

THE BIRCH BARK

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association

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April 2024

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AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE (989) 588-7066 IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY, THE MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER IS, 989-539-7166



COFFEE TALK

Every Friday

In the
Clubhouse

9am to
11:00am

Donuts \$1.00



HOURS OF OPERATION WINTER CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Starting October 2, 2023

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Closed Wednesday
8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday
Noon to 4:30 P.M. Sunday

SECRETARY-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Closed Wednesday
8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. the 2nd Saturday of the month
Closed Sunday

MANAGER HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

SWIMMING POOL HOURS

9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Closed Wednesday
9:00 AM to 7:30 PM Friday & Saturday
Noon to 4:00 PM Sunday

YOU HAVE A MEDICAL OR FIRE
EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911.

Message from the C&R
Committee Chair:

The Board of Directors will be considering the adoption of a resolution that establishes policies and procedures for the election on the proposed C&Rs, including a time-line and membership eligibility for voting. This resolution will be an item on the Board's May 11th meeting agenda. The Committee encourages members to review this resolution, and comments can be made to the Board either at that meeting or prior via email to

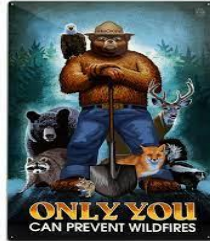
ecoffice@whitebirch.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meeting	April 13 & May 11	11:00 am Clubhouse
Bingo	April 20 & May 25	1:00 pm – 3 pm Clubhouse
Easter Dinner	March 23	4:00 pm in Clubhouse



Please read attached insert on Oak Wilt. It recommended to refrain from trimming/cutting Oak trees between April 15 and July 15th to prevent spread of this disease.



Fire Danger

Please use extreme caution and follow the Danger Rating system posted by Smokey at the Entrance/Exit

Per WBLRA policies, Members must be “In Good Standing” (current on assessments) before using any of the amenities. If a Member is NOT in “good standing,” our employees with direction from the Board will turn them away. If a Clubhouse Attendant turns a Member away, it is based upon a list which is updated Every Friday afternoon before 4pm.

Campfire and Seasonal Wood

If you see any downed trees or limbs on the side of the roads they can be taken by the Members for campfires or seasonal firewood. Please do NOT enter other Members lots unless you have permission from the owner.

Trespassing

Please be aware that, by leaving WBLRA by any other means other than the Entrance/Exit, you are trespassing on private property. Please be aware that by opening trail, you are encouraging others who do not own property to come in on these unauthorized trails. The only lawful means of ingress & egress into our Association is the Entrance/Exit gates on White Birch Lane at the front of our Association. We encourage all Members to use the gates exclusively, as intended.



Recreation

A current copy of the DNR ORV handbook is available in the office. Let's all have a great time and enjoy ourselves, safely. Slow down at stop signs and watch for others. Remember children 15 and under must have adult supervision. Please refer to Michigan.gov/DNR.



“Slow down you move to fast, you gotta make the moment last.”



ATTENTION MEMBERS

Please mark your lots with the lot number to help other Members and/or potential Members to locate lots or in case of emergency such as fire or medical. If you need further information, please contact the office.

With Spring and the glimpse of melting snow upon us, the spring yard cleaning will begin. Remember not to blow leaves out to the road. It causes road destruction when Maintenance grades. You can burn them (when conditions are favorable) or take them to the old maintenance yard. Thank you

Information Station

"Your Destination for Information"

This link should be good for all meetings! Also, because video takes too much data and we would like you to hear the meeting, our meetings are audio only.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/335630101>

Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://meet.goto.com/install>

Reminder, back to camping is Friday May 10, 2024 Can't wait to see everyone!

With the weather changes be aware that the roads get muddy and our road crew is working as best they can. Remember these machines are large and do not stop immediately. If you don't see them, they don't see you. Let's be respectful, as they have a job to do.

Spring and Summer are fast approaching!!!! Can't wait!! Please make sure you fill out the appropriate forms when doing lot/home improvements and have the approval posted (visible to the road) Forms are available in the Clubhouse or online, and turn into Michelle in person or by email Supervisor@whitebirch.org.

