

# GLEN ECHO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## *Minutes*

August 13, 2008

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 12, 2008. President Jackie Nowak called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

*Secretary's Report* – The Secretary's report for May 2008 was read. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Donna Peters 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 \$1,338.68 in the general fund, \$25,002.16 in the weed fund and \$8,019.64 in the Fidelity fund. These totals do not account for any outstanding bills which need to be paid. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Donna Peters to accept the treasurer's report. The motion *PASSED*.

### *Old Business:*

#### ◆ *GEIA Property – Update:*

1. The additional boulders were installed on the property earlier this month. The boulders were installed along the right property line (looking at the property from the street) to further dissuade people from parking on the property and to eliminate anyone from using the property as access to other lots. Prior to the addition to these boulders, the no parking signs have been working well. It was decided not to add the boulder on the grassy area down by the water as we need to leave an area for emergency vehicles to park if they need to access the lake.

A motion was made by Donna Peters to add a new sign to this area of the property which would indicate that it was for emergency vehicle parking only. The estimated cost for the sign is \$35 and the post would be \$45 (total of \$80). Bernie Lizotte seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion *PASSED*.

2. Enforcement issue (unauthorized parties on the property) – A brief discussion ensued regarding regular police patrols of the area to dissuade after hours parties on the property. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Carol Morin to ask Chief Periver to have the Charlton Police Department regularly patrol the area. The motion *PASSED*. Donna Peters and Bernie Lizotte agreed to set up an appointment with Chief Pervier regarding the rules and regulations of the property and to see if the Chief could set up regular patrols of the area.

3. Re: Rip-rap along the waterfront –Frank Zapulla provided information regarding (3) different options for fixing the waterline on the property.

Option 1: Boulders on both sides of the beach, imbedded into the shoreline with no backfill. Cost: \$2,100

Option 2: Boulders laid in a straight line along the shore, backfilled with 6 inch minus rock. Cost: \$3,100

Option 3: Same as option #2, but add loam to smooth out the top. Cost: \$3,600

After presenting the options, a discussion ensued. Frank explained that option #2 would include supporting the existing trees and straighten out the shoreline. It would not include any digging, but would require some equipment to move the boulders into place. It is anticipated that the improvement would take 1 day to accomplish.

A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Dave Morin to pursue option #1. Further discussion ensued and the membership felt that it was better to backfill the boulders at the same time, rather than wait and spend even more money in the future. Rob Lemansky withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Bernie Lizotte and seconded by Donna Peters to pursue Option #2 which would add boulders to the shoreline and backfill with 6-inch minus stone, for the cost of \$3,100. The motion *PASSED*.

A subsequent motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Joe Dussault to withdraw the money needed for the project (including filing and permits fees as needed) from the weed fund as this would prevent further erosion of the waterfront and not aid in further weed growth by allowing dirt and nutrients into the lake. The motion *PASSED*.

- ◆ *Weeds* – The lake was treated on 2 June 08 for Milfoil. Since that time, several residents have notified the Association regarding weed growth in front of their homes. Lycott came out and did a quick survey of a couple of places on the lake in July and noted that the weeds growing were deemed “beneficial” weeds, if left unchecked they could reach nuisance levels. Members indicated that they have noticed excessive weed growth in several areas of the lake.

President Jackie Nowak stated that she would call Lycott and discuss having a survey done now instead of early next year and to see if anything could be done this fall. Joe Dussault volunteered to mark up a map with the weed locations.

- ◆ *Beaver Update:* There has been 1 or 2 sightings in the north end of the lake, but no real activity has been noticed.

- ◆ *Boat Parade:* The annual boat parade was held on Friday, July 4, 2008 at 4:00 pm. The parade was preceded by (5) skiers (Artie Johnson, Jackie Nowak, Wyatt Nowak, Allison Howard and Tom Barber) dressed to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July pulled by Bernie Lizotte.

This year 22 boats, 2 Jet-skis and (1) kayak joined the parade. First place went to the Heroux family for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fountain boat. Second place went to the Barber's "The luck o' the Irish" pontoon boat.

- ◆ *Fishing Derby* – The annual fishing derby was held on Sunday, 20 Jul 08. First place went to Dave and Hunter with 10.11-lbs, second place went to Nick and Mike with 10.03-lbs, and third place went to Joe, Brittany and Jillian with 9.11-lbs. Approximately 15 people participated this year.

#### ***New Business:***

- ◆ *Elections/Nominations* – To date, no nominations have been submitted for any of the officer positions. Elections were postponed to the September meeting.
- ◆ *Fall Drawdown* – After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Donna Peters to maintain the current 4-ft drawdown with a start date of 15 Oct 08. The motion *PASSED*. President Jackie Nowak indicated that she would schedule an appointment with the Conservation Committee in September with the request for drawdown.
- ◆ *Fundraiser ideas* – Once again, President Jackie Nowak asked the membership to be thinking about fundraising ideas to generate money for the Association. Some items suggested: 50/50 raffle, placard for membership in the Association which could be displayed on the residents property, eliminating the lifetime membership, etc. This also led to a discussion on how to get more members and to get more people involved in the association.

A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Rob Lemansky 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