

GLEN ECHO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Minutes

August 31, 2009

The August meeting of the Glen Echo Improvement Association, Inc. (GEIA) was held at the Senior Center in the Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, August 11, 2009. President Jackie Nowak called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary's report for June 2009 was read. A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Bernie Lizotte to accept the minutes as read. The motion *PASSED*.

Treasurer's Report – No Treasurer's report was available.

- *A bill was submitted from Lycott Environmental for the 2009 survey in the amount of \$1306.66. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Donna Peters to pay the outstanding bill. The motion PASSED.*

Old Business:

- ◆ *Lycott* – A second survey of the lake was completed in July 09. Lycott noted that the weeds growing were “beneficial” weeds, but have reach nuisance levels in some areas of the lake. An example of the pond weed currently in the lake is Starwort. The Assn has received several emails and phone calls regarding the weed growth in the lake. President Jackie Nowak contacted Lee Lyman at Lycott, regarding the feasibility and cost of conducting treatment in 2009 to manage these weeds. Lee indicated that it would take ~1 week to obtain the permit, then ~2-3 weeks before the lake would see any improvement. Based on that information, residents wouldn't see any improvement until after Labor Day.

A discussion ensued regarding the cost and schedule of treating the lake since this is a non-treatment year. The permitting cost is ~\$80 and the treatment would cost ~\$4500.

A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Bernie Lizotte to wait on the weed treatment until 2010. The motion *PASSED*.

- ◆ *Lawsuit update:* The state filed their brief on 1 June 09. The Chambers have filed a rebuttal to the state's brief which restates their previous arguments. The next step will be oral arguments in Appeals court. Oral arguments are limited to 15 minutes for EACH side. It usually takes a few months for the decision.
- ◆ *Boat Parade* – The annual boat parade was held on Saturday, 4 Jul 09, at 4:00 pm. A total of ~25 boats and 2 jet-skis participated this year. 1st place went to the “Hall of Presidents” hosted by Art and Laurie North. Second place when to the

Pirate ship, hosted by the Peters family. Prizes were awarded to both first and second place. A big thanks to parade master, Bernie Lizotte, for once again leading the parade.

- ◆ *Dam Legislation* – The town administrator, Robin Craver, informed the Assn, that a hearing was being held on 6 Aug 09 at the State house regarding the dam legislative act. The bill (Senate bill 2108) was presented to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture for review and comments.
- ◆ *Fishing Derby* – The annual fishing derby was held on Sunday, 12 Jul 09. A total of eight (8) boats participated in this year's event.
 - 🚣 1st place lunger – Wyatt Nowak/Jake McCart (6.73-lb total wgt, 2.71-lb lunger)
 - 🚣 1st place total weight – Andy, Henry and Cody (8.60-lb total wgt, 2.55-lb lunger)
 - 🚣 2nd place total weight – Mike and Jordan (8.58-lb total wgt, 2.40-lb lunger)
 - 🚣 3rd place total weight – Dave and Al (8.42-lb total wgt, 2.25-lb lunger)

A big thanks to Sharon and Joe Dussault for once again running the fishing derby and for providing lunch to the participants. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Stan Regis to reimburse the Dussault's for the lunch they provided to the fishing derby participants. The motion *PASSED*. A check for \$40 will be sent to the Dussault's.

New Business:

- ◆ *Elections* – The nominating committee provided a list of people interested in serving as officers for the Association. They are:
 - President: Jackie Nowak
 - Vice President: Donna Peters
 - Secretary: Frank Zapulla
 - Treasurer: Patrick Lefebvre

A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Pete Roberts to nominate the above members for officer positions. A discussion ensued regarding whether an officer can also serve as a member of the advisory board at the same time. President Jackie Nowak indicated that she didn't think that would be possible, but indicated she would check the bylaws to make sure.

A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Rob Lemansky to amend the list of nominated members as follows:

- President: Jackie Nowak
- Vice President: Donna Peters
- Secretary: Steve Federico
- Treasurer: Patrick Lefebvre

The motion *PASSED* and all nominated members were accepted to the officer positions.

A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Stan Regis to nominate the following members for the Advisory board:

- Frank Zapulla
- Bernie Lizotte
- Pete Roberts

The motion *PASSED* and all nominated members were accepted to the Advisory board.

Open Forum

- ◆ Rob Lemansky opened a discussion regarding how to encourage people around the lake to join and participate in the Association. In addition, there was discussion on how the Assn property should be used and who should help maintain it. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Donna Peters to create a sub-committee to create rules for the use of the Assn property that would create equity for the Association. The motion *PASSED*.

A subsequent motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Stan Regis for Rob Lemansky to chair the aforementioned committee. The motion *PASSED*. Members that agreed to serve on the committee are: Frank Zapulla, Erin Peters and Rob Lemansky.

A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Bernie Lizotte to adjourn the meeting. The motion *PASSED*. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Nowak
President, GEIA

For
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Secretary, GEIA