Drop your speed to match road conditions. For those in the back... SLOW DOWN!!

A friendly reminder, we all live and work here and we have noticed an increase in litter. Let's work together to keep our community clean!

National Zucchini Bread Day April 25

Ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 ¼ cups white sugar
- 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

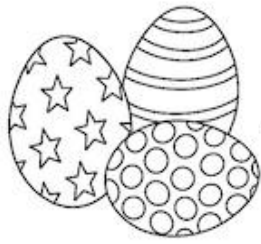
Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease and flour two 8x4-inch pans.
2. Sift flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon together in a large bowl.
3. Beat eggs, oil, sugar, and vanilla together in a separate large bowl with an electric mixer until combined; add flour mixture and beat well. Stir in zucchini and walnuts until well combined. Pour batter into the prepared pans.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 40 to 60 minutes. Cool in the pans on a wire rack for 20 minutes. Run a table knife around the edges to loosen. Invert carefully onto a wire rack and let cool completely.

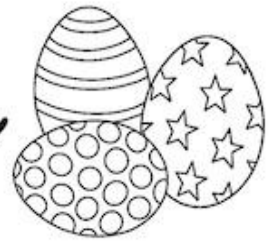
YARD SALE

Yard Sale Saturday will be Saturday May 25 from 9am -3pm Sign up will be in the Clubhouse. Look for further information as we get closer to the day.





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WORD SEARCH

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FAMILY
FLOWERS
FRIENDS
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SPRING



Saturday May 25, 2024

9 am-3 pm

Signup in the Clubhouse

**RESOLUTION TO SET FORTH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING PROPOSED
COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL
AND TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC BALLOTING**

**White Birch Lakes Recreational Association
Farwell, Michigan**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the White Birch Lakes Recreational Association, held on the 11th day of May, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time,

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Director _____ and supported by Director _____:

WHEREAS, the C&R Committee and Board of Directors have been working on a proposed update to the White Birch Lakes Recreational Association's Covenants and Restrictions, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to set forth the policies and procedures by which the Association will present the proposed update for a vote of the membership, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has sought the advice of the Association attorney regarding the process for conducting an election on the proposed update;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following policies and procedures be adopted for the membership vote on the 2024 proposed update to the White Birch Lakes Recreational Association Covenants and Restrictions ("2024 Proposed C&Rs").

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

A voting member is defined in the 2002 Amended Declaration of Restrictions, White Birch Lakes Recreational Association ("2002 C&Rs"), in Article I, Section A.1 as "every person who acquires title (legal or equitable) to any residential lot in the Development shall be a member of the Association, except that only one (1) of any number of co-owners of a lot shall be entitled to a vote".

Article 1, Section C.1 of the 2002 C&Rs states that "each adult person having a legal or equitable ownership in a lot shall be a member of the association and shall be required to pay only one such annual charge for each lot owned, subject to contiguous lot status".

Based on the advice of the Association Attorney, a voting member is hereby determined to be eligible to cast one vote for each lot upon which an annual assessment is paid.

In order to participate, the voting member must not be under suspension of privileges of membership as defined in the 2002 C&Rs, Article I, Section E and the White Birch Lakes Recreational Association By-Laws Article III, Section 7. The deadline to be in compliance is August 5, 2024, and a proposed ineligibility list will

be available at the Association Office on that date. The Board of Directors will certify the ineligibility list at its August 10, 2024 Board of Directors meeting. If a member believes that they are on this list in error, they may appeal to the Board of Directors in person or in writing at the August 10, 2024 meeting.

VOTING PERIOD

Voting will commence on Monday August 12th and end on Friday August 30th. No later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the voting period, members will be mailed information on voting procedures and means by which to access the 2024 Proposed C&Rs. The 2024 Proposed C&Rs will, at a minimum, be posted on the Association’s website and Facebook page, be available in paper form at the Association Office, and sent electronically to those who are participating in the Association’s email list.

