

HIGHLAND LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
AVON TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the HLPOA Board was called to order by President Ann Bidwell at 7pm.

Board Members present: Ann Bidwell, Joe Bigalke, Cathy deGroh, Debi Hall, Pat Herendeen, Luke Jian (Zoom), Hans Kribbel, Bob Slipke, Trisha Steele. Board Members absent: Justin Harris.

Community Members present: Linda Kuntner, Gloria Ciaccio, Richard Zaehring, Angie Perking, Ed Venner, Andy Havelly.

Board approval was given to record the meeting and allow remote voting.

Community Comments: Richard Zaehring spoke about receiving a fine for depositing yard waste in the woods across the street from his home.

The October Minutes were approved as previously distributed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Trisha reported that the November revenue was \$0.00, expenses were \$278.09; leaving a cash balance of \$29,112.94 at the end of the month. Bob Slipke moved to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded and approved. Payables include Newsletter \$220; Pat moved to accept payment which was seconded and approved.

Old Business

- Hartnett Shoreline Restoration Project – Awaiting SWC grant approval which will be announced in mid-December. We have one bid for riprap repair and are seeking a second bid.
- HL Water Project - Public Works continues negotiations with property owner on Lakeside Dr for placement of the water tank, pump house and well. A community hearing was held at the Grayslake Village Hall on 11/13. Zoning hearing to be held at the Village Hall 12/11.
- Audit Committee - Scheduled to meet 12/9. Members are Marilyn Henry, Jan Katien, Steve Borchardt, and Ann Bidwell (ex-officio).
- Elections - 2024 Board Elections – Candidate applications are included in the November/December newsletter. The goal is to have a fair, transparent process. Logistics are being developed. Ann moved to hold the Board membership in 2024 to 9 members as allowed by Illinois Statute 805 ILCS 105/108.10. This was seconded and approved.

- Boat ID - This is an important initiative to prevent trespass, identify unclaimed boats, and locate owners of lost boats. Yellow Highland Lake stickers were inventoried to assess future sticker purchases.

New Business

- Budget Approval – Trisha moved to hold the annual HLPOA dues amount at \$150/household/year, with a \$25 discount if paid before 2/15/24. Seconded and approved. Motion by Trisha to approve the 2024 Budget, it was seconded and approved.
- Meeting dates for 2024 will be the 3rd Monday of the month (January – November), 7pm, Avon Township, except for the October Semi-Annual Meeting (10/26/24), Saturday morning 930-1130, State Bank of the Lakes.
- Avon Twp Supervisor Meeting – Ann recently met with Supervisor Bauman. The Supervisor is aware that many in our community desire a leaf pick-up day next fall. This will be addressed when Avon negotiates with waste companies next year. A “big trash” pick-up day in the future is unlikely. New ‘no-parking’ signs in our development are a result of a year’s-old county directive that was recently acted upon. Street parking during the night and on snow days is particularly unacceptable.
- Beautification of parks and neighborhoods with functional access lanes are a priority for next year. The community will be re-educated about nuisance ordinances regarding junk and cars in yards through the Newsletter and other means. Board members were reminded to set an example to the community by keeping access lanes clear of debris. Joe is willing to team with Justin to remove concrete debris from Hartnett Park. Ann will contact Bob Kula to request additional help.
- Annual letter – Is being developed.

Reports of Committees:

- Lake Health - Nothing to report.
- Community – Hartnett Park has a strong volunteer team; looking forward to more work next year.
- Communications - Need to update the directory for Mail Chimp.
- Off Shore - Hans repeated concerns about construction refuse left in the Cedar access lane and boat that needs moving.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23; motion by Bob Slipke, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Hall