

**MINUTES of Four Lakes Association
Annual Board Meeting
Green Oak Twp. Hall
10001 Silver Lake Rd., Brighton, MI
Meeting date: 6/29/2016**

Call to order: An annual board meeting of the Four Lakes Association was held at Green Oak Township Hall on June 29, 2016. The meeting convened at 6:53pm, President Mark Weiss presiding.

Board Members in attendance:

1. Amy Hornby
2. Marc Christensen
3. Michelle Reinhold
4. Mark Weiss
5. Curt Werner

Board Member not in attendance: None

A board quorum was established

Pledge of Allegiance

25 association members in attendance

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- **Annual Meeting 6/24/15**

Mark motioned to approve minutes from 6/24/15, seconded by Amy

Vote taken: 13 members, 0 opposed

Minutes read aloud

President's report: Given by Mark Weiss, FLA President

Thank you all for coming, has been my privilege for the past year. We have worked hard this past year and I would like to thank my fellow board members for their time and hard work. This was a year of change and we are more aligned with PA 137 and our new bylaws than ever before, it's a work in progress and is coming along very good. With having said that there has been a few mistakes and there are a few more bugs to work out, but as time goes on there are fewer and fewer of them. Now that we have a budget to work by, it's working pretty good, but we still have a little tweaking to do. How to spend more for the budget and how to spend more for a budgeted item the board needs to approve the change in the budget and that takes time. It usually has to be done at a board meeting, except for emergencies, if an emergency comes up we will handle via phone, text or emails. We have some exciting things coming to our neighborhood this year and next year. Later this fall we are going to pave the approaches, which is budgeted in and we are going to start putting millings down on the road, which will keep the dust down and keep the road longer. If you have any problems or complaints or compliments, please contact the board by phone or email.

Vice President Report: Given by Marc Christensen, FLA Vice President

Not a whole lot to say. We have been trying to get the roads done. Taking a lot of estamites with the approaches, it is difficult to get any contractors to get back to us because it is a small project. Trying to keep everything up, keep the dust under control. Another application was done today. Called and said we were not satisfied with the last dust application, everything was dusty again in a matter of days. Todays application was free. Let's see how long it goes for. Hopefully, we will do a lot better. The only thing we have to do is keep in mind that we have not had rain in forever and the chloride is meant to lock the moisture in the road and we don't have any moisture locked in there. So we are doing the best we can with that.

Secretary report: Report given by Amy Hornby, FLA Secretary

All I have to say is that it was a challenging year with the new bylaws. We are still working on learning them and understanding them and figuring them out. There are some things we will be able to fix next time with member input. Maybe this time the voting won't go as well and we can change that and fix it, but we need members to come and as you can see how hard it was to get a quorum for the annual meeting, so any input is always helpful. We are all like you guys except once a month we meet and do a lot of work and make decisions. Any input from anyone would be very helpful.

Treasurer's report:

There is a copy of the ledger of all expenditures since September of last year. All of the checks are accounted for. Audit will be started next month. Current balance is \$ 18,722.16.

My report is incorrect, the banks' balance shows more, and so we will be using the banks' balance. All of the checks are cleared at this point. Last meeting we discussed the budget in detail and approved money to be moved over for dust control. I did not bring the running totals with me tonight, but if someone wants a copy I will provide one.

Committee reports:

Mark- need a few volunteers for election committee. Carol Eberhart and Krystyna Kulacki

Road Committee: Given by Marc Christensen/ Curt Werner

Touched base with looking at getting millings down on the road to help with dust control working on getting more estimates together for that. All roads will get estimates. It will not all be done at once because of the expense. They will be doing sections at a time.

Take the areas in the worst shape and work out the lesser areas. There are certain areas of maintenance we are looking into such as the bridge. Looking into repairs or replacement of that. There has been some damage that has been done as of last winter with it. There was damage from nature and old age with the bridge, so we are heavily looking into that. We have had an engineer out once already to look at things, get an opinion on it, we are not in immediate danger, but it does need to have some work done. Soon than later.

Curt- We were told by the asphalt companies to wait until the fall to do the approaches, with the hot weather they do not hold up as well with traffic coming in and out as well. Mark- we are also waiting for the county to come out and clean out our ditches. Marc contacted county and road commission said we will get to you when we can.

Dock Committee- Given by Marc Christensen

Started putting a dock committee together to look at new options with the dock, if anyone had ideas they wanted to do out there. Handbook for dock. Had a few volunteers, looking for some more. I would like to have people on the committee that are on the dock and not on the dock. If anyone would like to get on the committee let me know. Mark- there are a few things we need to take care of on the docks and it would be nice to have few people to be on the committee so we can get things ironed out.

Communications:

Letter read from member about increase in dues. Letter on file

Letter sent to membership from Cathy Reisterer about voting and freeholder. Letter on file.

Approval of Agenda:

Mark motioned to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Michelle

Vote: 15 members, 0 opposed.

Public comment (agenda related items) - did not record

Mark Weiss- Election results: in order to be elected by the law, following the rules of PA 137 and the bylaws we have to have 51% of the voting numbers to be elected to the board, so currently we have:

Carol Eberhart and Krystyna Kulacki

51 Ballots and 3 blank

Alisa Budesheim- 22 votes

Amy Hornby – 24 votes

Mark Weiss – 38 votes

Marc Christensen – 37 votes

Michelle Reinhold – 27 votes

Claude Samples – 3 votes

Curt Werner – 4 votes

Second Count done by Ellen Lecureux and Melissa Hampton

52 ballots and 4 blank

Alisa Budesheim- 21 votes

Amy Hornby – 23 votes

Mark Weiss – 38 votes

Marc Christensen – 38 votes

Michelle Reinhold – 28 votes

Claude Samples – 3 votes

Curt Werner – 4 votes

Mark Weiss- we have a 3 member board until the next board meeting, where according to the laws and the rules and bylaws the board can find volunteers to fill the positions for the remainder of the year. Any vacancy of the board can be filled by any members. Now we have a 3 board member team and anyone willing to be on the board submit your name and we will discuss it at the next board meeting. At the next board meeting we will appoint 2 members if we get 2 volunteers. Next board meeting not scheduled. Will inform membership of meeting when scheduled.

Unfinished Business:

RV registration- Notice sent

FLA Picnic – 150.00 allotted Alisa Budesheim motioned for 150.00 for FLA picnic, Gary

Faughn seconded

Vote taken 19 for and 0 opposed

Election of officers

Marc Christensen nominated Mark Weiss for president, seconded by Curt Werner

Vote taken: unanimous

Mark nominates Marc Christensen for vice president, seconded by Curt Werner

Vote taken: unanimous

Mark nominates Michelle for treasurer, seconded by Michelle

Vote taken: unanimous

Mark nominates Michelle to be temporary recording secretary for one meeting, seconded by Amy

Vote taken: unanimous

Public Comment:

Michelle Reinhold- I am extremely disappointed in this. When you only have 5 people nominated or even stepping up to be on the board, this is disappointing. We have to run this board. We have to do what the bylaws and PA 137 and the articles of incorporation say we have to do and if don't get the board members we can't do what we are supposed to do. We will appoint others, but I am extremely disappointed in this.

Carol Eberhart- you already know no one else volunteered, so why would you even wait for volunteers? If they didn't volunteer a month ago. What's going to make them volunteer now? Why can't you just as a board.

Mark – as protocol we are opening it up to anyone who wants to volunteer.

Alisa Budesheim- they need to go through another vote too, right?

Michelle- we appoint

Mark- there is no more voting

Alisa – the new people that want to volunteer?

Mark/Michelle- there is no more voting. If you let us know that you are interested in being on the board.

Alisa- I really don't know if I am now. 25% is what I feel I give this neighborhood personally and how much I put in and try to help out everyone and that's the response I get. Every time there is something going on I really try to be a part of it one way or another and try to help people out. The turnout is disgusting. It's disheartening that no one cares enough about where we live

Curt- One thing I need to say is back to communication is that a lot of people came to me and asked me about nominations and all that kind of stuff and that was a little unclear. We only got 3 nominations out of 88 houses. People were unsure. A lot of people automatically thought I was on the ballot and I said no, I could have nominated myself, but I didn't know. People didn't know how the nominating worked.

Carol- Did you want to be nominated?

