

# **MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

**September 8, 2007**

(Not approved)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Commissioners present were Commissioner Farr, and Commissioner Demers. Commissioner Schmid was excused.

Residents in attendance were Mike Bonanno, Janice Neubauer and the Water Operator Don Drew.

The motion was made by Commissioner Demers and seconded by Mike Bonanno to accept the minutes with additions. Rosalie stated that if we could not find lifeguards she would call Glen Hatch. Karl said that he has known of people jumping the pool fence. Mike brought up the possible leveling of skating rink.

The minutes of the August 11, 2007 Commissioners Meeting were accepted with additions.

## **Water Update:**

Water Operator Don Drew came to the meeting this month to update the Commissioners on the Water Dept and District Maintenance. Mr. Drew said that Horne Excavating will be doing work for Mountain Lakes on September 11. These projects include curb stop repairs as well as the skating rink. Mr. Bonanno asked if a layer of plastic should go below the clay or above the clay in the skating rink. Mr. Drew replied that he would check into it. Commissioner Farr stated that we may not need a plastic liner because we have the clay.

Mr. Drew reported that the beach items including picnic tables will be left out until later in the season so that the residents may still utilize them.

Mr. Drew then exclaimed that we had a minor water issue this past month because of a bad fuse at the pump house. It was fixed quickly. The water usage is down 20,000 gpd. It is obvious that the summer residents have left.

He will begin to check valves for leaks. It is important to be proactive in the detection of possible leaks. We just completed our second round of lead and copper testing with good results coming back. Mr. Bonanno asked if there are many water leaks. Mr. Drew stated that there just might be but we don't know for sure. That is why we always keep an eye out for leaks and whistle valves. Commissioner Demers asked if it is time to flush the valves again. Mr. Drew replied that he had done a round in the spring and would do another round this fall.

Commissioner Demers commented that the new trash rack was on and looked good. He also mentioned the possible need for a fence around it for safety concerns. Mr. Drew replied that sounds like a great idea. Mr. Bonanno asked if children stand on the trash rack would they fall in. Mr. Drew replied no.

Mr. Drew finally announced that the lake level is now back to normal and we have reduced the need for WW& L water.

## **Financial Update:**

Office Manager Renee Cota informed all that we have not over spent our budget line items and so far we have under spent on lifeguards and security.

## **Recreation Update:**

Commissioner Farr read the latest Recreation Minutes. Labor Day went well and the fireworks were very good. Leslie Porter, Peter Olander and his friends were present for the fireworks clean-up. There was a bonfire on the beach that wasn't authorized. Possibly, a DJ next year could be hired and then we would have music to go along with the fireworks. The potluck supper went well with a good turnout. Approximately 185 people were in attendance for the fireworks this year. Beverly Jacobs did activities with the children on the beach and awarded many prizes.

Rosalie Farr stated that at the Oktoberfest we could possibly have a hay ride at a cost of approximately \$150 to \$200 for the cost of gas for the truck to pull the wagon. The start time for the hay ride would be 1 p.m. and the potluck would then begin at 5 p.m. The end of the Oktoberfest would be 8 p.m. Also further discussion regarding going to Windy Ridge for pumpkins and apple's took place. Beverly Jacobs stated that she will get the piecrust for the apple pie baking. Rosalie will pick up the apples which will be approximately 1 bushel. Beverly has napkins and paper plates already left over from other gatherings here at Mountain Lakes. The prizes for the pumpkin contest are trophies that have been ordered already. We'll have prizes for games that we will do with the children. Beverly has candy and ice cream left over from the snack bar, but we will need to purchase more bowls. We feel the bobbing for Apple's creates too many germs. We will need approximately \$40-\$50 for food stuff to make pies. There was further discussion regarding putting an add in the paper and inviting Mountain Lakes residents only. Also the possibility of having a DJ at a cost of approximately \$300 was discussed. Rosie is to get a firm price.

The Recreation committee budget has \$600 left in the budget. There is however approximately \$1500 left in salaries of the lifeguards, which we could use for further activities in the recreation budget or not use and reduce taxes next year. At this point there is \$2100 available to spend which could be used to purchase a kayak or some lifejackets for the summer program next year. The Recreation Committee will make a wish list and Rosalie will get a price on kayaks from Fireside Hearth and Leisure. Life Jackets are needed desperately in adult and children's sizes. Beverly will check with John Ciccone about the price on lifejackets.

The wish list includes volleyballs, and basketballs which would be signed out the snack bar. That way we could monitor their use. Also, some pool supplies could be purchased.

The group also discussed a possible Halloween party on October 20 or on the following Saturday, October 27 if the Lodge is available.

There was discussion about having another party later in the year if monies are left in the budget.

The flyer is needed ASAP for the Oktoberfest. It should include that we will meet at Windy Ridge, for a hay ride at 1 p.m. Also discussion followed concerning volunteers needed to run booths, including the pumpkin carving contest at 3:30 p.m. and the potluck at 5 p.m.

Beverly Jacobs suggested we have a sheet cake for the adult Halloween party. Discussion followed about a DJ for the adult party and karaoke for the Oktoberfest. We will need additional paper plates, cups and forks

for the Halloween party. We will need a flyer after double-checking the availability of the Lodge for the adult party. Also the adult Halloween party and the Oktoberfest should be advertised in the newspaper. We should have a potluck for the adult party as well. Employees of Mountain Lakes should also be invited. The adult Halloween party should begin at 6 p.m. with the potluck. This will be a BYOB party. A desert will be supplied.

More possible events:

1. A pancake breakfast to raise money for the recreation committee.
2. Christmas party for kids
3. New Year's Eve party for adults.

### **Planning Board Update:**

Commissioner Demers asked Mr. Drew if he had noticed whether the Wildcat garage had anything further done to it. Commissioner Farr and Mr. Drew stated that they had driven by and seen no further progress on construction. Commissioner Demers stated that the Commissioners would be sending a letter to the owner to either finish or dismantle the garage.

We also had a question about a for sale sign on Swiftwater Circle and trash on Windsor Ln. Mr. Robbins has dealt with these issues.

The Planning Board had a very small group this month and signed one permit for the Farr's to enclose their porch. We then reviewed the Rajsteter addition and will look into it further.

The Town of Haverhill is rewriting their Master Plan. Chris Demers has been asked to participate and has been accepted.

### **New Business:**

The Commissioners are actively negotiating with Mr. Fallon concerning Warrant Article 8 from the 2007 annual meeting as well as Mrs. Warren concerning Warrant Article 7. We would like to finish by December 31, 2007.

Mr. Bonanno said that residents need to watch their home because we just had 9 homes that were broken into. The police caught the person and that person was living in the area. Commissioner Farr stated that that the Commissioners are looking into security cameras. Mr. Bonanno stated that it wouldn't hurt to add a neighborhood watch as well.

Mr. Bonanno asked if we could put up two signs at either end of the causeway that say one car at a time. Ms. Neubauer said that maybe we could have one please yield sign.

Mike Bonanno made a motion to adjourn and Chris Demers seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 10:04a.m. The next Commissioners meeting will be on October 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee L Cota  
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