VOTING METHODS

The Board of Directors is authorized to contract with an outside consultant to manage the voting on the 2024 Proposed C&Rs. If contracted, the consultant must be able to offer the following:

- Hybrid elections whereby the member may choose to vote either by paper or electronic means.
- Member tracking that prevents over-counting while maintaining the confidentiality of the member’s vote.
- Ballot tabulation that includes both electronic and paper ballots.
- Paper ballots may either be processed by the Association Election Committee in the same manner as for the annual election of the Board of Directors and internally entered into the consultant’s system for tabulation, or directly by the consultant.

If the Board of Directors chooses to not contract with an outside consultant, then the process will be managed by the Association Election Committee in the same manner as for the annual election of the Board of Directors.

The voting method will be finalized by the Board of Directors at the June 8, 2024 meeting and presented to the membership at the July Annual Meeting.

RESULTS

In order to become effective, the 2024 Proposed C&Rs must receive an affirmative vote from a simple majority of the total members of the association in good standing that are eligible to vote as set forth above. A simple majority is defined and 50% plus 1.

Results will be released to the membership no later than September 13, 2024 via the Association website, Facebook page, and email communication.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

**2024 Application for Absentee Ballot
White Birch Lakes Recreational Association Election**

1. White Birch Lakes Recreational Association (WBLRA) By-Laws provide that Members may vote by Absentee Ballot by requesting a ballot in writing.
2. If you choose to vote by Absentee Ballot in the **2024 WBLRA election**, you must **complete this application** and **return to the POST OFFICE BOX listed below or deposit it in the locked Election box located in the Secretary/Treasurer's office during business hours.**
3. Absentee ballots will be sent out *AFTER* Friday, June 14, 2024. *To receive an Absentee Ballot, this application must be received AT THE POST OFFICE or be deposited in the locked Election box located in the Secretary/Treasurer's office during business hours BEFORE Friday June 28, 2024. No other application will be accepted.*

4. **FIRST AND LAST NAME OF VOTER** _____

MAILING STREET ADDRESS AND/OR P.O. BOX # _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE _____

5. **LOT NUMBER(S)** _____ You may only vote for lots upon which you pay assessments-**NOT CONTIGUOUS LOTS.**

6. **MEMBER'S SIGNATURE** _____

MUST BE SIGNED

7. Member's Signature: (By signing this application, this certifies that they are an owner of the listed lot(s), that they are a member in Good Standing, that they intend to submit an Absentee Ballot for the lot(s) listed, and they will not permit a non-member, or member not in Good Standing to vote using the Absentee Ballot(s) they will be issued.)

8. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION BY U.S. MAIL TO:**

White Birch Lakes Election (or the locked Election box located in the Secretary/Treasurer's
P.O. Box 839 office during office business hours) Farwell,
Michigan 48622

9. *Applications for Absentee Ballots MUST BE received BEFORE Friday June 28, 2024 to receive a voting ballot(s) by mail.*

10. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED AND RECEIVED ONLY AT THE POST OFFICE BOX BY 4 PM, FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024 TO BE COUNTED.**

11. If you do not receive an Absentee ballot *by Friday, July 12, 2024*, please contact the Election Committee Chairperson, Teresa Stephens 989-339-1417.

Office Use Only

Membership Status Verified _____ (initials)

Not Verified _____ (initials)

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OAK WILT

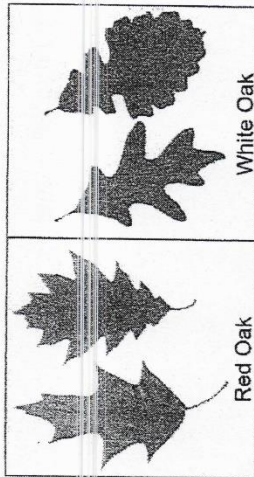
This information is provided by Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Oak wilt is a disease that infects and kills ornamental and forest oak trees. In recent years, oak wilt has expanded dramatically and is found throughout Michigan.

It is easier to prevent oak wilt than to eliminate it once it becomes established. In Michigan, foresters, firewood cutters, landscapers, utility and road commission crews and others who work around trees need to be familiar with oak wilt and how to prevent it from spreading.

What is Oak Wilt?

Oak wilt is a tree disease caused by a fungus that plugs the water-conducting system of oak trees. To block the spread of the fungus, trees produce gums and resins which also plug the system, causing infected trees to die quickly.



Oak wilt is mainly a problem of red oak trees.

This group includes northern red oak, black oak and pin oak. Red oaks will die within a few weeks after becoming infected. White oaks are more resistant and the disease progresses more slowly.

How Does Oak Wilt Spread?

Diseased trees pass the fungus to adjacent healthy trees through root grafts. In addition, the fungus can be carried to new areas by sap-feeding beetles, which move spores from infected trees to freshly-wounded healthy trees.

Oak wilt, like gypsy moth and other exotic forest pests, can also be moved in firewood. Infected firewood can form spore-producing pads under the bark which attract sap-feeding beetles. Beetles feed on these pads and transfer oak wilt spores to healthy trees, sometimes several miles away. Healthy trees become infected when the spores enter through fresh wounds in the bark.

Preventing Oak Wilt

Wounding a red oak tree between April 15th and July 15th can lead to oak wilt. Wounding may be accidental (e.g. lawnmowers), intentional (e.g. pruning live branches) or weather-related (e.g. wind storms). While fresh sap is only attractive to sap-feeding insects for several hours after a wound occurs, the beetles are numerous and widespread during this period and the risk of oak wilt being transferred is high.

Fortunately, prevention is easy - do not injure or prune oak trees between mid-April and mid-July. Remember, once a tree becomes infected, the fungus will spread to nearby oak trees through interconnected (grafted) root systems. Root grafts between oak trees of the same species are very common and can occur between trees more than 50 feet apart.

Prevention is critical. It is much easier, cheaper and more effective to practice prevention than to try to stop the disease once it is established.

Controlling Oak Wilt

Controlling the spread of the oak wilt fungus between healthy and infected trees is simple in theory but difficult and expensive in practice. The key is to stop the movement of the fungus by severing root grafts between healthy and infected trees. Removing infected trees without severing root grafts first is not effective because the fungus stays alive in the root system and can still move into healthy trees. Removing an infected tree BEFORE the root grafts have been severed can actually speed the movement of the fungus into surrounding trees.

Vibratory plows (also called cable plows) or trenchers with five-foot blades or booms are the most effective way to break interconnected root systems. The placement of these barriers is extremely important. Barriers must be placed far enough out from infected trees to ensure that the disease has been isolated in the root systems within the barrier circle. This will include trees that may not yet be infected, but are close enough to infected trees to be grafted. Trees inside the barrier circle should be removed, cut and covered with a tarp for one year to prevent beetles from reaching the spore pads.

Fungicides containing the active ingredient propiconazole (e.g. Alamo[®]) may be effective, but they are expensive, must be applied by a licensed applicator using special equipment, and must be used before or shortly after infection takes place.

For more information, contact:

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**The White Birch Lakes
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2024
(Meeting conducted through GoToMeeting.com and at the Clubhouse)**

I. Call to Order:

President Boos called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Board Members Present: President Boos; Directors Sherry, Ostrowski, Holzer, Dombrowski, Stanley and Baker.
also, Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Trojanowski and Manager Michelle Waters

Board Members Attending by Teleconference/GoToMeeting: None

Board Members/Others Absent: None

Note: There were approximately 1 Members listening to the meeting through GoToMeeting and approximately 10 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:

- A. DNR/ORV Class
- B. EPC Violation Discussion

III. Approval of Minutes:

(1) Director Ostrowski moves to approve the minutes from the March Board Meeting with typo corrections, 2nd by Director Sherry. All Ayes, motion carried.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Lisa Trojanowski reported the following:

“Just an update that after reviewing the end of the fiscal year financials, it was determined that an additional \$20,000.00 would be transferred to Capital Improvement. Also, I would like to update everyone that as of today \$11,627.19 has been collected this fiscal year for past due assessments.”

(2) Director Dombrowski moves to approve the financial reports for March 2024 as presented, subject to the Auditor's approval, 2nd by Director Sherry. All Ayes, motion carried.

There were no payables at this time.

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

“In a couple of weeks campers will be returning. Our staff is busy preparing for their return. With the weather improving, lot cleanup will begin. Please keep fires under control and not left unattended. A volunteer is needed to put the appropriate fire sign on Smokey the Bear. Contact Michelle if you are interested. The corn holes are now in place for your enjoyment. April 8th was a partial eclipse. There was an eclipse party at Holiday Lake. Although it was not a full eclipse all that attended had fun. White Birch C&R's are more restrictive than Lincoln Township ordinance. Please review and follow our guidelines.”

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

“A quick update from the March meeting, the playground equipment has been purchased for Holiday Lake and the robot pool vacuum has been used twice and it works great, thank you for approving that purchase. Maintenance has been working on repainting benches, tables, chairs and working on the roads in between rainy days. They are getting things ready for the season.
The teal aerator was rebuilt on 3/15/24.

The roads will be brined on May 7th.
The dumpsters will be placed in the campground the week of May 6th.
I have more items to discuss but they are all on the agenda. Thank you.”

VII. Committee Reports:

Activities:

Dec. 9, was the Christmas Party. Thank you to everyone who helped set up after the board meeting for it, brought food or games to play, cleaned up and came for an evening of fun. We had 30 attend the party. We had some Christmas Games led by Phil and Erin Blaisdell, that were fun to play. Thank you for all the help. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Jeff Simons for hosting the New Years Eve Party. It was a fun night.

A Big Thank you to the following people who helped me take down the Christmas Decorations: Phyllis and Al Willobee, Debbie McDonald, Willa Coombe, Kim and Bob Mitchell. Also, a big thank you to maintenance for taking down the ornaments and wreaths on the front gate. Thank you to Willa Coombe, Kathy Jarred, Dawn Neimeyer for helping put up the Valentine's decorations.

Bingo was on January 20th with about 18 people in attendance. Bingo was a lot of fun.

January 27th was the Chili Soup Cookoff. We had about 25 people that attended. Char Lieblich won for Best Chili and Phyllis Willobee won for Best Soup. All the entries were very tasty which made it hard to pick which one was the best. It was really nice seeing everyone there. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, brought chili or soup to enter, came and tasted and voted, helped clean up and just made the event an enjoyable one.

Thank you to Kim Mithell for taking down the Valentine Decorations, Window clings and washing the clubhouse windows before she put up the Easter Decorations.

Bingo was on February 17th. We had a nice turnout and everyone had a good time.

Thank you to Kim Mitchell and Debra McDonald for doing Bingo on March 16th. They had a good turnout and everyone had fun. It was great they stepped up and did Bingo when I was still in the hospital.

Thank you to Char Lieblich and Sue Hasslacker for doing the Easter Dinner on March 23. 36 people attended the Easter dinner. There was a lot of food and everyone enjoyed the dinner. I was happy Char and Sue took on the Easter dinner when I ended up in the hospital at U of M. Thank you to everyone who helped them set up, clean up, brought dishes to pass or just came and ate to make it a success. It takes everyone pitching in to make things work.

The next Bingo will be on April 20th, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the clubhouse. Bingo is free. Prizes are full size candy bars and bags of chips. Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Just a reminder, Activities does NOT have a chairperson or a committee to handle them anymore. Please volunteer to be in charge of an activity or event. We will need members to volunteer for Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day to continue these events as well as any other activities members would like. Please let the board know which one you would like to be in charge of. When someone does volunteer to do an activity or event, please help them out if they need help and let them know they are appreciated, so hopefully they will continue to volunteer as well as others. We should be working together to make WB the best place it can possibly be. Many hands make light work, plus it is more fun with others helping out.

Campground Committee: Director Dombrowski reported the following:

“I took a drive thru and nothing looks out of sorts, there are a couple people camping. There was an issue with a stray mattress, that has been handled. And I am looking forward to a nice relaxing evening there tonight.”

EPC Committee: President Boos reported the following:

“There are two members that would like to be appointed to the committee. John Pryde and Dan Holzer.

