

**The White Birch Lakes
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2024
(Meeting conducted through GoToMeeting.com and at the Clubhouse)**

I. Call to Order:

President Boos called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

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

Board Members Attending by Teleconference/GoToMeeting: None

Board Members/Others Absent: Director Stanley

Note: There were approximately 0 Members listening to the meeting through GoToMeeting and approximately 7 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. Holiday Lake Weeds

III. Approval of Minutes:

(1) Director Holzer moves to approve the minutes from the May Board Meeting, 2nd by Director Sherry. All Ayes, motion carried.

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

It was reported that \$17254.43 has been collected since March 2024 in past due fees and an additional \$9000.00 this week.

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

There were NO Payables at this time

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

The Memorial Day garage sales was a great success with approximately 36 sites.

The garden club has completed the plantings at the front gate and club house. A big thanks to them.

The seal coating at the front gate looks good and the staff will be addressing the water run off on each side.

The new flooring has been installed in the club house. A well needed improvement to our facilities.

With the 4th of July approaching, events are in the planning stage and appears to be fun for all ages.

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

"I would like to start off by thanking all the employees for working the past Holiday weekend. Thank you, Bob & Claudia, for keeping the CG bath house in order. Thanks to Georgia, Kathy & our new summer employee, Ryleigh for manning the Clubhouse. We sold out of our new ice cream flavors (237) over the holiday weekend! Thank you to the maintenance crew for getting the grounds ready for the holiday! And a big thank you to our members that stopped in and had a fun time.

The brine has been holding up pretty well. The next brining is scheduled for 6/20. I received a note from Michigan Chloride about the impending EGLE regulations coming down the pipeline. They will only be able to spread 2000 gallons/mile at a time, instead of the 3000 gallons/mile that were spread in May. They can however follow up a week or so later with the remaining 1000 gallons/mile on a booster application if needed.

As per usual our dumpster area was overburdened for the Holiday weekend. I would ask if we could order a 30-yard dumpster for \$100 more for the week of July 4th. The lowest price being \$650 from 5 Star Dumpsters. A 30-yard dumpster is 6 ft longer than the 20yard with the same height sides. Our regular dumpster company, Discount Dumpsters can do an extra dump on our dumpsters, but not during the weekend nor a Holiday for \$100.

I spoke to our fish supplier; we will need to move our fish plant to the fall. I will talk to Steve Brandle about what fish would be best to buy at that time.

We ordered some new crewneck sweatshirts – check out the new colors. There will be a new hat coming in soon.

We have 17 people signed up for the ORV Safety Course!

The baby changing stations have all been installed.

I have had many discussions with Joe about the railing for the walkway. I believe we have the design that will work the best. Joe will be working on this project the next couple of weeks.

VII. Committee Reports:

C&R Committee: Director Sherry reported the following:

“Next step, I was planning on doing something similar to what we did in the fall. Where we had the version of the C&R’s with the boxes that kind of explained and just be available to put out to the general membership so that people could look at that. I was going to do it, bring it to the committee and we do not have a meeting before the annual meeting so I was going to just email the board a copy of them. We could then have it out and available.”

Election Committee: Teresa Stephens reported the following:

“We had four letters of intent for 3 open seats. All of the letters were accepted by the election committee. When the time comes, if you guys could accept the ballot, that would be great. Next steps are, the first mailing of the absentee ballots will be June 17th. Again, just a reminder, all requests for absentee ballots can be brought in and mailed in and put in the box. The actual ballots have to be mailed back to the PO Box on the envelope. The second mailing will be July 5th, because we cannot have it any closer than 15 days before the election. Unfortunately, it falls on a holiday weekend, but we really don’t have much choice there. Then the ballots will be due, absentee ballots, by 4 pm July 19th. The election is the 20th.”

Campground Committee: Director Dombrowski reported the following:

“Bathrooms look fantastic, the alarm was going off this morning when I went to get water, I did the reset and everything is fine. The camp sites/storage everything looks clean and well-manicured, it looks great back there,like they did it yesterday or something, it looks really good. There looks like there is only one site that has some debris in the back storage area. It looks like someone may be coming back.”

EPC Committee: Director Holzer reported the following:

“There were 2 requests for tree removals.”

Safety Committee: Bob Pelfery reported the following:

“All I can say, is everyone had a good weekend. Just everyone, have a little respect for our roads. I have said that 1000X.”

Safety Committee: Steve Biechele reported the following:

“Good morning, Clare County Incident Report May 2024: Ambulance and Rescue 23, General Assistance Patrol 12, Property Check 206, Traffic Patrol 76 and Traffic Stop 34.”

