

Witches Woods Tax District Board of Directors Minutes June 7th, 2021 6:30pm

Members met in person at the home of Bill and Susan Bresleau

Members Present: Mike Moran, Phyllis Bonneau, Ray Bonneau, Maggie Houlihan, Glen Humes, Bill Breslau, John Barber, Steve Leibowitz, Shari McCarthy and Rob Hannigan.

President Mike Moran opened the meeting.

At the time of this meeting the minutes from last month's annual meeting were not available. Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Lake, Dam and Beaches - John Barber

- [Solitude Lake Management](#) conducted early season lake evaluation.
- Wednesday July 7th scheduled lake treatment. Residents are advised to refrain from swimming for 24hrs after treatment.
- Treatment was recommended in the cove this year due to slightly elevated levels of bladderwort and naiad, as well as a single [millfoil](#) plant, a highly invasive species.
- Tuesday July 6th and August 3rd E. coli checks by Microbac ([water samples](#) will be taken, large fan boat will be visible on the lake)
- Cattail removal at spillway at the end of last season seems to have been effective, discussion had and agreed to wait on further spillway work until more information is obtained from Karl Acimovic (the dam inspector)
- Date for sand delivery at Covasini beach is still pending, Full Myle Grounds LLC is scheduled to spread and fluff sand when it is delivered (Glen)

Building, Zoning & Appeals - Ray Bonneau

- None

Safety, Rules, and Regulations - Bill Breslau

- Research has brought forward regarding possible legal issues regarding sign ordinances, the committee will continue to take the matter under advisement. The starting point is the [Town of Woodstock regulations](#).
- Suggestion for a sign re: no smoking at the beaches taken from the annual meeting was discussed. Board members have agreed to speak directly to persons involved and see if the issue is resolvable without the need for signage.
- Ray brought forward current [ordinance re: driveways](#) and permits as he was asked by a homeowner. The board has asked Bill and committee to further research the current wording of the ordinance and suggest a way to clean up the language to better serve its initial purpose which is to protect easements and drainage .
- Suggested that Bill and committee consult Jeanette Blancette, Civil Engineer who drew up plans for the lake in 2014

Roads – Rob Hannigan

- Rob spoke with much input from outgoing Vice President **Glen Humes**
- Reported on the clearing and examination of 22 catch basins
- Maggie provided information re: annual cleaning of the catch basins in August at a cost of \$69 per basin.
- Rob proposed 'adopt a catch basin' to the homeowners of the lake district in an effort to keep them clear of visible debris that occludes their usefulness.
- Looking to obtain map of properties/easements/catch basins as well as any engineered plans
- Discussion of road pitch as water in some areas is not making it to the basins
- Discussion of cleaning and installing a trash rack or possibly replacing the culvert pipe that runs under the road and between 15 and 23 Crooked Trail. Cost, contractor and Wetlands Committee all considered in the conversation. Maggie weighed in on available dollars. .
- Bill asked for an emergency fix for Crooked Trail extension as homeowners are reporting issues. Glen, Rob and Ray will fill potholes with gravel left in the rock pile at the Rt 198 end of Crooked Trail Extension as J Albright is not available for next 3 weeks.
- Discussion re: potential new road grading/maintenance contractor as current contractor has been late in grading the roads in recent years.

Communications - Phyllis Bonneau

- New board members email and phone contact information was presented to be verified and it is currently listed on the website but the new links are not yet activated.
- Concern expressed that current email links may not be working.

Treasurer - Maggie Houlihan

- Maggie spoke as the outgoing treasurer because the laptop and accounts have not yet been transferred to **Steve Leibowitz**
- Budget passed, 0.7 reduction in mill rate
- Accounts all positive, 'we are in great shape'
- Request to submit all invoices
- Last of monies for potholes/grading in this fiscal year to be spent
- Maggie and Steve will consult re: turning over laptop and accounts

New Business – Mike Moran

- Contacted by Lake Bungee board re: 4 wheelers and dirt bikes, just an FYI.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 12th, 2021 @ 6:30PM.

The Board would like to remind homeowners that they are welcome to attend this and any Monthly Board Meeting to observe the proceedings. Should they wish to bring something to the Board for review, they are asked to submit a notice prior to the meeting so it may be added to the agenda for an allotted time.

**A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to adjourn the meeting.
The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.**