have them come in and paint them or do something with them. That whole section up

there looks almost as bad as the house next to it. Next thing, the picnic. So, the board approves that and I know we have committees that run it, and I want to thank everyone that runs these committees. But also, the board should be engaged on how those are handled. I have talked to a few people about different things that happened and understand that people are going to look at the board for allowing certain things to happen. So, talk to some folks. That is all I am going to say about that. I talked to someone this weekend; they did not even realize that roll off dumpster was out there the way it is wedged in the trees. I stopped someone that was throwing some things on it and they did not even know it was over there so maybe put it in a better spot where you can see it and drive right up to it. Another thing I want to bring up, is a reminder that we have a lot of new board members. Everyone was familiar with the lawsuit that happened a few years ago and it costs us a crap ton of money. One of the outcomes of that, the biggest outcome of that, was the reminder that the board cannot make policies that affect the private property owner, what they do on their own property. So, some of these things that are being talked about that would affect an individual. The board can make policies on Common Ground, but you cannot make a policy that affects my private lot. Just a reminder. Do some research. It is out there on the web. You can read it yourself.”

4. Kim Mitchell, Lot 476, “A lot of the committees, do not have direction on what to do. I know a lot of people, like the chair people, have been at it for a long time, but I have only been here for less than a year. When I look at the committees to sign up, it is like what does this committee do? We don’t have a clue what these committees do. Maybe put a job description or something, some kind of kind line on what we would be doing.”
5. Bob Cooley, Lot 419, “I would also like to encourage the board to address the handicapped parking for the corn hole boards. They are getting a lot of use and some of the members have trouble navigating down there through the pebbles.”
6. Laura Mitchell, Lot 589, “I heard in the past there was a policy where members had to register their off-road vehicles with White Birch. I would like to see if that can be reinstated. There are just so many vehicles buzzing around constantly, and they are not all from members.”
7. Mike Manchester, Lot 101, “The Holiday Lake level is extremely low. That may be a natural phenomenon, I am not sure. Two years ago, we had the opposite problem. The lake is probably 7-8 feet below what it was a couple years ago. Now we have moss and things growing in the lake because the water level is so low. Is there anything that can be done to help that or is that just a natural phenomenon that we got to live with? I mean we went from water coming from Bertha Lake that was making the level so high it killed all the trees around the lake to now it is so low that I watch people fish and stuff there. It looks pretty bad. I don’t know if there is anything that could be done.”

Break: 11:15 am **Return:** 11:25 am

Comments from the floor

8. Dawn Smith, Lot 415, (Go-to-Meeting)” First, I would like to thank the board and volunteers who devote their time to the operations and planning of events. I have some concerns about the handling of the recent holiday event. The signing in to receive a plate for the food (but requesting a dish to pass be provided) left me with a feeling of distrust of the membership. According to the articles of incorporation for White Birch Lakes Recreational Association Article 2 item 1, to promote pleasure, social interaction, recreation and sports activities for its members, their families and guest and to develop and maintain a recreationally oriented in the White Birch Lakes subdivision of Clare; a subdivision in Lincoln township, Clare County, Michigan (the development). Additionally, I encourage that when music is provided for these events, the music is diverse for in inclusivity of multiple genres to encourage an environment of fellowship for all members, their families and guests until the stated end of the event.”
9. Willa Coombe. Lot 232, “I just wanted to thank everyone that is on these committees, because these are hard committees. If you don’t do everything everybody wants, you are going to get feedback. I am on the Activities Committee; I can tell you we have a committee of 5. If people do not like what is being done, they need to sign up for the committee. Facebook is not a place to be putting comments and keep aggravating the situation. The party was closed down early on Labor Day because it was raining. People left and there were not enough people to stay there. That was the reason it was closed down. As far as the food, I don’t think anybody complained about the food. Somebody did complain about us not sending food home for other people. Ok, the extra food was enough that we could freeze and have sloppy joes for the Halloween party. We were trying to save the board money. So, if anybody has complaints about what we do and how we do it, please sign up on the committee and join our once-a-month committee meeting. And as far as the music, before the board paid a DJ. The DJ was on the board. The rules state that any board member or employee of White Birch, cannot take money for what they do in White Birch. That includes activities, for three years after they quit. The music we got was free, it was from a member. We did this to save money and keep the guidelines. Of course, you get what you pay for, but we were not supposed to pay the person. You take what you can get.

