

GLEN ECHO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Minutes

May 30, 2009

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 12, 2009. President Jackie Nowak called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary's report for August 2008 was read. A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Pete Roberts to accept the minutes as read. The motion *PASSED*.

Treasurer's Report – A short Treasurer's report was provided by Helene Doucette. There is currently \$1,075.47 in the general fund and \$18,054.45 in the weed fund. A review of bills that were paid over the winter months was also conducted.

- *A bill was submitted from BT Copy for the spring membership letter and associated mailing in the amount of \$202.56*

A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Anne Ide to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the outstanding bill. The motion *PASSED*.

Old Business:

- ◆ *GEIA Property* - All work on the property was completed in the fall of 2008. Boulders backfilled with 6-inch minus stone were added along the waterfront to protect the shoreline from further erosion due to wave action.
- ◆ *Weeds* – The lake was treated twice in 2008 for Milfoil and other weeds. So far this season, the lake looks good, although it is hard to tell given the amount of rain and cool weather. 2009 is a survey year. Typically, Lycott comes out early in the season to perform the surveys. The membership discussed the timing and agreed that it would be more beneficial if the survey was delayed to mid-summer. President Jackie Nowak stated that she will call Lycott to postpone the survey until later in the summer.

2009 is the last year of the current (3) year contract with Lycott Environmental for Glen Echo Lake maintenance. A discussion ensued regarding a way forward. The membership agreed that pursuing another long term contract would be appropriate, however, decided to see if Lycott would provide a one-year contract for 2010 for weed treatment. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Stan Regis for the GEIA President to negotiate a one-year extension to the current contract with Lycott for weed treatment in 2010, with the cost of the extension not to exceed \$4500. The motion *PASSED*.

Discussion continued on the long term contract for weed control. The general consensus was to pursue a four-year contract which would start with a survey year alternating with a

treatment year thereafter. It was agreed that a request for bids would be sent out to several different environmental firms, but this would not need to occur until 2010.

- ◆ *Elections/Nominations* – Elections were postponed from the August 2008 Annual meeting to the September 2008 meeting; however, since there wasn't a quorum at September meeting, elections were not held. President Jackie Nowak indicated that she had received resignations from the Vice President, Judie Benedetti, and the Secretary, Carl Selavka. In addition, the advisory board currently needs a member and ALL advisory board positions are up for renewal/election in 2009.

Donna Peters indicated that she would be interested in running for Vice President.

A nominating committee was formed and consists of Rob Lemansky, Donna Peters, and Pete Roberts. The committee agreed to come to the June 2009 meeting with some names of people interested in the positions.

- ◆ *Lawsuit update*: The Chambers had filed an Appeal to the Dismissal on 7 February 2008. The Chambers docketed the appeal on 13 Feb 09 and filed their brief around 4 April 09. The State requested an extension to file their brief. The Town and GEIA decided not to file a brief on their own, since the current appeal is targeted at the constitutionality of the law. (The cost to the Association would have been an additional ~\$1500.)

New Business:

- ◆ *Fishing Derby* – The annual fishing derby will be held on Sunday, 12 Jul 09, from 6-12. Joe Dussault is coordinating the event.
- ◆ *2009 Meeting schedule* – President Jackie Nowak indicated that the 2009 meeting schedule has changed slightly from past years. Meetings will continue on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, however, they were shifted to the second week of the month. The current schedule can be found on the GEIA website.
- ◆ *Lifetime Membership* – A question arose regarding the continuation of offering a lifetime membership for the Association. After a brief discussion, the membership decided to leave it as is, since the number of lifetime members is small (~10) compared to the total number of members. Further discussion ensued regarding how to get more people involved in the association. Donna Peters volunteered to help out with a membership drive.
- ◆ *Sr Center Donation* - A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Stan Regis to make a \$100 donation to Senior Center for the use of their area for the Association meetings. The motion *PASSED*.

A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Mark Beaudry to adjourn the meeting. The motion *PASSED*. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Nowak
President, GEIA

For
Carl M. Selavka
Secretary, GEIA