

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 11, 2012**

Call to Order: Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

Roll Call: Beverly Jacobs, Christopher Demers, and Bob Long

Residents in Attendance: Laraine King, Ken King, Ed Rajsteter, Mike Bonanno, Dottie Long, Heather Long, David Long, Cynthia Harris, Grete D'Hondt, Cindy Williams and Francine Bowman

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (5/14/12): Christopher Demers made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Beverly Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Rajsteter brought up a topic from the last Commissioners Meeting under "Summer Program and Employees". He commented on the change made to the job description for Waterfront Supervisor which states that a lifeguard certification is no longer required for the position. Ed Rajsteter said that since there was only one applicant, they could have waived the requirement instead of doing away with it altogether because he felt it was good to have that as part of the job description. Ken King also brought up the legality of it being passed in an open session and then changed in a closed meeting. Bob Long assured that it was legal because after the closed meeting, the decision was made public. Discussion followed.

District

1. District Report:

Marsha Luce had given the Commissioners an aged receivables for them to determine who she should make more calls to, send advance notice of disconnects, etc. The Commissioners have reviewed these and have signed off on them.

Marsha Luce is awaiting decisions regarding where the budget can be cut for the dry hydrants or the playground.

The auditors came for two days; everything looks good. They made recommendations for proper procedures.

Don Drew has installed a locked "Drop Box" for you located outside the office so residents may drop off payments and applications when the office is closed. No cash please.

2. Financials:

Laraine King brought up line item 5076-3 Building Maint-Lodge. This line item is listed under the wrong account. Bob Long said they would notify Marsha Luce.

3. **Vouchers:** Christopher Demers made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of May. Bob Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Committee Update

1. **Water Usage:** The daily average water usage for the month of May was:

Artesian Well	3,865
Gravel Well	9,932
WW&L	9,709
May 2012 Total	23,506

2. **Water Report:**

The Water Committee is waiting to hear back from WW&L. The Water Committee has met and decided that they will draft a letter to WW&L anticipating their proposal to the Mountain Lakes District.

Christopher Demers brought up that the land in the spillway belongs to someone. The owner said that he will allow Mountain Lakes District to cut the necessary trees in the spillway down as long as they are replaced elsewhere.

3. **Dry Hydrants:**

The Water Committee is awaiting approval for the dry hydrants. Ken King said that they hope to have at least one dry hydrant approved this year while money be put into a second one to be installed next year. Further discussion followed regarding funds, grants and other primary users.

Ed Rajsteter suggested that the Water Committee will draft a letter regarding for the Commissioners to look at.

Christopher Demers made a motion to approve the dry hydrant located by the mailboxes. Bob Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Bonanno asked if the second dry hydrant by Lakeside has been discussed. Ed Rajsteter confirmed that it is still being discussed.

Recreation Update

1. **Recreation Report:**

Beverly Jacobs said that Memorial day weekend was a big hit.

Beverly Jacobs and Christopher Demers confirmed the Recreation Committee can use the lodge on October 6, 2012 for Oktoberfest.

Cindy Berenson and Ramona Nee would like to organize a float for the 4th of July. After having discussed it with Marsha Luce, Bob Long said they would need someone who worked for the District to drive otherwise it's \$10,000 in liability.

Heather Long brought the topic of the fire permit from the last meeting, asking if it was ready. One is needed for the beach and one for the lodge. Bob Long handed one to her. Mike Bonanno offered to write out a second one and reminded them that a couple members from the Recreation Committee should be at both fireplaces.

Heather Long and the other members of the Recreation Committee defined what it means to be a member of the committee. They are looking to gain more members based on the description and have updated the list of the members on the website. Heather Long mentioned that to break it down easier, they would like members to commit to one part of the Rec. If any residents are interested in taking part in the Recreation Committee please contact either a member of the committee or Marsha Luce for more information.

The Recreation Committee has many events planned including for 4th of July and Labor Day. On the 4th of July there will be a potluck, fishing derby, anything float regatta and tie dye. For Labor Day there will be a road race, potluck, fireworks and a family movie.