(3) Director Dombrowski moves to approve the appointment of John Pryde and Dan Holzer to the EPC committee. 2nd Director Sherry. All Ayes, motion carried.

EPC Committee: Director Holzer reported the following:

“It has been quite a busy month since last meeting, we have had 8 tree removals, 2 driveways, 1 pole barn, 1 dog kennel, 1 shed, 1 addition to an existing garage and 2 new home builds. One home will be on Timber and it will be starting to roll out in the next couple weeks and that will be a walk out basement, main floor and an upstairs and will be a log home and the other on Old State and Adams Road it is going to be a ranch. There are going to be some guidelines for tree removals. This has been on going and nothing new. People have heard of the disease Oak Wilt; it has been around for years and years in the State of Michigan. The DNR and the Conservation District both suggest not to cut or wound Red Oak trees between April 15th and July 15th as it can lead to Oak Wilt. If you have to prune a tree back, please put pruning spray on the Oak trees and not to do any trimming during the time frame stated above. Tree removal requests will be taken on a one-on-one basis during this time. If it is an emergency or if the tree is dead or if we can put pruning spray on it will be determined by the Committee. Just keep it in mind,

when you apply it will be case by case and we will do our best. If anyone has any questions about the trees we do have a Forester in Clare Conservation, his name is Joe Nash and his phone number is 989-539-6401. He would be glad to come out and look if you have any problem with your trees or have any questions. He covers Clare and Gladwin County.” Director Dombrowski inquired on the camper that was placed on a property early. Director Holzer stated a violation letter has been sent out and the Township has been notified.

Comments from the Floor:

1. Sandy Getz, Lot# 97, “Myself and a group of friends would like to host the 4th of July party.”
2. Kevin Dombrowski, Lot # 1209, “The covenants and restrictions state suspension of privileges of membership. Letter E Roman Numeral 1 page 4 letter E Suspension of privileges as membership. As Tim stated, “Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the Board of Directors of the Association shall have the right to suspend the voting rights, (if any) and the right to use the facilities of the Association of any member or associate member for 1 any period during which any Association charge (including fines) owed by the member or associate member remains unpaid: and 2 during the period of any continuing violation of the restrictive covenants of the development after the existence of the violation shall have been declared by the Board of Directors of the Association.”
3. Steve Brandle, Lot #1360, “I also think that something should be done about that camper and those people should be made members not in good standing at this time. I don’t know how these people think they can put it on this early and they have been members for quite a few years. Just to brush it under the rug is not the way to go. Thank you.”
4. Jim Ostrowski, Lot #245, “What Kevin said, you said the Board approves the list of members not in good standing. When is that presented to the Board for review? I have never seen one, I have no idea and I have never voted on anyone. If we are going to it that way, with the elections coming up we should probably be doing this on a monthly basis. We should be getting a list and be acting on this as a Board and include any additions that may need to be made. We should be doing this on a regular basis. In this particular case, if it warrants a particular action from the Board that the member is not in good standing. We should act on it and do it regularly. I have been on two years and I have never seen anything.”

X. Unfinished Business:

In regards to Agenda item “C&R Discussion,” Director Sherry stated that we are still waiting for a final review from the attorney. There was discussion on voting electronically and if there was time to change bylaws as well as costs. The board would like to suggest dates of starting the voting Monday August 5th and ending August 30th. A resolution will be made and notice will be given to the Membership and the Board will come back next month to readdress this topic.

In regards to Agenda item, “Township Board of Review Results” Director Sherry informed the Board that the petition to Board of review to protest the assessed value of two residential properties owned by WBLRA was denied. There was a discussion on what further action we would take at this time.

(4) Director Ostrowski moves to postpone any further action on the 2024 tax appeals and instead direct our attention to the process of re-platting these properties moving forward. 2nd Director Baker. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item “Clubhouse Floor Fireplace/Dining Area Discussion”

(5) Director Holzer moves to approve new flooring from Woods at the price of \$11,627.19 to come out of Capital Improvement. 2nd Director Dombrowski. Director Holzer, Director Stanley, Director Dombrowski and President Boos Ayes, Director Baker, Director Sherry and Director Ostrowski Nays. Motion carried.