Curt- I could have nominated myself

Carol- I thought if you wanted to be nominated you could nominate yourself. I thought maybe you were tired of being on the board.

Curt – I thought there were a lot of new people coming in and that I should step aside and let some new people come in and I would just stay out of it, but we only got 3 nominations. That was disappointing.

Carol- I saw that.

Curt- there are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes, a lot of emails and correspondence and stuff like that these guys do and it is not easy. Taking complaints.

Miki Googlin- look at the big picture, there are 88 families and how many are represented here tonight. Like 14

Michelle- it's unfortunate.

Claude- we used to have meetings down at the beach

Mark – unfortunately, that stopped a few years ago

Carol- I just wanted to ask something, going back to the RV thing. If you have a little electric kid's toy it's not considered anything right?

Mark- electric kids toys are not considered an RV, but electric kid's toys should not be on the road because that is exactly what they are, toys that are meant for driveways and lawns.

Randy Hornby- Does that apply to bicycles too?

Mark- No, that is not considered an electric toy, that's a foot and a half tall unless it's a mini scooter

Carol- I guess I am confused, the bicycle that is electric is no different if it's electric or is driving it right?

Mark- that's a grey area

Carol- I think if we don't have sidewalks we have to have something for the kids.

Mark- I don't want to see a kid down FLD on one of those little electric power wagons that's not right. That belongs in the driveway or your front yard.

Marc- there's a fine line on where you draw the difference between that this is for a 5 year old and this for a 7 year old. Where do you put the cut off at?

Carol- usually though if you have a little power wheel you have mom and dad walking alongside them.

Mark- not all the time, I have seen kids driving on the roads with those power wheels, which they don't belong on the road that is a driveway or mom and dad walking behind them that is

fine. There are grey areas, we can't define everything and make a list 16 miles long labeling everything that is allowed and not allowed.

Marc- we can't police everybody's children that is up to the parents or whoever is taking care of them

Mark- it is not our job to police kids, parents have to take responsibility for their children.

Carol Faughn- Do you have RV stickers available tonight?

Mark- no, I will be home after 6:30 tomorrow night. You need proof of insurance and the registration form printed out.

Miki- are they supposed to put the stickers in any particular spot

Mark- they are supposed to be on both sides of the vehicle in an area that is easily seen

Some vehicles it's hard to put on, where you put one on the quad that has no sides that your knees aren't covering up. We left it as a grey area that it can be easily seen.

Claude- why did you make them black then?

Mark- because that is what the printer printed for free.

Alisa- Claude there is an open spot, step up

Alisa- I would like to say when you guys were saying take a picture of the quads that aren't registered, I have bad feelings about that, when you are taking pictures of neighbors it could be construed as very antagonistic and you never know how someone will react, what kind of day they had and they may end up with their phone crammed down their throat. I think it could escalate. If the quad is there and no one is there and you want to walk by.

Mark- let me clarify, if you don't know who it is and you can take a discreet picture that would be great, but if you know who it is a photograph is not necessary and you don't have to get in their face, but you don't know who it is and they are blasting down the road or some tyke on a great big 4 wheeler

Alisa- I am saying let's just not be antagonistic and get in the neighbors face. I just wanted to get that out there.

Mark- we do not need to be in people's faces, I don't want that either.

Alisa- that is kind of how I thought

Michelle- part of our bylaws or lack thereof is that we elected not to have a road Marshall, it's hard enough to get volunteers in this neighborhood as it is and so we do not have a neighborhood Marshall, that is appointed by the board to police the neighborhood. The board does what it can in seeing things, but obviously we are not everywhere all the time. 2 of us now are on the end of Fairway.

Cheri Young (nonmember) - 4 years ago we raised the dues from 200-250 a year. One of the main reasons that we voted for it was because people wanted to have more money for the roads. So you mentioned that we get 3 chloride treatments a year, maybe that extra 4400.00 a year could provide extra chloride because the dust really is fairly annoying.

