

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 14, 2016
*AMENDED and APPROVED***

Call to Order: *AS AMENDED Chris Demers Bob Long* called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call: Bob Long, Robert Roudebush and Laraine King

In Attendance: Rick Blakeslee, Ken King and Fred Garofalo. Chris Demers arrived around 6:45 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Feb. 8, 2016 Minutes: Laraine King moved to approve; Robert Roudebush seconded. Motion passed.

District Business:

Manifests: Laraine King moved to approve manifests from Feb. 2, 2016 to Mar. 14, 2016. Robert Roudebush seconded; motion passed.

Financial Reports: The commissioners reviewed and approved the District Fund Report.

Water Bill Report: The commissioners reviewed a report from Kristi Garofalo, Administrative Assistant, showing a total of \$161,855.65 in water payments received since Apr. 1 with outstanding bills over \$27,696. No action was recommended at this time and none was taken.

Maintenance/Water Update: Don Drew was on vacation so a Maintenance/Water report was not available. Bob Long said daily water usage was running around 45,000 to 50,000 gpd and they were still trying to find the leak. Bob Long also reported paperwork has gone to the state for approval of the final lake level. Laraine King said many logs and branches are washing up on the beach as the water resumes normal level and asked if it would be possible to gather the wood for summer bonfires. After discussion, **Laraine King said she would ask Don Drew to set some wood aside.** Laraine King asked about the plan to remove the old maintenance shed over by the Lodge. Bob Long explained the Fire Department originally wanted to burn it as a practice exercise, but then became concerned about the shed's proximity to Waterman's Brook and decided to pass on the opportunity. Bob Long said Steve Robbins quoted about \$8800 to remove the shed and they are waiting on one other quote to come in. Laraine King asked Robert Roudebush if she could pass along the responsibility for the Lodge flooring project to him. **Robert Roudebush said he would take over the flooring project and work with Don Drew to get the renovations done.**

Water Committee Update: Ken King reported the water sourcing project and the MtBE clean-up project are on hold.

Planning Board Update: Bob Long reported the Master Plan update project continues; the survey draft is almost done and the Committee plans to begin sending the survey out to community members in about two months.

Forestry Update: Bob Long reported the Forestry Committee did not meet last month.

Recreation Update: Laraine King reported the re-hire letters will go out soon for summer help. She also reported the next Rec event will be a potluck event over Memorial Day weekend and more information will be coming out soon.

Action Items Review: Laraine King asked that the target dates on her items be changed to May 1. Robert Roudebush asked for clarification of the areas where he would be working closely; it was agreed that he will be working with Planning Board/Master Plan Committee and also take a lead role in buildings and grounds projects. Further discussion on the action items was deferred until the next meeting.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- **Board Chair:** Laraine King moved that Bob Long continue to be the Board chairman for the coming year; Robert Roudebush seconded and the motion passed.
- **Lodge Guidelines:** Bob Long said it was not in anyone's best interest to drag out the discussion on needed changes to the Lodge Guidelines and he didn't feel that a committee was needed to recommend changes as basically what was needed was to "tweak" the existing guidelines. **Laraine King said she would talk to Don Drew about whether something can be worked out so that renters have the choice of taking their trash with them, or (for a fee that would be taken out of their deposit) leaving it in a special place for Don Drew to remove.** After discussion about ways to handle rental event that caused a noise issue, **Laraine King said she would check with the town to see if there is a noise ordinance and if so, she will get more specifics.** The commissioners agreed that the new rental rates should be \$100 per day for MLD property owners and \$250 per day for non-property owners. Kristi Garofalo and Laraine King will work on drafting revised guidelines to be reviewed at the next commissioners meeting.
- **Trash Collection:** Rick Blakeslee said he would like to start a weekly trash collection service where he would be available at the mailbox area to collect trash and recyclables for a fee. His plan was be available on Saturdays from 8 to 12 and maybe similar hours on Sundays, too, in the summer. Bob Long asked if the District would be liable for injuries or damage if they allowed such a service; **Kristi Garofalo will check with the insurance carrier (Primex) and then email the commissioners and Rick Blakeslee with the response.** Fred Garofalo asked whether an insurance certificate from Rick Blakelee would be required; **Kristi Garofalo will check with Primex.** After discussion that a trash collection service might be welcomed by both full and part-time residents, the commissioners approved a trial period of 6 to 8 weeks if the insurance questions were answered satisfactorily.
- **Planning Board Appointment:** Bob Long said Michael Roberts volunteered to serve on the Planning Board and made a motion to appoint him to the Planning Board for a three year term to expire in March 2019. Robert Roudebush seconded and the motion passed.
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Bob Long said he talked to Darlene Simboli and she is willing to continue as Assistant Treasurer for the District. Laraine King moved to appoint her for a one year term to expire in March 2019. ***AS AMENDED Rbert Robert** Roudebush seconded and the motion passed.
- **Ballfield Project:** The commissioners discussed the proposal for local Little League teams to use the Lodge ballfield for practices and games. Renovation of the field, fencing and installation of log dugouts would all be donated; the District would cover the rental fees for a portable toilet near the field, which would be about \$118 per month for two months. Bob Long made a motion to allow the community to make the changes to bring the Lodge ballfield up to Little League standards and allow the League to use the ballfield for practices and games. Robert Roudebush seconded and the motion passed.

Non-Public Session: Bob Long moved to ***AS AMENDED leave go to a*** non-public session ***AS AMENDED and return to public session*** and Robert Roudebush seconded. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor and the Board went into non-public session at 7:00 pm.

Robert Roudebush moved to leave non-public session and return to public session; Bob Long seconded. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor and the Board returned to public session at 7:12 pm.

Robert Roudebush moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session; Laraine King seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous in favor. The minutes were sealed.

Robert Roudebush moved to adjourn and Bob Long seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo