

GLEN ECHO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Minutes

May 8, 2008

The May meeting of the Glen Echo Improvement Association, Inc. (GEIA) was held at the Senior Center in the Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, May 4, 2008. President Jackie Nowak called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary's report for September 2007 was read. A motion was made by Stan Regis and seconded by Marge Hewitt to accept the minutes as read. The motion *PASSED*.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was unavailable at this time.

Old Business:

- ◆ *GEIA Property – Update:*
 1. Boulders, signs and pylons were installed on the property in early fall 2007. So far, this has been working well and has eliminated the parking issue, with one exception. People are still parking on the grassy area down by the water, this will be eliminated by adding (1) large boulder in that area.
 2. Re: Lighting – After a brief discussion, the membership agreed to wait and see if there are any issues at the property before installing any lights.
 3. Re: cemetery - Donna Peters indicated that she is still looking to get a grant to install a wrought iron fence and headstones at the site.
 4. Re: Rip-rap along the waterfront – no action has taken place regarding adding rip-rap along the grassy portion of the waterfront to prevent further erosion. Frank Zapulla said he would put together a plan and cost estimate for installing the rip-rap.
- ◆ *Lawsuit Update:* A motion to dismiss was filed by the State. The GEIA and the town attached memorandums to the State's motion. The hearing was held in December 2007 at Worcester Superior Court. The Court granted the motion to dismiss on 31 January 2008. Unfortunately, the Chambers filed an Appeal on 7 February 2008.
- ◆ *Private Road Petitions:* The following roads were submitted to the town in Fall 2007: Park, Maple, Oak, Vine and Hollywood. Glen Echo Shore Rd was completed and submitted to the town this spring. All other roads around the lake have not been completed. Marge Hewitt volunteered to get signatures for Westview Rd and Brookside Rd.

- ◆ *Beaver Update:* On behalf of several different lake residents, the Association filed a request for a permit to have the beavers removed from the north end of the lake. The permit was approved and the trapper came and inspected the beaver den in the north end. This den was inactive, however, the trapper found an active den in the spillway beyond the dam. He proceeded to set 12 different traps and removed five (5) beavers from the spillway and breached several of the dams they had established. Despite this effort, several residents have indicated that there is still beaver activity in the lake.

New Business:

- ◆ *Drawdown/Lycott/Weeds* – To date, the Association has not received notice when Lycott will be treating the lake for weeds. President Jackie Nowak will call Lycott to get this information.
- ◆ *Boat Parade:* The membership agreed to once again hold the boat parade for the 4th of July. A motion was made by Marge Hewitt and seconded by Donna Peters to hold the boat parade on Friday, July 4, 2008 at 4:00 pm.
- ◆ *July Meeting* – a motion was made by Ken Blackman and seconded by Bernie Lizotte to cancel the July 08 meeting. The motion *PASSED*.
- ◆ *Dues increase* – At the September 2007 meeting, the membership voted to increase the yearly dues to \$25 per year. However, as noted in the September 2007 minutes, an increase in dues also requires a bylaw change. A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Bernie Lizotte to change the by-laws to increase the yearly dues from \$15 to \$25, effectively immediately. The motion *PASSED*.

Announcements/Reminders/Open Forum:

- ◆ *Fundraiser ideas* – President Jackie Nowak asked the membership to be thinking about fundraising ideas to generate money for the association. The Association had several high bills this past year (GEIA property enhancement, Beaver removal and Attny fees), which have drained the general fund. This will be discussed at future meetings.
- ◆ A discussion ensued regarding how the drawdown date of 15 October was chosen and why the Association doesn't stay with the "recommended" date of 1 November. It was explained that by starting the drawdown two weeks sooner enables residents to effect repairs on their waterfront and has nothing to do with skiing or fishing. Further discussion on this subject will take place at future meetings.
- ◆ President Jackie Nowak reminded the membership that this is an election year and asked for help in nominating people for the four (4) board positions.

A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Bernie Lizotte to adjourn the meeting. The motion *PASSED*. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Nowak
President, GEIA

For
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Secretary, GEIA