Marc- I will say 4 years ago the prices were a lot cheaper, cost of living deal, prices have gone up. Looking to get a better quality job. Doing our best

Michelle- also trying to rebuild an account that will have funds for emergencies without using all of our funds every single year. We need to have an emergency fund, things happen. That is something that I mentioned at the last annual meeting developing emergency fund. We are going to use most of our money between the road maintenance and getting the approaches done which is something that needs to be done, and it's something that needed to be done for years. If we don't agree to raise the dues than we have to agree decrease spending in other areas so we can reallocate money as necessary. We had an issue at the bridge this year where we had to cut down dead trees so they wouldn't fall and damage the bridge. There's a lot that goes into every single board meeting we have. We appreciate your support and we want to send out more communications we have to figure out how with the number of people we got. There are reasons we budget the way we have

Marc- we do have a considerable expense coming up with the planning stages and stuff to repair the bridge. It's all road maintenance. We have issues down there that we can't put off until the thing decides to break or fall in the water. We have to put planning into this. There are issues we have to work at. Engineers are not free. We have to get different quotes and opinions. There is a lot of preplanning and we have to have funds available

Cheri Young (nonmember) - do we have to raise dues at an annual meeting or can it be done during the year? Or are you guys going to work towards what we need to do for next year. We need to approve more money because of higher costs and stuff maybe to get an extra chloride then maybe we do that.

Alisa- I am against it. I think the money will basically come back around and catch up. This will be the second time the dues will be raised since I moved in here and we were already saying last year there were 9 people in arrears. There are a lot of people that can't pay now and it will be more of a hardship on them and I don't think the expenses we have had in the past are going to be the same ongoing, and you have to get a consensus of everybody to raise the dues, don't you? It's the whole entire membership.

Michelle- we discussed GOT doing an assessment for the bridge.

Marc- for total cost of repairs we could possibly do a tax assessment, but for the planning stages and getting engineers out there that is something we have to pay for ourselves. We cannot do a tax assessment on something that will be a what if. If we have a plan put together and it will cost x amount of dollars to do bridge replacement or to do a repair we will need let's say 250,000.00 then we go to the township and get a tax assessment to get that money assessed. As far as the preplanning stages we can't really do that because we don't have a definite number yet.

Claude- what did he say was wrong with the bridge?

Marc- as of last winter the wall on the west side shifted about 2 inches that is the abatement that is basically holding everything there. Where the water enters the bridge, it shifted about 2 inches

Claude- how do you know that?

Marc- you can see the crack between the dirt and cement, it opened up 2 inches.

Jason Nettles- what is going on with the area between my and bill's property?

Mark- we are looking to get a road engineer to come out, but again we have issues because it's such a small repair they don't want to come out here and it's going to cost us money, we are looking into it we are looking for an engineering company that will do small jobs like that without paying a hefty price for some 100.00 per hour engineer to come out there to tell us what we need. We are looking for one, but we are having a hard time. If some people want to volunteer and help us look for an engineer than that's great. We are not finding many people that want to come out here for 100-200 yard stretch of road.

Jason-What about the electric and gas powered scooters? Do you have to get those registered?

Mark- gas powered should be, yes absolutely.

Randy Hornby- anything over 50cc

Jason- anything over 50 cc should be registered?

Mark- that again is a grey area, but I would like to see anything that is not battery operated registered. If you will be riding it on the road, again if it is registered they have to be 12 years old or older with an ORV license from the state of Michigan, so you can't register a mini bike and put a 6 year old riding on it, it's against the rules.

Jason- electric golf cart still considered and has to be insured than?

Mark- yes

Gary Faughn- quick comment – it was mentioned earlier about picture taking and we in May some of us participated in moving some sand down to the beach area and I understand that a person who is not a member here was down there taking pictures, someone asked me why and

I didn't know the answer. So, going forward I hope that, that is gone and doesn't occur again because I don't see the rationale behind it.

Carol- question about the bridge, you said it shifted 2 inches

Mark- where the water goes underneath the bridge the abutment walls

Carol- is that getting close to dangerous?

Mark- no, it's not close to dangerous, but if it is neglected over the next 4-5 years it could fall, then we are all going to be screwed. It needs to be taken care of and Marc and I started the ball rolling, we have had a volunteer engineer firm come out and gave us an opinion on it.

Marc- from the opinion we got from them we defiantly need to start the process of getting this figured out.

Mark- it may not happen this year or next year, but in the near future in the next few years we have got to get this started.

Mark motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Michelle

Vote taken: unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Hornby, FLA secretary 2015-2016

APPROVED