Comments from the Floor:

1. Steve Brandle, Lot# 1369, “Michelle, I am just curious of the 17 people signed up for the ORV course, do you have a breakdown of how many of those are in White Birch? Some of them could be from outside too. I just want to make a suggestion, that the ones that are members kids or whatever, if we could give them a little special recognition. Maybe in the Birch Bark, a sticker for their helmet, a little bit of a pat on the back for doing it. This is a suggestion.”
2. Director Dombrowski read email from Jeff Simons, Lot # 299, “He counted up to 30 geese on Holiday Lake and the poop is crazy. Can we get some fake swans to chase the geese away?”
3. Marie Sherry, Lot# 714, “I was wrong about the floor, it looks wonderful.”
4. Theresa Thompson, Lot# 752, “Can you just say the 4 people are running?”

X. Unfinished Business:

In regards to Agenda item “Electronic Voting,” Director Holzer did some research on pricing packages and time frames from Associated Voting out of Howell that was discussed last month. Director Sherry will contact the company to make sure nothing was missed.

(3) Director Holzer moves to approve a motion to hire Associated Voting to handle the process for the upcoming C&R voting in August 2024 not to exceed \$4000, to come out of Capital Improvement, 2nd Director Sherry. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item, “Audit Update,” Director Holzer stated that last year it was voted that we would streamline our audit. The plan was to form a committee to perform the annual audit. It was determined that due to a conflict of interest that could occur in the future, that our accountant will perform the audit on a smaller scale to basically not include calling the lawyer for permission or filing paperwork for her licensing or come and stay for the day. She will still check everything and file our taxes.

XI. New Business:

In regards to Agenda item, “Approval of Election Ballot,” Director Holzer read the proposed Ballot to everyone.

(4) Director Dombrowski moves to approve the 2024 Election Ballot as presented, 2nd Director Ostrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item, “Approval for the 4th of July Parade and Children’s Games” Director Holzer stated a member was asking for funds for candy and prizes for the 4th of July parade and carnival on July 6th starting at 12:00 pm.

(5) Director Holzer moves to approve up to \$400 for the 4th of July Parade and Children’s Carnival, 2nd Director Dombrowski. All Ayes motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item “Approval for the 4th of July Evening Celebration Funds” Director Dombrowski stated a member is requesting funds for an evening celebration for the 6th of July to include a band and food. It was stated that there is money in the budget.

(6) Director Holzer moves to approve up to \$1000 for a band and food for the 4th of July Celebration, 2nd Director Dombrowski. Director Holzer, Director Dombrowski and President Boos Ayes, Director Baker, Director Sherry and Director Ostrowski Nays, Tied, motion failed.

(7) Director Holzer moves to approve up to \$999.00 for the 4th of July Evening Celebration, 2nd Director Dombrowski. Director Holzer, Director Dombrowski and President Boos Ayes, Director Baker, Director Sherry and Director Ostrowski Nays, Tied, motion failed.

(8) Director Sherry moves to approve \$1000 for the 4th of July Evening Celebration and require that all future requests give an itemized list of costs prior to the board meeting and the person requesting the funds be present at the meeting, 2nd Director Holzer, All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item “Stop Sign at Hemlock/Pine and Other Signs as Needed”, President Boos stated some stop signs have been requested to be placed on certain corners.

(9) Director Sherry moves to approve for maintenance to take care of any road signs as needed, 2nd Director Holzer. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item, “Change to 9 am Summer Board Meeting Hours,” this topic was discussed and was not received well, no vote was taken.

In regards to added Agenda item, “Holiday Lake Weeds,” Michelle discussed that the Eurasian Milfoil has exploded in Holiday Lake, several options were presented by PLM to address this situation.

(10) Director Sherry moves to approve the Managers recommended lake treatment up to \$3000, to come out of Capital Improvement, 2nd Director Baker. All Ayes, motion carried.

XII. Additional Comments from the Floor:

5. Tim Ayris, Lot # 1198, “The nature trail by the campground, my wife and I walk it quite a bit. There has been an Oak tree for the last year leaning pretty heavy about the middle of the trail, kind of by the storage area. That is pretty dangerous, it looks like it is sagging. We have to duck under it when we walk the trail. I don’t know if that is something that maintenance can probably cut down. If kids find it and were climbing on it, it could fall.”

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

Meeting Adjourned 11:20 am

Submitted by,

Lisa Trojanowski Secretary/Treasurer