Don Drew has been working hard to have the pool ready for opening day, June 16th. Discussion followed about the issue with the key. Volunteers are needed to be at the pool with the key Saturday Jun 16th and Sunday June 17th. Mike Bonanno offered to be at the pool between about 12-6 P.M. Laraine King suggested that the Commissioners send out an email for more volunteers.

Mike Bonanno asked for an update on the phone. Bob Long said they are still looking into it. He has found several options including a pay-phone that works on a regular line. He said he'll have it done by the end of the month.

2. **Playground:** Discussed plans/locations for the playground. Heather Long asked if small parts of the playground could be set up while the major structures wait for approval. Christopher Demers said that they could be set up if Don Drew can do it without cost and keep it out of the spillway and volleyball court. Discussed unsafe and misuse of playground structures; storage of these structures at the lodge.
3. **Summer Program & Employees:**

The Recreation Committee made a request that the Commissioners attend the next Recreation Meeting on June 23rd at 9 A.M. to discuss the Summer Program and communication issues.

Francine Bowman gave an update on the Summer Program & Employees. She said that at their meeting there were a lot of great ideas and plans for summer activities and the snack bar. They reviewed the first aid procedures and got the walkie-talkies ready. They will have a run-through the Thursday before opening day. She added that the 4 o'clock hour should be fun with activities planned around this time.

Mike Bonanno asked if there has been any discussion on late night swims. He asked if they'll have a lifeguard on duty or if they'll use the "responsible adult". Francine Bowman said they hadn't discussed it yet. Beverly Jacobs said they may simply have the "responsible adult" sign out the key.

Mike Bonanno asked if anything been done with the AED cases. Francine Bowman and Beverly Jacobs located them. There is one at the lodge and one at the main beach. They will place them out in plain sight with signs above them that clearly say "AED".

Francine Bowman is ready to order the shirts to sell at the snack bar. She found she will be able to purchase them for about \$2 less than last year for each shirt. They may put last year's shirts on clearance. It will cost no more than \$120 for all the shirts this year.

Francine Bowman brought up that they have a windsail that is too big to be stored inside. They are looking into locking it up with the canoes. Laraine King suggested that it be used for an event. Grete D'Hondt reminded that older teenagers and adults should be allowed to use it because there are a lot of safety issues using it.

Planning Board Update

1. Mike Bonanno recommended that the Commissioners appoint Margaret McGovern as an alternate for the Planning Board. Christopher Demers made motion Margaret McGovern be an alternate for the Planning Board. Bob Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The Planning Board received letter from Scott Pagnelli requesting that they revisit the Covenants and Easements. Bob Long said the Commissioners will respond to the letter.
3. The Planning Board has recommended the Zoning Officer send out certified letters to two residents in violation. The letters were mailed today.
4. The Zoning Officer has been doing a good job and has been quite busy lately.

New Business

1. Christopher Demers announced that no dogs are allowed inside the District Office unless they are seeing eye dogs. Laraine King suggested that a sign be posted on the office doors.
2. Laraine King asked if dogs are permitted on the beach after hours or if they are never allowed on the beach. The Commissioners said that dogs are never allowed on the beach but after hours the rules aren't enforced. There have been requests from residents that there be a beach that dogs are allowed on.
3. The Commissioners received an email from the Berensons about some issues with the use the lodge a couple weeks ago. Beverly Jacobs said that the situation has been dealt with and that the people who rented the lodge now know the rules. Bob Long said the rules

need to be reinforced. He also said that in this case there was a parent that allowed some kids to sleep the night there. Beverly Jacobs said that in the past they've allowed schools to stay overnight there however she and Bob Long both agreed that it needs to be written down on the contract that it's not allowed. Renters need to be out of there by 2 A.M. Laraine King suggested that they have Marsha Luce reiterate the rules on the contract. Discussion followed.

4. The Commissioners have received complaints about people pulling into the water storage area to drink. They've found empty beer cans there. Bob Long said they'd talk with Don Drew about keeping the gate locked.

Christopher Demers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beverly Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faustina Lalmond