

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2008

(Not approved)

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 AM. Commissioners present were Commissioner Demers, Commissioner Jacobs and Commissioner Schmid was excused.

Residents in attendance were Mike & Pauline Bonanno, Joel & Annemarie Godston, Donald & Beverly Hasbrouck, Ed Westman, and Ken King.

Donald Hasbrouck made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Mike Bonanno seconded it.

Mr. Godston asked to amend the minutes. The word out should have read our on page two, the word had should have read has on page 4. Mr. Bonanno wanted the change any from and. Annemarie said that Bath needs to be capitalized.

The minutes of the April 12, 2008 Commissioners Meeting were accepted as amended.

Recreation Update:

Commissioner Jacobs stated that there are some residents that would like to use the tennis courts and cannot get a key because we don't have any. I know that there are quite a few people that have their own keys and others that don't. These people should be able to buy a key for \$5.00 each, the cost of making the keys, so that they can play tennis when they want to. Mr. Bonanno stated that some people could not get keys because they come up on weekends only, the office is closed, and the snack bar is not open yet. Everyone thought that a \$5.00 charge for a tennis court key was a good idea and they get to keep it is an even better idea. Mr. Bonanno thought that stipulations should be enacted to keep the tennis courts up. We should also hand out a list of rules at the time the keys are given out. Commissioner Demers agreed with the new policy.

Mr. Bonanno read a list of upcoming events and they include:

For the 2008 calendar of events:

- Opening Day is June 21, 2008
- July 4th – festivities on the beach and a potluck
- August 2nd - Family Day with beach games & pot luck
 - Rain date for pot luck on August 3rd
- Labor Day weekend 8-30 Fudge Sundaes, games and pot luck & Rain Date 8-31
- Oktoberfest – 10-11
 - 12 pm Windy Ridge – apple picking
 - BYOP – (pumpkin)
 - Pumpkin carving contest (Lodge)
 - Face Painting
 - Pot Luck at 4pm
- Halloween Party – 10-25-08
 - 7pm Adult Costume Party
 - Pot Luck 5 pm
 - Josh Puffer (DJ)

Mr. Bonanno added that we are going to have a lifeguard meeting soon and the third lifeguard when not on duty, or taking lunch or a break will play games with the kids on the beach. Mrs. Cota has

ordered life jackets, & radios. We have purchased two new kayaks for \$267.00 each. They were delivered, which saved on sales tax.

We want to start a walking group this year. It did not work last year with signup sheets only. Mrs. Cota will lead a group Monday through Friday at 10 am. We feel this will work because it will be an hour before the beach opens and the walkers can park at the beach. In addition, the idea of join in when you choose will promote involvement if people do not feel they need to make a commitment. On Saturday and Sundays there will not be a leader but the group can still meet at the District Office at 10 am and join it. We feel this method will work. Commissioner Jacobs and Commissioner Demers thought that the walking group idea is a good one and with Renee leading, it just might take off.

There was discussion regarding a possible "Bike Safety Rodeo." This would check out bikes for safety and maybe we could do it on opening day. We would also like to designate one night each week to have games of horseshoes with the come and join in idea as well. If people know, an activity is taking place we should have more involvement. Signup sheets just are not working.

Commissioner Jacobs stated that Mrs. Bonanno asked about the possibility of starting a community vegetable garden. Mrs. Bonanno said that maybe we can start in the fall. Commissioner Jacobs asked where she was thinking of putting the garden. Mr. Godston replied that maybe the proposed campground site by the Lodge would work. Mrs. Bonanno asked if an email could go out to the distribution list to find out if there is community support for a venture such as this. Some communities charge for a plot with a minimum cost while others donate the land. Both Commissioners thought that this was a noble thought and sending out an email to get an idea of interest is a good idea.

Mr. Godston said that Grafton County has free information available on bike safety. The bike shop has offered to come out and do bike safety workshops, said Mrs. Bonanno. Mrs. Godston said that the bike shop runs trips to Lincoln and we should get a list of them.

Water Update:

Commissioner Demers read Mr. Drew's water report. We found and repaired a leak on Hanover Dr with the help from Scott Clang of Granite State Rural Water: we estimated the loss of water to be about 15,000 gpd. We are planning to work on valves as part of a continuous maintenance schedule, as we will continue to look for leaks. The Milford water line project is still ongoing. Because of the leak on Hanover being repaired, we now have freed up some time for additional scheduling of our excavating contractor. We would like to thank the homeowners on Milford Circle for their patience in waiting for this project to be completed.

We were using 52,000 gpd before the leak and now we are using about 40,000 gpd. Don will continue to look for leaks. It could cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 to replace Milford circle.

