Merry Lake Property Association

Date: February 10, 2024

Called the meeting to order: 0931

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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| Kyle | Terry | Sian | Teresa | Julie | Mark | Gail |

Board members absent: none

**Visitors (First & Last Name):** Janet Woods, Greg Leja, Susie Schuman, Kevin Price

**In the matter of: Lot 68 Eastern Shores**

All visitors present were in attendance to express concerns relating to a new development taking place on Lark Drive (East side of the lake) where recent survey had been completed. The result of the survey seemingly indicated that there was encroachment affecting Kevin Price’s home. The Hillsdale County GIS map differs than what had been mapped out. Susie stated she had her land surveyed by two surveyors and was told that this particular group of properties is “messed up”. Kyle reached out to the property owner (Avalos) via telephone call during the meeting and it was expressed that he was looking to build while utilizing the tree line as a reference and was aware that the survey results were skewed. If the property owners would like verification of the property lines, they could all pursue this, but would require each affected owner to be financially responsible for an updated and accurate survey. Through extensive discussion, the parties involved reached an understanding of the perceived property lines despite what is reflected in the survey/GIS imaging.

Kyle shared that while he is happy to assist the property owners with their concerns, matters like these are typically out of the Board Members hands as it is a county issue. Terry provided clarification that the Building Advisory Committee is in place to ensure property owners are adhering to the Merry Lake Restrictions. He went on to share that nothing had been submitted for review relating to this new build.

**Secretary’s Report (Sian):** Approval of Oct Mtg Minutes 1st: Terry / 2nd: Julie

**Bookkeeper’s Report (Julie):** n/a

**Treasurer’s Report (Teresa):** Approval of Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan Financial Reports

1st: Terry / 2nd: Mark

**Approval of Bills:** $1.61 (Summer Taxes) Will need to call Amboy Twp to ask what this fee is.

**Old Business:**

Discussion was held about the clarification of the Memorial Fund and the involvement of monies being ear marked for brick pavers as well as directed assets that were made in honor of DeWayne Rendel. Through discussion, it was determined that the Brick Pavers Memorial should be listed on the Merry Lake website with detailed explanation on how one could go about purchasing this. Meanwhile, it was suggested that the donations collected from property owners who contribute in excess of their annual property dues, are used as a “flower fund” where the Board Members are able to provide a donation on behalf of Merry Lake to a property owner who has passed away. Additionally, the Memorial Fund would allow for a direct designation if it is indicated by a property owner. The example provided was in regards to Art and Barb, who had donated money to have a tree planted in Trausch Park, honoring a family member.

**New Business:**

Dredging Permit: Current permit expires on February 24, 2024. Application fee is $50 and will need to be renewed.

Lawn Bids: One lawn bid was received by KS Lawn Care on January 20, 2024. The bid encompasses all five Merry Lake properties/parks/signage for a total amount of $3500.

Approval of the mowing bid: 1st: Sian / 2nd: Julie

Park Development (East Side): Gail and Kyle to talk to Police Chief (Morenci) regarding the acquisition of park equipment items that are being replaced.

**Lake Communications (Sian/Julie):** March Newsletters & Invoices. Sian reported that only one property owner has submitted a request for a hard copy to be sent. She will post the newsletter to the main website once completed and send a copy via email blast.

**Building Advisory Committee (Terry):** Lark Drive (no paperwork has been officially submitted)

**Lake Activities (Sian & Terry):** Memorial Day weekend ideas include: Evening Meet & Greet (an adults only event where each person or couple brings a charcuterie board to share). Ice Cream Social, and Evening Glow N Row event.

Teresa shared that Archery Spot is willing to donate to the fishing derby with advanced notice.

Mark stated he too, would like to donate as well, but to let him know in advance.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** (1) Teresa / (2) Julie **MTG END TIME:** 1056