

2013 North Lakes Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2013

Location: Embassy Park Clubhouse, 7pm

Board Members Present: Bobbi Zink, Curtis Wilki, Tim McCoy, Alex Maslow, Mindy Lilyquist

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm with 22 households present
2. Bobbi Zink, President, introduced the board members
3. Approve minutes from 2012: There was a motion to approve the minutes of the 2012 annual meeting as presented, the motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.
4. **Committee Updates:**
 - a. **Budget – Curtis Wilkie:** The additional \$10 per house per quarter, as been a huge benefit. There is a surplus of about \$3,000, including \$24,000 going to the lake dredging. The lake dredging fund will have \$157,00 this year and is projected for next year to have \$181,000. The dredging estimates we have received are in the \$220,00 range. The various budgets have all been below the usual. This year we had an extra reserve in the maintenance fund and opted to go ahead and redo the pathway to the lake. Everyone agrees it looks great.
 - b. **Lake report – Jim Pratt.** For the most part the lakes have stayed pretty nice this year. We did have a few beavers and they didn't stay. We tested the water for both lakes and they are both safe to swim in. The only problem we ran into this year was a couple people catching the 40-pound catfish and not releasing them back into the lake. It was brought forward that we should upgrade the signs to indicate that the lake is for residents only and that it is a catch and release only. Members have indicated how pleased they are with the look of the lake. Jim mentioned this was due to the work we put into the lake three years ago with the various strategies employed. Questions came up about the estimates for dredging the large lake. It was indicated by both former President, Jeff Foster, and current board member, Tim McCoy, that we can't get a formal bid on the big lake unless we are willing to pay to bring out some big equipment. For the small lake, we didn't have to pay to get rid of the dirt. We were able to take and dump the

small lake dirt over by lake wakoumis for free. We plan to dredge the big lake in another four years – around 2017.

- c. **Pool – Alex Maslow:** Overall everything went very smoothly. Jordan Elder was a community member who worked the pool and did an excellent job. Only two small occurrences/violation this year, less than normal. We do want to look into shade and also paint the pool house. Alex will plan to do the winterizing within the next couple of weeks. It was brought up that we should commend Alex for a job well done.
- d. **Welcoming Committee** – Joan Myers – was not present. As a board we would like to update the welcoming packet. We believe there were 3-4 move-ins.
- e. **Landscape – Tim McCoy:** We completed the sidewalk to the lake. We hired a company to aggressively treat the weeds in the common areas. We have pretty decent controlled. In the spring it should look better than it has. We planted trees around the pool and a couple are already dying. One of the projects we would like to look into is have a professional landscaper bring forward some ideas on how to spruce up the pool area. We have also have some erosion problems and we are getting bids on the inlet area on the East side of 78th. It wasn't done properly to begin with. We have smaller ones by the big spill way in the big lake and the small lake in the spill well where they dug out we need some rock. Across from the big dam there is an inlet that is eroding really bad. We will prioritize once we see where things are. Question: The city isn't responding when a homeowner has been calling about needing to prune the ash-trees. The city won't allow us to prune because of the infestation of the ash bore. What can we do as a neighborhood to push their hand to come and tree these trees that are low hanging and causing problems. We have over 70 trees under this city umbrella. It was brought up to attend the HA-KC city-wide meeting to address this to a broader group. Another option is for the President to write a letter to the city-council. We would like to have everyone contact 311.
- f. **Architectural – Woody Acosta:** There were a lot of homeowners who went through the correct channel and submitted the form from the website and sending it directly to Woody. Looking to automate this process vs a PDF. A question arose about sheds: This neighborhood doesn't allow detached sheds. However if you attach the shed to the home and make it match with the paint and shingles it is ok.
- g. **Neighborhood Watch – Carla Atwood:** It has been pretty quite

this past year. Limited disturbances, which is a good thing. The news notified that there has been a string of car vandalisms along the I-29 corridor.

- h. Social Committee – Open:** We are looking for someone to chair this committee. We did have a great annual pool party and look forward to doing this again.

5. Review projects completed in 2013

- a. Sidewalk to big lake: The updates to this walkway was well received.
- b. Common areas treated for weeds and fertilized.
- c. Painted wall along Montclair. Part of the clean-up day
- d. Planted trees around pool. Part of the annual clean-up day
- e. Dredged small lake
- f. Wrought iron fence: The fence along Montclair was painted and completed today, Oct 17th.

6. Elect new board members and committee chairs We need 2-3 new board members, social chair and landscape chair

- a. Currently we do not have anyone present in the meeting who has indicated an interest in volunteering.
 - i. For the social chair: Woody & Maria Acosta have volunteered to come up with social events.
 - ii. For the landscaping, Tim McCoy will continue in this role.

7. New business

- a. Discuss pool shade: It has been brought forward that we would like to implement more shade up at the pool. Embassy Park pool put up new shade and we will contact the same provider for a bid. We also will look into new tables and umbrellas.
- b. We have noticed more people fishing on the lake. Do we need to restock the lake? Jim Pratt indicated he stocked 600-700 fish about 7 years ago and we should have sufficient. We won't restock before we dredge.
- c. Items from homeowners
 - i. Question about late dues, what kind of recourse do we have: We have seven liens put on homes right now. Currently we have \$5,000 who haven't paid. The maximum we can collect on is 5 years in back dues. We are going to send attorney letters for three homes who have owed for quite some time.
 - ii. Have we thought about heating up the pool earlier in the

year to help get the water warmer faster. We can look into the price of a portable heater. Also look into extending the pool closing a couple more weeks. Take a look at it year-by-year.

- iii. A member indicated a desire to put up a gazebo or a shelter house for a neighborhood gathering spot? Anything outside of meeting in our hot pool parking lot. Would there be any type of interest by the homeowners to put up the money for something like that? We also want to look into ongoing maintenance cost. Bobbi indicated a desire to assess how this coming year goes with an active social committee. The broad consensus was that we should look more into a meeting spot for the future.
- iv. Snow removal: Why are we always last on the list to be plowed by the city? Is there any way someone can fix the big mound of snow the plow leaves? What if we bring a city council member to attend the meeting? Someone is going to look into who this is.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm