

Petite Lake Highwoods association

Annual meeting minutes for October 11, 2014

1. **Meeting called to order:** 11:03 am
2. **Officers Present:** Toni Woodmaster, Rachel Johnson, Bob Leavitt, Mark Johnson, Sam Terranova, Andrea Herron
3. **Officers Absent:** Judy Treat
4. **Introduction of new members:** None present.
5. **Present & adopt agenda:** Matt Langellier made a motion to accept the agenda. Andrea Herron seconded. A vote was taken, all ayes.
6. **Read and approve minutes from 10-12-13 annual meeting:** Doug Giroux made a motion to accept minutes. Ed Oilschlager seconded. A vote was taken, all ayes.
7. **Election of officers:** Chris Lehe volunteered to preside at the election of new officers.
 - A. **President:** Andrea Herron nominated **Toni Woodmaster**, who accepted. Doug Giroux seconded, all ayes
 - B. **Vice president:** Andrea Herron nominated **Judy Treat**. The Board accepted on her behalf based on her interest to serve for another term. Cathy Brooks seconded, all ayes.
 - C. **Treasurer:** Andrea Herron nominated **Rachel Johnson**, who accepted. Pete Eiseth seconded, all ayes
 - D. **Secretary:** Andrea Herron nominated **Bob Leavitt**, who accepted. Matt Langellier seconded, all ayes.
 - E. **Beach Commissioner:** Debbie Leavitt nominated **Andrea Herron**, who accepted. Doug Giroux seconded, all ayes
 - F. **Park Commissioner:** Barb Terranova nominated **Sam Terranova**, who accepted. Doug Giroux seconded, all ayes
 - G. **Road Commissioner:** Barb Terranova nominated **Mark Johnson**, who accepted. Myrna Giroux seconded, all ayes
8. **Public comment:** Several members brought up the issue of the goose problem at the beach and park areas. According to the Health Department, the geese are a major contributor to the e.coli and other pollutants in the water, which forces them to occasionally shut down the beach. It was also noted that there are 3 new white geese that roam the beach and are very noisy and aggressive. These geese emit loud screeching sounds at all hours of the day and night. In addition, they have been seen chasing children and adults that get too close to them. While it was generally thought that these were wild geese, several members stated that these geese were actually pets of a PLH member. It was decided that the board would find out which neighbor owns these geese and write a letter that they be removed. If that is unsuccessful, the Lake County animal control department will be notified.
9. **President's report:** Toni noted that it took almost an hour to come up with enough PLH members to make a quorum and thanked everyone who did show up. She also noted that it's usually all the same people and expressed her appreciation to them.
10. **Treasurers report, audit report and budget:** Debbie Leavitt, Ron Waltz and Nancy Waltz audited the books.

The proposed budget for this year is virtually the same as last year.

Chris Lehe inquired as to why the beach herbiciding costs so much and that he did not see the value in continuing with it, especially since he didn't have a boat or swim in the beach. The Board explained that the cost has stayed fairly even over the years and that if we stay on top of the weed problem, it adds value to everyone's homes as well as enjoyment of our neighborhood. Also, by being at this meeting, he has the opportunity to vote against it if he wishes to do so.

The Board reported that although the South Park seawall had temporary repairs performed on it at the Spring Cleanup, a new seawall is sorely needed. Andrea researched different types of seawalls and presented the lowest bids for each as follows: Steel seawall—19,500, Wood seawall—14,000, Riprap seawall—7,210. A riprap seawall, which is a stone barrier, is the cheapest method and would cost each household \$83.36 if approved.

The total dues, assessments, etc. to a home on a single lot would be \$226.36 per year if herbiciding and riprap seawall repair are approved.

Pete Eiseth moved to amend the budget by adding riprap seawall repair and keeping channel herbiciding. Cathy Brooks seconded. A vote was taken, 2 nays, motion was approved.

There was discussion that it may be a hardship for some members to pay the assessments in one payment, so it was decided that multiple payments would be accepted, but that only one bill would actually be sent out.

11. **Acceptance of proposed budget:** Ed Oilschlager made a motion to accept the budget as amended, including all special assessments. Doug Giroux seconded. A vote was taken, 2 nays, budget is accepted.

12. **Other reports:** None.

13. **New business:**

A. **Discuss requirements to install additional street lights:** Last year it was decided that we not pursue the addition of more street lights due to the expenses involved. However, the Board and several residents have noticed that there are still some areas, specifically the corner of Elm and Highwoods, that are very dark and dangerous. It was decided that we should appeal to the Lake Villa Township and see if they would be willing to pay for another light. If not, maybe we could work out a deal where the costs are divided between the township and PLH. The Board will pursue this at their regular meetings.

B. **Chili Dump:** A reminder was made to join in after the meeting for our 5th annual Chili Dump. It's a great way to meet new neighbors or catch up with old ones!

14. **Old business:**

A. **Maintain welcome committee:** Judy Treat, Andrea Herron and Toni Woodmaster volunteered to continue working on the welcome committee.

B. **Status of Neighborhood Watch:** A reminder to all residence to be vigilant and call the proper authorities in the event of problems.

C. **Update signatures with new board members:** This reminder will be addressed at regular board meeting.

15. **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by Bob Leavitt, Secretary