Mr. Godston asked about fire hydrants. Mr. Bonanno said that now the lakes have thawed they will be scheduling a meeting to see what needs to be done, so that they can make a recommendation.

Commissioner Demers noted that we are going to buy radios for the water dept. They will cost between \$1,000 and \$1,300. This will be paid for out of Capital Reserve. Mr. Bonanno asked if it will be a base station and a hand held device.

Planning Board Update:

We had three Zoning applications. One was for a deck on the blue House on Montview and the planning board passed it. June Soule wanted to put a shed on one of her lots. We asked for a better map. Polly asked if there is a limit of how many buildings there can be on one lot. The answer is no. Mrs. Godston said that there are things we cannot require but we can make recommendations. We cannot force the issue but can recommend things. The third one is for a replacement deck. They are replacing it the same as it was before. Mrs. Godston asked if the replacement does not need a permit. Commissioner Demers replied he would like one to prove that it is needed to show that they are replacing it to the same footprint.

Mr. Godston said that there should be a letter sent to Rodney saying that it is not permitted to have his dump truck at his home in Mountain Lakes. The Planning board agrees said Commissioner Demers.

Mr. Godston asked about the fine for the Avery's. We should be sending monthly fines to the bank. Mrs. Bonanno said that the bears got into their trash on Thursday. Mr. Bonanno called Glen English and he stated that it is a health issue and Steve Robbins needs to be contacted as the Health Officer. The dumpster was then promptly emptied. However, there is still more trash on the road. Thank you, Mr. Robbins as the Town Health officer. Commissioner Demers stated that he needs to check the property to decide if we need to cancel any new fines. Mrs. Bonanno has contacted the dog officer concerning the Avery's dogs. They are going to come out to fine the Avery's. Mountain Lakes does not have a leash law but dog's needs to be under control.

Commissioner Demers stated that we have made great progress with the updates for the Master Plan. Each person has a section they are working on. We have two sections that need to have someone designated to do them. It is a group effort. Mr. Godston said recommended putting pictures in the master plan. There should be a limit of 10. We need to keep it an easy read clear and concise. It should be done December 1, 2008.

District:

Commissioner Demers said that we are waiting for the order from the PUC concerning the Bath issue. Mark Naylor agreed that our formula is exactly what should be done. The amount would be \$365.00 in addition to their water bill. We recognize that the Bath residents are not part of the district and we do not want to leave them out of the recreational activities if they want to join in. We did number crunching and it came out at about \$450 but that included zoning. Commissioner Demers and Commissioner Jacobs agreed to set the Recreation Fee to \$250.00 and this would give the Bath residents that want to take part the use of all the district facilities for that calendar year the ability to do so. We do not want to shut them out. We want to be a community.

Commissioner Demers stated, that we need to replace the lodge roof. We budgeted for it in the current budget. We have a price for a 2-phase replacement of \$11,000 each for two years from Tom Doyle. This year our budget includes \$5,000 and we will use \$6,000 from the recreation capital reserve account. Next year we will need to budget \$11,000. Commissioner Demers and Commissioner Jacobs agreed to use Tom Doyle for both years work.

Commissioner Demers stated that we have an update on the office break in from last August. There were two people that broke into the office last year. One was ordered to pay \$150 and has paid it while the other one will pay \$344.

The finances are good for the most part, where we hoped they would be but we have spent \$8,000 in legal expense already and we will need to spend more. We have to be careful in the water department because of the many leaks we have had this winter. Mr. Godston thanked Mrs. Cota for all her work for the District.

New:

Mrs. Godston asked if we have bike racks. We could use them at the lodge and beach. We have one at the pool. Maybe Mountain Lakes should get bags with our logo and sell them. It would show that Mountain Lakes is trying to help the environment. Mrs. Hasbrouck said we should check into the cost. They also have insulated ones.

Mr. Bonanno talked to Mr. Drew about the possibility to build another canoe rack. Mr. Godston has the plans from the first one. Mr. Bonanno said we could use volunteers to make a new one. Mr. Godston said that you couldn't buy one for what we can build it for. The playground house is deteriorating and that maybe it should be removed and put the 2nd canoe rack there. In addition, Mr. Drew feels that the paddleboats will require expensive maintenance in the future. They should be disposed of. Mrs. Hasbrouck asked if they were popular. Commissioner Jacobs replied yes when they worked. The cost of repairing the paddleboats is more than buying another kayak Mr. Bonanno stated. Everyone agreed to dispose of the paddleboats.

Mrs. Bonanno asked if we could schedule a clean-up day. No one shows up Commissioner Jacobs replied. Commissioner Demers said that he will call Grafton Country and have the inmates do it.

Mr. Bonanno made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Hasbrouck seconded it.

Adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee L Cota
District Manager