XI. New Business:

In regards to Agenda item, “Approve Summer Hours,”

(6) Director Ostrowski moves to approve the 2024 summer hours. 2nd Director Sherry. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item, "Point Broad Band" A meeting took place with President Boos and a representative from the company. The company is waiting for grant approval before we need to make any decisions. Any future updates will be shared with the membership at that time.

In regards to Agenda item, "Septic Cleaning Quotes and Porta Potty Pricing,"

(7) Director Sherry moves to approve Johnson Septic quote for 2024 port a potty for \$2700 and \$1650 for septic cleaning. 2nd Director Holzer. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to added Agenda item, "Gravel Pricing,"

(8) Director Holzer moves to approve purchasing 100 tons of gravel from Fisher Gravel at \$17.06 plus tax per ton for the 2024 season. 2nd Director Dombrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to added Agenda item, "Annual Meeting." Director Holzer requests permission to get quotes for food for the Annual meeting and will return next month will more information,

In regards to the Agenda item, "Fish Stock" Michelle stated that WBLRA was looking to plant 2870 Hybrid Bluegills between White Birch and Timber Lake.

(9) Director Baker moves to approve fish stock up to \$5000. 2nd Director Holzer. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to the Agenda item, "Threshold Limit on Spending Without Prior Board Approval"

(10) Director Sherry moves to approve the increase the purchasing limit from \$500 to \$1000 on purchase of budgeted items without prior approval. 2nd Director Holzer. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to added Agenda item "DNR/ORV Class", Michelle has been communicating with the DNR about holding an ORV training course here at WB. She requested the Board's input on dates to offer the class and if it would be ok to offer the class to people outside WB. The DNR will handle the online advertising and sign up for the class.

(11) Director Sherry moves to approve a DNR/ORV class to be set up for Members of White Birch as well as Clare County with the possibility of the first date available in June 2024. 2nd Director Baker. All Ayes, motion carried.

- In regards to added Agenda item, "EPC Violations," There was discussion on what actions can be taken to enforce EPC violations. It was decided that a list of new violations given each month will be presented to the board at the following board meeting to establish whether identified members of each violation are no longer in good standing. This is to begin starting with the May 2024 board meeting.

XII. Additional Comments from the Floor:

5. Lisa Cooley, Lot # 419 "In all of the violation talk, just sitting here it felt very directed to the campers. I understand the problems. But I think that if we want people to respect our letters, we have people that do not age out of violations and I do not know if that is being a heavy focus. We have homeowners that do not age out of their violation. I don't think they have lost their rights. If we want people to know that we are serious, we have to start focusing on those people too. Because like it was said, the C&R's will let you age out but those other ones don't age out. There are some situations that need we need to prove that we are serious. We need to be serious about everyone as a whole and we have more control over the ones that don't age out of their violations."
6. Bob Cooley, Lot# 419, "To address the issue with the floor these scratches from dragging the chair and tables across the floor. Maybe address the problem with some of the chairs have leg cushions on them but some don't and when they get drug across it will scratch the floor. Also, when the Port a Potty's get put in, have them level them out on the ground."
7. Steve Brandle, Lot # 1369, "I did not attend all of the meetings when the zoning ordinance was amended. But wasn't part of the deal that the \$25 zoning fee was going to go toward at least part of it to enforcing the removal of temporary sheds and things? I seem to remember some talk about that. What I am seeing is that they want to prevent people from putting these temporary sheds on, which they can't even do right now and then they do not enforce the removal of the skeletons or anything else. All they care about is the \$25 fee. And every month I read the report I read the report on line. Nobody enforces anything but making sure that fee

is collected. I think that is wrong. It looks like that is the priority.”

8. Don Stanley, Lot # 1155, “I need to be excused from the June meeting, I had a prior engagement that I had before I was accepted to the Board.”

(12) Director Ostrowski moves to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Director Baker. All Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 12:20 pm

Submitted by,

Lisa Trojanowski Secretary/Treasurer