X. Unfinished Business:

In regards to the Agenda item of “Common Property Taxes Update,” we are still waiting for the judge to decide

In regards to the Agenda item “Communication/Website,” Director Baker would like to get this moving and stated “We had a quote for 2500 plus \$600 for Web Hosting”, she contacted the Web designer just to outline and find out what was included in this price, just to make sure that as we move along, we don’t find out things are not included. Director just put something together based on Member feedback to present and have kind of an idea. The quote also includes a tutorial so we know how to use and manage the website. Director Blaisdell was concerned about information being transferred from this website to the new one. It was explained that information will be transferred with no additional cost and if we choose to not add all of the information, the price would be less.

(7) Director Baker moves to make a motion for the approval for \$2500.00 out of the Capital Improvement Account for \$2,500.00 to be used to redesign the Website. 2nd Director Blaisdell. All Ayes, motion carried.

Director Baker addressed that the website is one thing but that we still need to address communication because not everyone goes to the website for communication. If you subscribe to a news site you don't go to that sight, it usually sends you a little notification of the latest news. I would like to see and send the board an example of an email blast that would contain things like that we are looking for a full-time maintenance person or anyone willing to put no trespassing signs up and etc. These could be sent once a week or whenever needed to the members. This is an example of an email blast from Constant Contact which is a third-party email. You cannot send an email from the website we can have something that can plug into the website that would basically show a scroll board with the link to Constant Contact but it is an extra fee. Director Baker does not think the cost is worth it to plug it into the website. The cost of the email blast is \$294 per year; however, some people have indicated that they don't like the idea of their email given and would prefer texts. You can add a text option to Constant Contact but that does increase the price to \$414 per year. What that would do is people would have options. You could either get an email blast or a text. That would mean that staff would have to send it two different ways. You cannot send one both ways. Director Baker did look into an app to see a camper's app and an HOA app. She stated that those apps do cost at least \$100 a month to participate and does not feel that it is worth going that route verses Constant Contact. The reason Director Baker suggests Constant Contact is because she is most familiar with it and would be very easy to help people learn how to use that platform. Constant Contact will also allow us a 30-day trial where we can use both text and email for \$15. It is felt that there is an issue with getting members contact information. Director Baker feels that this is very important especially with the C&Rs being changed that we get information out quickly. She is aware that the information is on the Website, but that requires people literally going to the website to see the news and she does not feel that they do that. Director Baker feels that homeowners may have an easier or better time because word gets around, but people like her that don't live here are not in the know. "I do require something that does keep me in the loop, even in the Winter time, especially when things are happening. I am not thinking about my property, because I can't be here anyways," she stated. Director Boos agreed that this is a good idea, but that we have to have a procedure in place and also has to be approved so not just one person has control over information. Director Blaisdell agrees that we need a procedure in place and that in the past he has heard that it had been that way and then that person started using it for their own personal agenda. Director Baker wondered if it would be better to have a communications committee to be in charge of getting information out. It was stated by the office that it would be easier for them to put the information out themselves rather than depending on others. The concern is how do we get the members involved and get their email address. President Boos suggested that we put it in the Birch Bark and Director Ostrowski thought they were putting something in the mailing. It is felt that there is an urgency that cannot wait until February when the billing invoices are sent out. Director Dombrowski asked when the new website would be up and running and it is thought to be about 6 to 8 weeks, depending on how quickly we get information to him. Director Dombrowski stated "If we provide enough of the quality information on the website, I'm not sure we need an email blast. I'm not shooting down your email blast, but it would be providing the same information that is here. I get it some people are not going to look at the Website, but I am hoping that the website is being revamped. I love the look of this, that we would have enough resources that all the information is there. There comes a point and time when we as a board and as a member, have a certain amount of responsibility to seek out the information. People who want to know are going to know and people who don't want to know are not going to know and that is just human nature right then and there. I would like to see how this goes first before I consider something of the email blasts nature." Director Baker feels that in this day and age, we don't expect people to seek out the information and we should just provide it, if they want it. It was stated that we should start with the people that receive the emails for the Birch Bark. At that time, it was stated that there was an arrangement with the people that gave out their emails for the Birch Bark, that they would not be put on any mailing lists and therefore the person that has those email addresses does not feel comfortable releasing that information. It was decided that we could add a link to the Birch Bark to have people sign up. We will also put something on the Facebook page to see who wants to sign up and keep documentation of this information. It was also noted that at any time through Constant Contact a member can unsubscribe. After we see how many people are interested, Director Baker can create a landing page, with Board approval. We can also send a letter during the time invoices are sent out stating that we are offering this service and if you have not signed up, this is the link. Director Bryant was curious on how much the Birch Bark costs to send out and if we are able to do this twice a month. It was stated that we do not actually mail the Birch Bark, so there are no postage costs at this time. We will post the information on Constant Contact and report back next month.

