

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT**  
**COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**  
**June 17, 2020**  
**\*UNAPPROVED\***

**Call to Order:** Chair Bob Long called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. He read a statement that the Board was authorized to meet electronically due to the declared state of emergency (COVID-19), that the meeting had been properly noticed and information given to the public on how to join the meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing, and that all votes would be by roll call, in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's emergency order.

**Roll Call:** Bob Long and Mark Johanson were present and alone, Mike Roberts was present with Chris Roberts.

**Public Present:** Robert Roudebush, Laraine King, Ken King, Barbara Warren, David Martella, Brian Loutrel, Polly Bonanno, Mike Bonanno, and Miranda Chisholm.

**Tree Removal:** The Commissioners discussed an email from Arthur and Connie Smith asking permission to remove trees on District land because they were a potential hazard to their home. Bob Long shared a written agreement based on one used in a previous situation and moved to approve the removal of the trees with a signed agreement. Mike Roberts seconded. Further discussion noted the \$1 million liability insurance requirement was missing from the Smith draft agreement. Bob Long moved to amend his motion to include adding the \$1 million requirement to the agreement and Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long – Aye; Mike Roberts – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; amended motion passed. **Bob Long will contact the homeowners for their signatures on the agreement.**

**Parking Passes:** The Commissioners considered a suggestion to have residents sign a written acknowledgement of COVID-19 risks and release of District liability when receiving parking passes. Kristi Garofalo shared the 2020 version of District rules on the back of the parking passes which included a note about COVID-19 risks. After discussion of legal and logistical questions, the written release suggestion was withdrawn and the Commissioners agreed the COVID-19 message should be moved to top of the parking pass rules. **Kristi Garofalo will make the change on the 2020 passes.**

**Lodge Rentals:** Kristi Garofalo said the item was on the agenda due to the previous "No gatherings of 10 or more" COVID-19 emergency order, but that was changed on June 15 to "No gatherings of 50 or more" so the questions no longer applied. The Commissioners re-affirmed their June 4 decision that the insurance requirement is District policy and would not be waived as requested by a potential renter.

**Summer Help and Pool Status:** The Commissioners discussed rehiring three seasonal employees, then tabled the issue while they discussed the state reopening guidelines for the District pool. After consideration of the social distancing, cleaning, and disinfecting requirements, Bob Long moved to close the District pool for the season. Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long – Aye; Mike Roberts – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; motion passed. The Commissioners returned to the seasonal employee discussion and agreed on rehiring three employees with two receiving a \$.50/hour returning employee increase. They discussed a COVID-19 bonus for all seasonal employees and agreed to table the subject. **Bob Long will draft a bonus schedule for consideration at the July 11 meeting.**

**Bath Recreation Fee:** Kristi Garofalo explained Bath water customers can pay a \$250 recreation fee for access to District amenities and asked if the 2020 fee could be reduced since there are fewer services due to the COVID-19 situation. She noted she was also working with the District's auditor on ways of reducing the tax impact for District residents for future consideration by the Commissioners. After discussion, Bob Long moved to reduce the Bath Rec Fee from \$250 to \$100 for 2020; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long – Aye; Mike Roberts – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Mike Roberts said he received a request to use the District Office for the June 18 Planning Board meeting. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to keep District meetings as Zoom meetings until re-consideration at their July 11 meeting.
- Mike Roberts noted a report of a camper on an empty lot on Hemlock Circle will be investigated by the Planning Board.
- Mark Johanson asked if a food vendor could set up on the beaches occasionally since the Snack Bar was closed. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed vendor set up at the beaches will not be offered for insurance reasons.

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long – Aye; Mike Roberts – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kristi Garofalo