

Minutes from the Meeting
of the
North Shore Board of Governors
August 26, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the North Shore Board of Governors was held on August 26, 2014, at the Beach, hosted by Bonnie Howatt. In attendance were Wayne Bartholomee, Carl Kuhne, Rae Regula, Lana Matovcik, Sarah Ann Parsons, Jennifer Harris, Bonnie Howatt, Rick Scruggs, Jeff Schell and Cyndi Gottschalk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved as submitted.

Membership

Since Robin has moved, Rae has temporarily assumed her duties as membership chair. If anyone is interested in taking Robin's place on the Board, please let Wayne know.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund opening balance in July \$20,534; After accounting for revenues of \$1421, and Expenses of \$1572, the closing balance at the end of July was \$20,383.

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The reserve Fund CD balance is \$27,776.

Beach

Ted was not present at the meeting. Wayne reported that Rick Scruggs has changed his beach reservation to September 26. He is still planning to modify the parking area, and hopes to do so before winter.

Entertainment

The Crab Feast fundraiser is set for September 6. So far, the response has been fairly good, with 53 reservations to date. We hope to have at least 100 joining in the festivities. New for this year - there are plans in the works for a corn hole tournament, and perhaps some other entertainment.

Sarah Ann is following up on our plans for a plaque honoring the memorial contributions made to the pavilion fund. We anticipate having a formal dedication at the crab feast.

Garden Club

The Luau was well attended and the weather cooperated to make an enjoyable event. The next meeting for the Garden Club will be held on September 16 and will feature a guest speaker. At the October meeting, they will be planning for the annual Holiday Open House. Anyone willing to open their doors for this grand North Shore tradition should get in touch with Sarah Anne.

Park

Rick arranged to have the large stump and several others removed from the garden area. The board had approved a budget of \$300 and he was able to get it done for \$175.

Pier/Marina

Jeff is working on getting the stone needed at the marina, but it hasn't been delivered yet.

Jeff reports that, of 66 keys issued, 55 have paid.

Plans for the new sign board are coming along and should be complete soon.

There is a committee working on designs for a new shed which will be presented to the board when finalized. The board reviewed some conceptual drawings, but deferred to the committee until a consensus is reached.

Roads and Zoning

No new issues to report.

Old Business

1. Rae has scheduled Jim Schroll from the County Department of Transportation to speak to the Board at the November meeting.

2. Wayne is continuing his efforts to evaluate our insurance coverage. He will be completing an application with a new company so we can get a competitive quote.

3. Several residents and board members met with Kathy McCarthy of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the beaver activity near the entrance to North Shore. The following is an excerpt from her e-mail follow-up:

Thank you for taking the time to meet to discuss the impacts of beaver on the bog that lies east of North Shore Drive. As we discussed, beaver increase the variety of habitats available on a stream such as this. By opening the canopy they increase the habitat available to sun-loving wetland plants and animals. However, they have flooded the bog such that the original bog mat is under two feet of water now. Very slowly, that bog mat will likely recover...it may take decades if the water level stays at its current height. If the beaver move on, the water level would drop as the dam deteriorates and the bog mat would recover faster. In the next couple of weeks I will revisit this site to collect data on the vegetation in the bog so that we may compare it to our previous observations. Only if we find that there are very rare (state endangered) or highly disjunct plants (no other plants of the species nearby) that are declining precipitously and on the verge of being lost from the site would we recommend that a water level control structure be installed.

4. Our planned community clean-up/ dumpster weekend has hit a bit of a snag. Due to miscommunication with the County and unbeknownst to us, we were scheduled for the free dumpster during August, instead of our normal October schedule. The dumpster came and went, and we have no option to reschedule. We have now fixed the date with the County for next year.

5. Lana promises to follow up on the new signage needed at the beach and playground.

New Business

1. We need someone to take over Robin's remaining term as membership chairperson.

2. Arrangements are being made to have the portable potties removed after the Halloween party on October 26, and schedule their return by April 1. Members thought the maintenance on the potties has generally been good this year.

3. North Shore residents are reminded that membership has no effect upon the application and enforcement of the restrictive covenants. Membership in the North Shore Community Association is open to many property owners whose properties are not subject to the covenants, such as Villa Isle and the properties in the Trail's End area. Membership by those property owners gives them access to the many amenities and activities in North Shore, but does not make them subject to the covenants.

4. The next meeting will be held on October 7 at the Beach, weather permitting, hosted by Lana Matovcik. Alternate location is the Matovcik home at 357 Edgewater Road. Ensuing meetings will be hosted by Rae Regula (November), Sarah Anne (December) and Jeff Schell (January).

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.