In regards to the Agenda item "Clear Cutting Lot 888," there was a letter sent by the owners regarding their plan of correction and trees that they will be planting. The owners of the property did consent to the letter being read to the public. The letter was read by Director Ostrowski, "Mr. Boos, Thank you for your inquiry about the plans for lot 888 and 889. We were as surprised as you were at the clearing of so many trees when we hired Colt Davis to help us with the excavation process. We have now hired a person to remove the downed trees and brush. As soon as that process is complete, (which should be first week in September) we plan to plant approximately 20 mature trees in the front of the property to give it a more colorful look. We have enclosed a copy of the purchased trees for your convenience. Sometime in the spring, we plan to put in the septic, drain field and well. Once that is complete, we will add additional trees where we think it would look nice. We apologize for the mess and hopefully it will not remain an eye sore for the members of such a nice place to camp and live eventually. Sincerely, Roger and Cindy Sobran." The Board was notified that there were trees put in this week. It is felt that the statement of putting trees put in sometime in the Spring is an open-ended statement. EPC will follow up with the property owner to make sure that enough trees are planted in the Spring. Director Bryant stated that a similar situation occurred a few years back and the Board went to that individual and demanded that they replace trees, which was done. They put in about 18 trees in a smaller area than this. It is felt that the member made an attempt and we should continue to allow the member to make an attempt and we would like to see a plan on the additional trees. Director Dombrowski stated, "In order to maintain their status as a "Member in Good Standing" he would like to see a plan for the Spring." Director Baker stated that if they are planning on putting in a septic and well, the contractor decides where those things are going to go. It would very difficult right now to draw up a plan, if he doesn't know where they will be. "You don't want to plant trees, to have them torn up when the septic and well are

done.” Director Dombrowski said, “We could put a stipulation that the trees need to be planted upon completion of the septic and well.” It was decided that the members would be contacted and be told that this will be continually monitored and that they need to come up with a plan as soon as possible in order to maintain their “Member in Good standing” status. We will follow up with them in May.

