

WHITE LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 13th, 2017

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Anticipated Attendees: Bill Bathgate (President)
*Bart Baeckelandt (Vice-President)
Matthew Kelley (Secretary)
Debbie Eggleston (Treasurer)
Thomas Black (Improvement and Maintenance Committee)
*Terry Hahn (Clubhouse Services/Entertainment Committee)
*Dick Williston (Boat Harbor, Lake and Canal Committee)
*David Wanlass (Building and Beautification Committee)
Vacant(Security)
Nikol Anderson (Clubhouse Hostess)

*Anticipated absence

board present – Bill, Thom, Deb, Matt

members present – Steve and Dawn Milz, Jeff Avedesian, Norb Rickelman, Steve Werner

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 7:07pm
2. Call to Membership (Discussion will be limited to two minutes per item)
 - Jeff – a lot of trees down and blown into the power lines.
3. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (February 13th, 2017) Move to next meeting since no quorum.
4. Director Reports
 - President Report – submitted below. Discussion about notice from Washtenaw county board of public works.
 - Bill talked to the owner of the large ORV that has been roaming around and asked them to not drive it anymore after many homeowner complaints.
 - Bill has been quietly soliciting wedding parties to rent the lodge to raise additional income.
 - Thom talked about the PBWOA and the invasive weed species reduction assessment.
 - Dawn asked if an email can go out asking for the board to vote to support or not. Discussion surrounding whether the board should try to speak for everyone on this issue or not. Matt will send an email out to board to see if the board wants to protest these fees for the WLO owned properties.
 - Vice President
 - Secretary – no written report
 - Treasurer – submitted report.
 - Approval of Non-Recurring Expenses exceeding \$50 – Matt will send an email to board members asking for a vote. Thom, Matt, Bill and Deb all approved. Motion by Deb, second by Matt.
 - Improvement and Maintenance Committee – Written report submitted. Thom mentioned there may be money left from the road fund that could be used for the boat ramp road.
 - Clubhouse Services/Entertainment Committee
 - Clubhouse Hostess
 - Boat Harbor, Lake and Canal Committee
 - Building and Beautification Committee
 - Security Committee
5. Correspondence
6. Unfinished Business
 - golf carts
 - budget proposals for 17-18 – Matt to send another email

7. New Business
 - Special tax assessment
8. Setting of Next Meeting – Monday, April 10th, 2017 at 7:00 pm
9. Adjournment - Thom motioned to adjourn, Bill seconded, approved at 8:11pm

WLO Presidents Report

March 11, 2017

Even though I do not currently live in my home at White Lodge, I did take the opportunity to get to meet with two residents that I had not met before.

Our community will host a wedding party at the end of September, they have reserved the whole lodge for September 28, 29 and 30th. They will have a large tent on the lawn between the lodge and the Cordley Lake paddle boat docks so do not be alarmed if you see that being erected. This party has been informed regarding permitted hours of operation.

Of extreme importance is the notice we all received from the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works regarding a special assessment for invasive weed species within the Portage to Zuckey chain of lakes. It is not made clear with the notice if this is a done deal or if it is up to vote of those property owners or not. What this means is that everyone's tax bill will go up by at least \$100? While I would have more to gain from this than my neighbors across the street that do not use the lakes, I oppose this idea based on the following:

1. Why such short notice to all parties affected? Surely this has been part of the Washtenaw County Department of Public Works for a very, very long time.
2. Why tax people that do not use the lakes
3. Who came up with this idea? To my knowledge no one in White Lodge asked for this
4. Why is this Washtenaw County body entitled to increase taxes in Livingston County?
5. The notice does not specify what chemicals will be applied, we have all seen governments encourage use of substances that were later found to be devastating to human health later on down the road.
6. Will these chemicals infiltrate the water table affecting all our wells
7. The notice refers to "Spot" treatments, I notice the spots are not readily defined. Are all the spot areas all in Washtenaw County? I know that Little Portage Lake is heavily weeded, which resides in Washtenaw County and this lake is choked with weeds, it always has been.
8. They estimate \$1,953,000 for the 5 year effort, note this is only an estimate not a cap on this expenditure. So if it costs more do they automatically increase the assessment? This assessment can get completely out of control since governments have a tendency to be unable to efficiently administer costs.
9. Will this spot treatment include Cordley Lake as indicated on the map?
10. Why use chemicals at all, why not invest in a weed cutter?
11. Since this is only a spot treatment, will there be a never ending trail of complaints that the treatments of spots is not adjacent to the property owners who are most heavily taxed?
12. Would White Lodge be considered a commercial property since we are a corporation? \$700 of taxes for the Lodge property is not in our budget.
13. Why is there not separate proposals from Washtenaw and Livingston County boards of public works? There is seemingly no separation of powers from the different governing bodies.
14. Has the Washtenaw Department of Public Works even considered that the meeting space is far too small to accommodate the possible huge audience this will draw? I suspect they would need to rent the high school gym to hold the large number of people that will attend.

I am sure you could think of several more concerns. We will discuss this at this month's board meeting. I encourage all members of White Lodge to attend our next board meeting to input to a response to the Washtenaw Department of Public Works. If you cannot attend, please provide a written email or letter to the boards indicating your support or non-support of the Washtenaw Board of Public Works that we can send as a package to the meeting.

I cannot attend this meeting because I am having brain surgery again that day and will not be in any condition to be there.

Sincerely yours,

William S Bathgate
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President
White Lodge Owners, Inc.

Improvement and Maintenance Committee
13 March 2017

Maintenance activities since 6 February:

- Volunteers:
 - Sawed up the big oak that was taken down on the boat launch drive
 - Moved a fallen pine on South Monticello off the road
 - Filled potholes on WLO roads
- The Committee did not meet in February.
- I met with Bob Myers to discuss our roads and the boat launch drive. He said he would get estimates to me before this meeting (still waiting).
- The next I & M Committee meeting will be Monday, 20 March, at 7:00 PM at the Lodge.

-- Thom Black