

# Board Minutes - May 20, 2024

The following statement was read by Luke Emde prior to calling the meeting to order. We understand that many of you are curious and may have questions about the lawsuit brought against the Association and the potential settlement of that lawsuit. The board will not be discussing the lawsuit or the potential settlement tonight, it would not be appropriate for us to do so, given that the lawsuit is ongoing.

Please know that the Association's attorneys have been and continue to be in discussions with plaintiff's counsel, and representatives of some of the residents that objected to the settlement, about potential modifications to the settlement agreement. Those discussions are ongoing, and we are hopeful that we can reach a resolution.

Please know that your voices have been heard. All we want is to have a resolution of longstanding litigation that brings closure to the case and allows all of us to move forward in a collaborative and neighborly way. The Association's foremost wish is to enter into a global settlement that will provide finality and peace to the Loch Lomond community going forward. We believe that this result is possible.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Luke Emde. A quorum was established. Present: Dan Lennon, Mickey Emde, Michael Strachn, Luke Emde.

**Approval of minutes:** A motion to approve the April 15, 2024 minutes was made by Mickey Emde second by Mike Strachn. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - No report was presented but financials were read aloud by Luke Emde.

#### **Resident Comments:**

Marty Szostak 980 Lucerne Ct. - Thanked Mary Ellen and Tom Casey for putting on a great event on Saturday to kick off the season. Raised several questions about the aerators at the South Beach and the placement of them. He also wondered about the diving platform and how to keep it clean. The board will address aerators in the swimming area.

Sarah Christ, 218 Banbury Rd. - Addressed the Board with ideas for a grassroots Lochfest 2024. She also reminded everyone it is the 70th anniversary of the neighborhood. Several suggestions were presented of low cost or no cost activities to provide a family fun day.

Mike Porter, 921 Lomond Drive - Has serious issues with the speed of cars in the neighborhood and specifically on the hill in front of his house. The village listens to residents and will respond. The more complaints by people in the area might make a difference.

He also expressed frustration over the lawsuit in the neighborhood.

Kim Kick, 1189 Lomond Drive, Emphasized the morning traffic is dangerous with cars using our streets to cut through from Midlothian to Rt. 45.

Residents in attendance: Tom and Maryellen Casey, Travis and Kim Kick, Lauren Bunk, Greg Alfson, Roseanne and Mike Porter, Robin Saydak, Marty Szostak, Sarah Christ.

**Administrative Report -** Erich Schwenk was not present due to a prior commitment. Mickey Emde read aloud the administrator's report.

Lake Management Report - Highlights from the past month include;

- Whole lake spraying for the invasive curly leaf pondweed, the only chemical spraying we are planning to do this summer

- We more than doubled the amount of bioedredge material applied this year from last year and with volunteers doing the spreading again and homeowners purchasing bags of material we realized a significant savings to LLPOA.

- The Summer Kickoff was held this past weekend and was again very successful with over 100 people in attendance, this event was put on through donations of time, food and supplies from volunteers at no cost to LLPOA.

Dam, Path and Spillway Report - Dan Lennon presented his report.

## South Beach Report

- South Beach cleanup was very successful on Saturday with over 25 volunteers completing a wide variety of tasks that transformed the beach, especially the swim area.

- The new swim area beach fencing was put in place for the summer use.

**South Beach additional information**: No lifeguards on duty this summer. There will be swimming buoys in place indicating swim area. Be vigilant. Safety is a priority. Keep the entry gates closed at all times. No one is allowed on the beaches between 11 pm and 5 am. There is a new fence to keep the geese out and we will have signs to help residents put them in place correctly. The website will be updated for water quality and we will have a method to display a flag at the South Beach. It was emphasized that e coli is usually present after heavy rains. A website: Beach Guard was referenced to provide additional information for residents. A special thank you to the village for improving the parking area at South Beach by adding gravel to raise the level of the area to make the curb.

**North Beach Report -** Mickey Emde presented her report. She thanked everyone who helps to keep north beach an attractive quiet place to enjoy with your family. We have seen many

visitors both two and four legged using the beach this season. A reminder to everyone to keep

your boat in its spot and locked. Unsecured boats can be taken out and used by others probably without the care you give your own boat. Another reminder you have to be 16 or with someone 16 to be at the North Beach by yourself. The large gate is secured with a chain and lock and has been cut twice this season. Please contact the administrator or North Beach director to gain access to the large gate. The beach has been graded and weeded except for the buffer strip. The flowers are coming up thanks to the nice weather and rain. Native garden volunteers are working to keep the weeds down and evaluate our many areas for concerns and celebrations. If you would like to work on any native gardens at South or North Beach we are still looking for volunteers. Thank you to our team of 8 for stepping up to get started. Mother nature doesn't like bare soil!!!

### Old Business - None

## **New Business**

a.) Revision to electric motor policy - Motion to increase to 6 hp electric motors allowed to accommodate the new design that is replacing the old Minkota motor that is no longer being made was made by Luke Emde, seconded Dan Lennon seconded. Motion carried.

b.) LochFest Options - Discussion summary: Keep the date 27 July from 12-5. Concentrate on free and fun activities to build community ie: Bingo, Baggo, Games. Bring your own food and beverages. Free music provided by volunteers.

c.) Recommendation to send out membership letter - Motion to send out a second membership letter to all residents was made by Luke Emde, second by Mike Strachn. Motion carried.

d.) Approval of Signers on LLPOA accounts - Dan Lennon agreed to become a signer on the accounts with Nancy Burton.

## **Resident Comments:**

Tom Casey 572 Killarney Pass Circle. questioned the use of the word, voluntary in the membership letter might give the wrong impression.

Kim Kick asked how many residents have paid this year, (about 1/3). How many historically pay : 80% or more.

Maryellen Casey added a suggestion for LochFest based on the Sylvan Lake picnic that was also grass roots, bare bones style picnic.

Adjournment - Mike Strachn made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luke Emde.

Next meeting: June 17, 2024 - 7 p.m.