In regards to the Agenda item “R2A Discussion,” it was felt that the letter from the attorney was a little on the vague side. President Boos said that he was informed that the Township was also contacting their attorney. Director Blaisdell stated, “The process that is going to take place at the Township will be Tuesday, September 13. The planning commission will make a decision on if they want to move the process forward and if they do a public hearing would have to be first, which will at least take a month. You have to have 25 days of notification to residents to basically attend the special meeting for that. After that special meeting the planning commission would take that information and make a determination on if they were going to recommend if it would be moved up to the board to review and make a determination on if they would want to keep it or eliminate it. We probably have maybe 2 or 3 months before there would be any kind of decision that would be made by the board.” Director Baker would like to know the motivation of the township to eliminate R2A. Director Blaisdell replied, “According to one of the planning commission members, it is confusing and not needed anymore. All it is doing is creating a zone that no longer applies, because now that portion or why it was created is no longer needed because it is now township wide. They don’t need to have a separate zone for that which some people like to call it but they don’t like to call it that at the township “spot zoning”. At the time that it was done, it was needed in White Birch. The thought was that if they went with the direction they were going to go, it would kill White Birch. Now, it has been addressed and it is a township wide amenity for the whole township. So, you have to look at it from someone who wants to move into the community. We have R1 which is low density, R2 which is medium density, and then we have this R2A which says that it is recreational. R2a with an emphasis on recreation. So, they say well what can I do in the R2A that I can’t do in the R2? Well, you can do everything. Well, why is there a different one if I am doing the same things? Now, I know the argument here is that at some point 15 years from now a new regime comes in and they say I hate camping. I don’t think that would take place because if it did there would be a reason it did. For example, camping has gotten so out of hand it is destroying the community. That would be the only way that they would take a look at that. In my opinion. I understand both sides and I have to understand both sides before I can make my decision. But that is the reason, because of the confusion that it would create.” Director Baker said, that she understands that it is fine right now. However, if the township should ever restrict camping, now we are the same as the rest of the township, and we are pulled into that. If we kept our own zoning, we would not qualify and they would have to take an extra step to do the same for us. Director Bryant explained that though we are still under the township rules, our rules can be stronger than but not less than the township. Director Baker feels that at this time if they change the ordinance for R2 they would also have to change it for R2A. If it is kept the way it is, it gives campers a little extra protection. The township would have to take an additional step to change both of them. Director Baker would like to know if R2A give us a legal standing to battle with the township. Director Baker would like to know if the township took away camping would we fall under a nonconformity clause. Director Bryant read from the attorney’s letter, “The court in its 1988 order acknowledged this simple fact when it noted the order would hold until the covenants are “lawfully revised or rescinded by a vote of the residents or other lawful means. That means it allows camping from Memorial Day weekend to the end of October” Director Boos requested that Director Blaisdell email the results of the decision of the township after the meeting on Tuesday. Director Dombrowski feels we should wait to see what the township’s attorney says. Director Blaisdell stated he would do what he could. It is felt that it will be a mute issue if they decide not to proceed. It was stated that at one time Lincoln Township did ask for White Birch Board to give a consolidated opinion on what the members position was in this matter. Director Dombrowski questioned if we owed the township a letter on this matter, regarding what are position on this matter. The board decided that they need to look at the attorney’s letter more before making a decision. It was agreed that this is a big deal and if we did not have campers, we would not have White Birch. It was suggested that we put this on the back burner until we find out what happens at Tuesday’s meeting. It was clarified that Lincoln Township is asking the board for a collective opinion on R2A. The township received an overwhelming number of letters when asking for sheds and some were just copies that other signed. To avoid that happening they have asked the board only for their opinion. It is felt that it is hard to determine what the members think when we have not asked the members themselves. It is understood that the members are passionate on this matter and we need to represent everyone. Director Dombrowski stated that having the word “recreation” in our zoning status makes campers feel a little safer and would like to have our own separate zoning status. The Lincoln Twp Board will have the final decision and there will be a chance when it gets to that stage for everyone to speak and have their say. All Tuesday is was to decide if the township is going to proceed further or not. There is plenty of time for everyone to be heard, stated Director Blaisdell. It was determined that the board is split and therefore there is not enough information from the members to create a letter to the township at this time.

XI. New Business:

In regards to Agenda item “Handicap Parking at the Corn Hole Area,” President Boos stated that there has been some inquiry about handicapped parking around the corn holes and is a firm believer that we should have it. “We do have some members that cannot make it over there.” Director Dombrowski asked if we already had an area specifically for corn hole at this time. It was stated that they had an area mapped out at this time. Director Baker is asking if we can have a sign or something that designated that area would be for handicapped parking, which has already been talked about. Director Bryant stated that the previous board had passed a motion to replace the fence to keep the children safe but if we are going to let people park over there, why put the fence back up? There was a little confusion on where the handicap parking was going to be. Director Bryant suggested that the parking be outside the fence line and a trail be made to get to the corn hole boards. It was questioned if there could be a drawing of the area to have a better idea of placement. Jess said that she can try to get something together for them but really wants to get this fence up before the cold weather arrives. Jess also reminded the board that we either have disrespectful people or you don’t everywhere, and whether we put signs up or not people are going to park where they want. It was suggested that we could put a cable up in that area and only the handicapped members would have the key. The reply to this was people will cut them. We have members that cut cables to move picnic tables, and would most likely not have a problem cutting the cable to park where

they want. Director Dombrowski stated, "The intent to have a designated handicap parking was for people who have limited mobility to be able to pull up next to the corn hole boards and at least enjoy it also. I do strongly agree that we should provide some kind of means of access for them to be able to enjoy this amenity." Jess stated that the supplies are already here and she needs a decision so she can get this job done before winter. It was stated that she could do everything and leave that spot open until a decision can be made. It was determined that the area near the dumpster would be open until a decision be made. This item is tabled and will be brought up at the next meeting.

In the Regards to Agenda item "Winter Storage in the Campground", President Boos stated that when he talked to Michelle it was noted that we rent out about 15 camping sites after Labor Day until October 15. (As determined from last year). It is felt that there is no reason that we can't allow some of that area to start to allow some of the campers to store their campers earlier than the 15th. This would have to be something that Michelle would have to figure out, as we have to allow camping to be available in some sites until Oct 15. The board has decided that the storage spots can start to be filled with storage at the determination of Michelle. Director Blaisdell added that, "We all know who the Zoning Administrator is. There will be penalties if a camper is left on their lot. The fines are significant. If anyone wants to go to Section 2.10 of the Township Ordinances, it spells out specifically what is going to happen. It will happen this year. The second offense is a \$500 fine and then every day after that offense is a new offense at \$100 a day. So please, let's make sure we let everyone know that is no longer going to be, If I leave my camper on there, I will be a member not in good standing until May". You will be fined significantly, so if you have not thought about finding a spot or getting a spot in storage for the season, you may want to start thinking about it. Hopefully, people have plenty of time to understand that there are going to be penalties if they leave their camper." It was stated that the office is working on trying to make sure everyone on the waiting list gets a storage spot and is hopefully going to have it completed by the end of next week.

In the Regard to Agenda item, "Ratify Email for the Poles at the Campground."

(8) Director Dombrowski made a motion to ratify the email on purchasing the poles for the campground. 2nd Director Blaisdell. All Ayes, motion carried

In regards to Agenda item "Campground RSVP Procedures Discussion," Director Baker would like to know the policy for being able to camp in the campground. It was explained that a reservation for the campground cannot be made by any one other than the member. If anyone tries to call for a reservation, they are promptly told that a member will have to call to make the reservation and payment. The deed holder has to call to make any reservations.

In regards to Agenda item "Activities Committee Budget" Director Ostrowski stated that the question had come up about the rising cost of food and that the budget will most likely be stretched to its max on the Activities. They had asked if some of the funds from the Annual meeting excess could be used. After reading and speaking with President Boos it is understood that the board does not need to activate a motion for this, to amend the budget. The activities committee would just be advised that if they need extra money, it would be available. President Boos stated that typically the budget is a guideline and is not changed after approval.

In regards to Agenda item, "ATV Discussion," Director Blaisdell put in everyone's packet ATV policy and procedure history of past motions and meeting minutes. This is being introduced because about three weeks ago he was given a brochure that addressed ATV regulations that at one time were being used for roughly 17 years as a guide for the Safety committee to use to address ATV regulations. The person that gave the information to Director Blaisdell felt that these regulations were still intact. So, Director Blaisdell got the motion and meeting minutes and researched. Director Blaisdell read the ATV policy and procedure history from past motions and meeting minutes. Director Blaisdell requests from the policies and procedures committee with guidance coordinate and review this past policy and vehicle registration to develop a sim and input by the safety committee to coordinate and review this past policy and vehicle registration to develop a similar more effective policy along with enforcement strategy to present to the board of directors for possible implementation as association policy before March 1st 2023. This would give the Safety Committee or the board a way to know what member owns this motorized vehicle and would make it easier to address if problems arose. Director Baker would like to see something other than the white sticker to help identify better. There was some talk that as soon as we make a policy, we are the owners of that and are liable for anything that happens and that was the reason that this policy was not updated. If that is the case, Director Blaisdell stated that he understood that "But, if we are going to use the DNR regulations, we have no way to enforce them. Then I believe we have to have the sheriff inside; we have to have them patrol inside because we do not have authority or the bite to be able to enforce anything. We cannot have it both ways. We cannot say we are going to use DNR guidelines but, not have any authority to do anything about it. Unless, we are not going to allow the DNR or sheriff in here. We cannot have it both ways." Director Blaisdell will compose a letter to be sent to the attorney to request his opinion on this subject to be approved by the board.

In regards to Agenda Item "Tennis Courts," Director Blaisdell went down to the tennis courts a few weeks ago and took measurements. He then requested his friend to draw up a design. The tennis courts are not used very much and part of it is used for basketball. Phil said at some point we are going to resurface the court and it would be a good time to put new lines down. Phil has noticed that a lot of people have shown interest in pickle ball. The drawing presented included tennis, pickle ball, basketball and four squares. Another option is to put both tennis courts back the same and just add lines on the tennis court for pickle ball. Jess has stated that we already have the equipment for pickleball. We may want to consider purchasing more commercial grade equipment in the future. The quote we have at this time is \$3980, and it

outdated. Director Bryant feels that the entrance hole needs to be fixed first. The quote for \$4073.00, which is for fixing the hole, fill cracks and sealcoating. Michelle will get quotes and email them to the Board for approval.

In regards to agenda item, "Quiet Time," Director Ostrowski said there was a lot of talk about quiet time and how we are one of the few associations or groups that does not have a quiet time. He does not think that anyone will balk at having a reasonable quiet time. He questioned what this falls under the C&Rs or the By-laws. "The noise is in the atmosphere, so that would rule out the C&R's," he stated. Director Ostrowski's personal opinion is that it is common ground, and we could have a policy to regulate on the common ground. He would like to see something in place or a proposal to come up with a quiet time inside of White Birch. He would like to see as part of the proposal a way to enforce this, besides having to call the sheriff and making a complaint. Director Dombrowski cited our General Prohibitions in our Covenants and Restrictions. Director Ostrowski feels that it is too general and leaves it up to interpretation and a quiet time could be spelled out. It is felt that he would like to see something set and enforceable with something written in our Policy and Procedures. Director Baker stated that the committee can look at that the policy and procedures and have something next month. It was directed to add to the newsletter that the Township does have a township ordinance on this.

XII. Additional Comments from the Floor:

1. Bob Pelfery, Lot 527, Quiet time, I just want to say one thing. This past weekend I had a camper call me, because he was camping next door to some loud people. He went over to talk to him and we did tell them about the Township rule. Also, Steve, do you remember back years ago we had those license plates for ATV's? How much would it cost to get those license plates? When they register them, let them pay \$5 or something for them. We had plates on the back of ATV's before."

2. Bob Cooley, Lot 419, "Just want to mention a couple of things. Phil, I like your idea about the pickleball. Jenny the emails and such, good idea. Also, I would like give a little background on the township planning commission. The lady that brought all this about getting rid of R2A, her name is Sandy, has said she would like to see all camping abolished in Lincoln Township. These were her words exactly. Just for your information. She is the one that wants to get rid of R2A, she said wishes they were all gone. Are they connected; I don't know but I don't trust her."

3. Julie Crankshaw, Lot 864, "My question is, what are we charging these people that are leaving their campers here for the winter? And would it be in our best interest to raise that if we have more campers that want to leave their campers here than we have room for? If anyone has done any research as I have after moving up here permanently, anything for less than \$100 a month is dirt cheap. I am paying for two storage sheds at this time and I am not paying close to \$100 a month. So, maybe we need to re look at what we are charging these people and maybe it will deter people from leaving their campers here and put less stress on the office."

4. Lisa Cooley, Lot 419, "Thank you board for everything. This has been an interesting meeting. Jenny, for the R2A, you are very familiar with Facebook and they do hold a Facebook poll that is private. For R2A, our name up front says recreational, and I think our zoning should say that as well. I think a Facebook poll would be reasonable. Because everything that goes on at the township is during the week., many of our campers are not available. Many work full-time, and are not retirees. They cannot attend meetings. It is a very unfair representation because they can not attend. I think a poll, that is anonymous would be an interesting thing to get for numbers. So, that was my thought about that and you were the one I thought of for it. Because I know you would know how to pull it off. And also, about the quiet time thing, I agree we should not be disturbing other people but I think we get what we give. If we walk over, 4 lots down, the house behind us, whatever it is that is loud, and hey buddy listen, I wish I was over here doing this, but I have to work in the morning. I'm really jealous you guys get to do this. If you're doing this tomorrow, I'm going to be here, but I need to sleep. I think if we go over and address it kindly first, we are going to get what we give. There might be some people that may not be accepting of even kind words but if we go over there and say you got to know this off. I need to sleep! You're going to get it right back. And then we are going to have the police come in and maybe an ambulance come in. No one wants to be hollered at, but we need to try. We are a community, we are an amazing community, this community is just unbelievable. Why don't we just try to get along? If it is that disturbing to you and you are not sleeping anyways, get in your car and go find it. You're not sleeping anyways. Instead of being a Facebook warrior and posting it all over, which just causes more drama, go find it and just say hey, buddy can you turn your speaker the other way, can you turn it down a little? I just need to sleep. Don't make it an aggressive thing, give everyone an opportunity, because we don't realize how far some things may carry. You know what you get what you give, and I think that is the motto. We are going to get what we give, so make sure what you are giving is worth it."

5. Brian Baker, Lot 731, "I think it would behoove the board of White Birch to support keeping R2A. If it were to change at the township level, and we were not able to camp anymore, the board would be probably having to contact a lawyer and start a lawsuit against the township to try and get that back for our community. I know that being a property owner, if I was not allowed to camp for a full season, I probably would not be paying my dues and not coming up here anymore. If it is just me that is one person, but if it is the rest of the people with vacant lots, that is a lot of membership association dues that are not going to get paid. For the corn hole, maybe we are trying fine tooth a couple of things. Parking is one thing. Maybe making the whole area down there more accessible for people with disabilities. The fire pit is right there. Maybe we could pave a sidewalk from the current parking lot to down there to make it more accessible for wheelchairs and walkers, then combine that with another path to the cornhole board verses trying to create an area to encourage people to drive their machines up there. It is a little short sided to find something where you drive up."

