

**LAKE SAGAMORE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2018**

Officers:		Attend	Board Members:		Attend
Susan Wynne	President	x	Kathy Adler		x
Getz Obstfeld	VP, Lake Committee	x	Jim Arroyo		x
Ira Kawaller	Treasurer	x	Mary Bass		x
Mitchell Cohen	Secretary, webmaster	x	Amanda Clerici		x
			Shirley Lapidus		x
			Nicholas O'Kulich		x
			Jay Unkeless		x
Community Attendance					
John Van Couvering		Richard Barcia			
Enid Schildkrout		Richard Babinecz			

Susan Wynne called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes will be done by email prior to next meeting. Minutes from the last General Meeting were distributed for review and Board members will get back with comments prior to the General Meeting.

Delinquent Dues

Richard Barcia, who requested an opportunity to presented his case for decreasing his interest and fees on delinquent dues, said he felt interest fees of about 21% were too high and punitive. He had been served by the LCSA attorney earlier in the week demanding payment. Mr. Barcia asked for a more reasonable interest charge of 5% - 6%. Mr. Obstfeld, VP, who works in the field of housing, noted that the LCSA interest rate on unpaid dues was within industry standards.

Before filing papers with the LCSA attorney, LCSA Treasurer had made an offered to Mr. Barcia to cut the penalty in half. Mr. Barcia did not respond, and the Treasurer followed LCSA procedures and turned the case over to the LCSA attorney.

Mr. Barcia left the meeting and the Board decided that the Treasurer would email Mr. Barcia saying that Mr. Barcia owes past interest and legal fees and that unless Mr. Barcia offered an alternative proposal, legal fees and LSCA would continue with legal proceedings without interruption. The Board gave the Treasurer some discretion to respond to any proposal made by Mr. Barcia.

Variance for 3 Westwood Drive

Association member Enid Shildkrout asked that the Board take a position against issuing an extension of an approved variance to build a home on a .76 acre lot in a 2 acre zone at 3 Westwood Drive. The lot was recently bought by Mr. Sun from the Cuervo's. Enid emphasized her concern for the lake and possible drainage issues related to construction.

Susan Wynne reviewed the history of the property noting that it had received city approval for building a house in the past. At the time the Board took a neutral position on allowing building on the property.

The Board decided that Mr. Obstfeld, VP and head of the Lake Committee, would write a letter to the Town Zoning Board emphasizing LSCA's concern for protecting the environment and quality of the lake, but that it takes no position for or against the variance.

Board Vacancies and Ad Hoc Nominating Committee

With Jim Keneally's resignation as President of LSCA, Susan Wynne has stepped into the President's position and the Board approved a motion that she continue as President until the next election. The Board discussed, but came to no conclusion regarding filling first VP role and replacing the David Ichel who resigned from the Board .

Treasurers Report

As shown in the attached, LSCA has a positive balance of about \$98,500, or close to two year's operating expenses due to the lower than expected dam project expenses. Operating costs to date have largely followed the projected budget. With recent storms and new signage this year, an increase in lake maintenance to \$15,000 was adopted.

The Board decided that it would be prudent to keep a reserve of about 1.5 years operating expenses, and that they would propose to achieve that target over a period of several years. The board voted to propose a reduction in LSCA dues and assessment for 2018-19 from \$725.00 to \$625.00 at the next general meeting.

Parkland Committee

The Parkland Committee will make a visual survey of damage to parklands and suggest clean up and approve signage to the Board.

Lake Report

Beside debris, the lake and dam were not severely damaged by recent storms. Due to unrelenting rains the placement of the Boards in the dam have been delayed until they can be installed safely.

Nests around the lake have be added, but there a few new families of Geese on the lake.

It was confirmed that LSCA paid dues to New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA). A decision to join other area lakes in the NYSFOLA Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) that checks the quality of the water was deferred to the next Board meeting. Currently water quality is done by Princeton Hydro once a year.

The meeting was adjourned.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 10, 1918

1. Susan Wynne called the meeting to order. She announced that Jim Keneally had resigned as President and that she, as first VP, has replaced him.
2. Secretary approved that a quorum was present, and a motion to approve the Minutes of last General Meeting was made. It was pointed out that one word was wrong, and with that correction, it was passed.
3. New residents introduced: Judie Stein, Frank Schneier, Carol Rosenthal, Gary Langer, and Kate Rice. Members were informed that Mr. Sun had brought property at 3 Loggers Wood.
4. Treasurers report by Ira Kawaller.
 - 4.1. Close to \$5,000 in arrears is likely to be paid. The Association has close to \$100,000 in reserves. The maintenance of the Dam was a large expense, but less than budgeted.
 - 4.2. Recommended dues and assessment for the following year is \$625.00.
 - 4.3. Reserves was discussed. It was agreed that a target amount would be about \$75,000 and the Association would spend down to that level over the next few years.
 - 4.4. A motion was made to approve proposed budget, attached, and it was passed.
 - 4.5. The ideas of assessing new residents for part of past assessments was discussed and it was decided it would be a "double assessment". No further action required.
5. Lake Committee reported by Getz Obstfeld and spring items were reviewed:
 - 5.1. The Board in dam was delayed due to spring rains.
 - 5.2. The Adler addled 21 eggs in 8 nests. It was recommended that the Board send a note thanking Andy Alpert for paying for the Adler.
 - 5.3. Boats from other lakes are prohibited. New or used boats used in other lakes need to follow the cleaning rules found on the website. It was agreed to send new all members a reminder.
6. Parkland Committee by Ray Phillips:
 - 6.1. The Parkland Committee is actively assessing what needs to be done over the next few months. New signs and boat stickers are being prepared. It was confirmed that there has to be the same numbered boat tag on each side of a boat. Paddle boards need one sticker.
 - 6.2. The idea of extending the walking path thought the Ryder property to avoid walking on 301 was discussed and there was support by Association members. Mr Ryder is being contacted by the Board.
 - 6.3. It was recommended that culverts be cleaned regularly.
 - 6.4. It was reiterated that current docks on parklands are grandfathered and have to be maintained by those who use them. No new docks are permitted.

7. Website and Directory by Mitchell Cohen:
 - 7.1. Features of website were reviewed with a focus on updating members' own contact information through the Profile tab.
 - 7.2. An updated Directory is being prepared.

8. New Business:
 - 8.1. Summer picnic will be on July 21 from 5-8 at Kathy Freston's house. If it rains it will be at firehouse.
 - 8.2. General meeting will be scheduled earlier in the day, ideally at 11am.
 - 8.3. Susan announced that Doug Ingram is stepping down as editor of Sentinel. The Association thanked him for his efforts.

9. The meeting was adjourned.