6. Jeff Simons, Lot 299, "First one is allowing campers in the campground early for storage. Just be careful with unsightliness. It is still early. People are still camping. The last thing they want to do is go down there and see that. The other part is, I hate to say it but the direction the board gave over the issue of sites for storage. That is already a violation of the camping storage policy. You need to make a policy change in order to do that. What you did was violate the policy. The policy says that as long as I pay by July, I get to keep my site. That is my contract I sign when I get that site. So, your direction actually violated the policy and violated the contract for the people that have that spot. Just wanted to point that out. Then there are the Facebook posts. So, we have our official White Birch site, and everyone knows it was a while back, a few years ago, that a member's page was started. Her intentions were great at that time. It is my belief that that the members Facebook page is the worse thing that ever happened to this association. It does nothing but drive animosity, fights and bickering with the Facebook warriors you have out there. What I am starting to see now, is people from the official, whether it be a board member or employee or something like that, they really shouldn't be acting as a White Birch official and posting on a non-official White Birch page. Keep your posts on the official page, if people share it over there that is fine but as a professional part that should be kept separate. Maybe it will encourage people to leave that one and use the official page. There is a lot of people that think that one is the official page and it is not because of how often it is used. Jenny the email thing is great. It keeps you current because we all know that by the time that the Birch Bark comes out, it is already a month old. Just be careful using the word blasts. I guarantee there are a lot of people, including people in this room, that are thinking I don't want my email blown up. The blast part might scare them. And the last thing I got is, the polls for the parking for the campground. It was not this past July but the meeting before. It was a member's motion that was passed to move those in to allow additional parking along that side where the Horseshoe pits are. I don't know if that is being recognized and if that will affect the new plans."

7. Steve Bryant, Lot 0001, "Not as a board member. Has anyone been down to the campground lately, in the last few days? Gosh darn it, it looks so much better without that fence up there. If we could encourage people to behave themselves, it looks so much more inviting and relaxed without that fence than it does with it. Maybe some little signs that say, do not take your four-wheeler past here, you will be shot." (laughter)

8. Mary Frank, Lot 227, "In regards to your handicap parking down by the corn hole, you already have paved going into the pavilion going from the handicap spot. So, basically, they can go right through there to the cornhole. No more expense."

9. Willa Coombe. Lot 232," I have a good comment. Not anything bad. We are talking about neighbors. We have a young couple that is just down the road from us. Very nice, sweet couple. When they wanted to have their party, I think they went to Jim and they went to us and wanted to know if their music was too loud before they started partying. They turned their speakers away, so they wouldn't bother us. There are a lot of sweet, nice accommodating people. It does not matter whether you are campers or homeowners. I know some homeowners that are pretty rotten too. So, people are people. It doesn't matter if you are a camper or homeowner. You are going to find good or bad. You all should realize that it is not the campers versus the homeowners, it is the bad against the good."

10. Bob Cooley, Lot 419," The new area at the pavilion is nice. The problem is there are some pebbles there and there was an elderly lady trying to get to the pavilion with her roller cart and those pebbles just buried it. I had to lift it and kind of walk with her. If we want to consider that as an entrance for the handicapped, you may want to consider bringing the pad out further, or use something stronger, more compact, because it was a real pain. She got up there but she about went head over heels because it stopped her walker right dead. Just a consideration."

11. Jeff Simons, 299," One more, so we were talking about the quiet time. The biggest thing is going on with making a policy is that essentially you are about to do the same thing that the previous board was criticized for. You are about ready to make a policy, to supersede or make a C&R change. The C&R clearly states it has a policy to deal with that. You are about to make a change that is going to affect what I am going to on my property and Tim what you can do on your property. I alluded to this earlier. The judge said you can't do. You are gonna send us down another road of another lawsuit. The C&Rs are already there. You want to clean it up during the C&R change, great. But, enforce what we have before trying to make a policy that is actually an illegal policy."

(9) Director Bryant moves to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 pm, 2nd by Director Ostrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by,

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