

The Birch Bark

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association

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BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2010

All meetings are held at the clubhouse unless otherwise specified.

May 8	10:00 am
June 12	10:00 am
July 17	10:00 am
<i>(Annual Meeting & Election at the Pavilion)</i>	
August 14	10:00 am
September 11	10:00 am
October 9	10:00 am
November 13	10:00 am
December 11	10:00 am

EPC MEETING DATES FOR 2010

All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse

May 7
June 11
July 16
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Linda McNeil lucymcn79@hotmail.com 734-729-2614	Director	Dorothy Nalepa dnalepa8990@charter.net (734) 878-8990
1 st Vice President	Robert Briggs cofbriggs@yahoo.com	Director	Teresa Stephens rapidstamper@yahoo.com 989-339-1417
2 nd Vice President	Sharon Bridges skbeuthin@toast2.net	Director	Steve Bryant sfbryant1@yahoo.com
Director	Kevin Dombrowski kd460@sbcglobal.net	Secretary Treasurer	Elaine Carrasco ecoffice@whitebirch.org



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Linda McNeil

·Presidents Report:

·Spring is in the air and I hope you are all as excited as I am as to the return of all the snowbirds and campers. Welcome back Witchells and Pelfreys. I would like to say thank you to my fellow board members who felt confident in putting me in this position as your new President. I would also like to thank those of you who have sent numerous e-mails and well wishes of support. I always try to do the best in whatever I do and this will be no different. I want each and every one of you to feel free to contact me with your thoughts and concerns. This past month since taking over the Presidency has been nothing less than exciting. Director Briggs and I are in contact daily and he has proven that the decision to make him 1st Vice President was the right decision. I try to the best of my ability to keep all Board Members informed, maybe sometimes too informed to the point where they may have thought I was “bugging” them. It is my opinion that this board consists of seven members and those seven members need to be informed as a team. At this time I would like to give a special thanks to Director Briggs and Director Stephens who have both done a wonderful job helping us to keep the office running in the absence of Elaine, especially Director Stephens who went above and beyond. Speaking of Elaine as some of you may know she has been out with back problems, I have talked to her, she will be returning to work on Monday, please give her a warm welcome and try not to overwhelm her on her first day back. In the meantime we have taken steps to prevent being in this type of situation again and we will address that later in the meeting. Also, once again, the gate was hit. Doug and Director Briggs got it up and running for around \$45.00. Thank you, good job. Doug has taken the old snow blade that was on the Agenda last month too the scrap yard and received \$173.00 for it. We have more scrap to go to the yard and we will be instructing Doug on that issue.

We are taking bids on the white truck until April 15th, so get your bids in now and own a piece of White Birch history. We have also purchased and picked up; I want to thank Mark Connelly and my husband Brian, the cable to fence in the storage area. If you are interested in volunteering your time in helping install the fence, contact Director Dombrowski, as that project will be getting underway soon. Also we have openings on some of our committees, now is your chance to get involved. If we have someone who is a shutterbug and would like to volunteer taking pictures at any or all White Birch functions, please let us know. We have so many functions and would like to post pictures of these functions on our web site. In closing I would like to say I look forward to continuing to move this association in a positive direction and with your help we can do that.

Board of Directors Meeting April 2010

Proposed

·Call to Order: President McNeil called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Invocation led by President McNeil.

I.Pledge of Allegiance led by President McNeil.

Additions to Agenda: Director Bridges adds pool hours and temporary maintenance position under new business.

Under old business Director Stephens asks to remove consent judgment.

At this time Supervisor's evaluation is moved below comments from the floor on the Agenda.

·Approval of the Minutes:

· 1) Director Bridges moves to approve the March meeting minutes, second by Director Stephens, all in favor, carried.

·Income Statement- Treasurer's Report:: Due to illness of the Treasurer no report given.

President's Report: Please see previous page.

President McNeil appoints Harry Thompson as Chair of the EPC committee, and confirms Dennis Karlson and Jan Isaac for the EPC committee. Director Briggs as liaison.

2) Director Bryant moves to accept appointments to the EPC, second by Director Stephens, motion carried.

President McNeil appoints Director Dombrowski as liaison to the nominating committee.

3) Director Bridges moves to accept the appointment of Director Dombrowski to the nominating committee, second by Director Stephens, motion carried.

President McNeil appoints Sally Keillor as Chair of the activities committee.

4) Director Stephens moves to accept the appointment of Sally as Chair of the activities committee, second by Director Bryant, all in favor, carried.

·Supervisor's Report: None given.

VII. Committee Reports: Activities committee: Sally reports Easter egg hunt was a great success, 200 eggs were hidden outdoors, cookies and punch were served, Coloring of pictures and stuffed animals were given away. The stuffed animals were donated by a member. We are presently selling raffle tickets, 18 holes of golf and a cart at snow snake. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, drawing to be at the Father's Day breakfast. Next event is Mother's Day breakfast, from 9 to 11 a.m, on Mothers Day. Garage sale/bake sale on Memorial Day weekend, sign up sheet in clubhouse. By-laws report given by Chuck Lutz; Chuck reports they have completed the final draft of by-law revisions and will present it next month.

Campground, Fred Witchell reports he needs help in the campground, it is physical work. This includes kids, they are invited to help also. EPC committee: Harry Thompson reports we had four requests for tree removal, approved. Two culvert requests, approved. One contiguous lot request, approved. A member on Wolf requested tree removal and shed, no plans have been submitted, not approved. Harry reports that the EPC needs the Board of Directors to give us guidelines on what lot improvements do need applications. We have been told that a well does not require approval by us, but the C&R's state all lot improvements. Finance committee: none given.

Security: Bob reports the usual speeding and the gate.

·Comments (agenda items): Available at the clubhouse.

·Old Business: Web Master:

5)Director Bridges moves to hire an independent Webmaster to manage our website, second by Director Dombrowski. Tabled.

Executive Committee Resolution: Be it resolved, that I, Linda McNeil, President and CEO of White Birch Lakes Recreational Association hereby appoint as my Executive Committee, 1st Vice President Bob Briggs, Director Nalepa and Director Teresa Stephens.

Whereas, they will have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business of the association between the meetings of the Board.

Whereas, such authority would include legal matters pertaining to but not limited to the ongoing Court Case, such authority would also include personnel matters including but not limited to interviewing potential candidates for employment, and such authority would also include emergency financial matters.

Be this resolved on this 10th day of April 2010 by the undersigned Directors.

Linda L. McNeil, President

Bob Briggs, 1st Vice President

Dorothy Nalepa, Director

Teresa Stephens, Director

6) Director Stephens moves to adopt the Executive Committee Resolution as read, second by Director Nalepa, Director Nalepa, aye, Director Bridges, nay, Director Briggs, aye, Director Dombrowski, nay, Director Bryant, nay, Director Stephens, aye, President McNeil, aye, motion carried.

Off Sight Back-up;

7) Director Stephens moves to back up Quickbooks on site opposed to off site, second by Director Briggs, withdrawn. 7) Director Stephens moves use Carbonite as the off site back up, second by Director Bridges, all in favor, carried.

X. New Business:

8) Director Bridges moves to ratify the e-mail vote to go with Arbury Insurance as our carrier, at a cost of \$12,551.00, annually, quarterly payments allowed without penalty, second by Director Dombrowski, all in favor, carried.

9) Director Stephens moves to ratify the ad that was placed for the assistant Treasurer/ Secretary, second by Director Bryant, carried.

10) Director Stephens moves that the WBRLA work truck be kept on site, at the clubhouse except for association business and winter snowplow exceptions, second by Director Dombrowski, all ayes, with exception of Director Bridges, with a nay. Motion carried.

11) Director Dombrowski moves we inventory items in maintenance yard, considered scrap to be sent to the recycler and get them out of the yard by the May meeting, second by Director Bridges, motion carried.

12) Director Dombrowski moves to approve the absentee ballot and instructions for 2010's election to go into the April Birch Bark, second by Director Briggs, all in favor, motion carried.

13) Motion by Director Bridges to accept Cheryl Judd as our webmaster, as per proposal (brought back to the table) second by Director Dombrowski, all in favor, carried.

14) Director Bridges moves to post the new summer pool hours (same as last year) in the Birch Bark, second by Director Dombrowski, all in favor, carried.

15) Director Bridges moves to place an advertisement for a seasonal part time maintenance man, the ad reading, must be able to do a variety of maintenance duties including but not limited to mowing, leaf blowing, pool and clubhouse maintenance, road maintenance, experience in road grading and maintenance of roads a plus, operate a grader, dump truck, mower, loaders, etc, May 1st to November 6th, 28 hrs weekly, second by Director Stephens, all ayes, carried.

·Comments From the Floor: Available at the clubhouse.

16) Director Stephens moves to go into closed session to discuss the Supervisor's evaluation, second by Director Dombrowski, all ayes, carried. Director Stephens moves to adjourn, Director Briggs second. All ayes, carried. Adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Submitted by,
Elaine Carrasco
Secretary

WE'RE PLANNING A ROAD TRIP- AUGUST 5, 2010!!

Where?? To a Detroit Casino AND a Detroit Tigers vs. the Chicago White Sox baseball game.

A deluxe motor coach that will hold approximately 57 people will provide round-trip transportation from White Birch to Comerica Park as well as to one of the famous Detroit casinos.

The cost for the trip which includes bus fare and the Detroit Tigers game will be approximately \$70.00 per person.

If you already are down-state and just need a ticket to the game, your cost will be approximately \$45.00.

Seating at the game will be in the 3rd base infield sections (131 – 134).

So let's start singing, *"Take me out to the ball game..."*

If you are interested please contact Director Dorothy Nalepa Dnalepa8990@charter.net

Shed Clarification.....

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association members are NOT permitted to have sheds on lots unless there is a residential structure, per Lincoln Township ordinance. The board cannot act on the petition that was presented to the board since it would violate the township ordinance.



Of Events



2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO CELEBRATE WBLRA 40TH ANNIVERSARY

- May 9th-Mother's Day Breakfast – 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the clubhouse.
- May 29th-Spring Garage Sale/Bake Sale
- June 19th-Family Scavenger Hunt
- June 20th-Father's Day breakfast
- July 3rd-4th of July Picnic
- July 17th-Annual Meeting and Election
- August 5th – Road Trip-Comerica Park
- August 7th-2nd Annual Guitar Hero Competition
- Sept. 4th-Labor Day Picnic/Yippy Skippy Event
- Sept. 18th-Fall Garage Sale/Bake Sale
- Oct. 23rd-Halloween Event/Hayride
- Nov. 20th-Family Game Night/Potluck Dinner
- Dec. 11th-Christmas Party

EPC COMMITTEE REPORT – Mar. 16 – April 10, 2010

- Tree Removal Applications – 4 received and approved
- Contiguous Lot Application – 1 received and approved 3/26/2010, exemption granted beginning Mar. 1, 2011
- Culvert Applications – 2 received and approved
- Accessory Building Application – 1 received, not approved, awaiting plot plan



EPC committee meets Friday night 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse before each regular Board of Directors monthly meeting. We also meet 2 weeks later on Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., if needed, to review applications and schedule inspections. Expect a two-week turnaround on applications for Lot Improvements. Thank you, - EPC committee.

News You Can Use



Happy Birthday to:

- Terry Obrecht, Lot 251
- Linda Conley, Lot 756
- Stephen Bryant, Lot 1
- Christina Van Pelt, Lot 1095
- Dorothy Nalepa, Lot 1133



Happy Anniversary to Doug Lake in Maintenance for 21 years of service to White Birch Lakes Recreational Association.

A great time was had by all at the Easter Egg Hunt held at White Birch Lakes Recreational Association.



Congratulations to Steve and Louise Bryant on the arrival of Baby Zoey Amelia 6lbs, 3ozs - 19 1/2 inches long.

Happy Grandparenting!



Supervisors Note

Dawn Holzer

RECYCLING: I would like to clarify some information I shared about recycling in the March BB. I have received a call from Surrey Township and since we are Lincoln Township residents and the recycle center is Surrey Township and we do not pay for collection of recycled materials, we can not use their facility for the purpose I had indicated.

MOTHER'S DAY: The Mother's Day Breakfast will be from 9-11A.M. on Sunday, May 9th at the clubhouse. Come enjoy a great meal.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: I have posted a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for the Annual Garage sale on Saturday, May 29th, from 9 am until 3 pm for 1 day only. Sign up deadline is Friday, May 21st.

This will give us time to gather all the members' information to complete the maps, etc. This year, each member that participates, will need to identify their home with a balloon or sign of their choice. Balloons will not be provided for this sale and there is "NO" charge to participate.

BAKE SALE: A Bake Sale will also be held at the Bus Stop, so donations are needed for this fund raiser. The monies earned from the Bake Sale do go back into activities for our community.

SPEED AND STOP SIGNS: Several members have called about others driving to fast and running stop signs. Please be considerate of others and abide by the driving laws with posted speed limits and signs to yield and stop.

Treasurer's Report

Elaine Carrasco

Hello Fellow Members,

I have returned to work after being off a month with some back issues. Great to be out in the world again and I am slowly on the mend from my injury. I want to thank all who sent cards, flowers, and their thoughts and prayers, there are many caring people in White Birch. I understand that it was promised for me to have the March Financial in the Birch Bark this month, but with the time frame given to post to the Birch Bark, I won't be able to complete that task. I have much to do in preparation of this new fiscal year report. Please accept my apology. I will have both March and April's report for the may meeting.

Enjoy this beautiful weather!

2010 Application for Absentee Ballot White Birch Lakes Recreational Association Election

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association(WBLRA) By-Laws provide that members may vote by absentee ballot by requesting a ballot in writing.

If you choose to vote by absentee ballot in the 2010 WBLRA elections, you must complete this application and return it to the address below. **There will be no ballot in the Birch Bark as in previous years.**

Absentee ballots will be sent out after June 15th. To receive an absentee ballot, this application must be RECEIVED before Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

NAME

Last _____

First _____

Address _____

Lot Number(s) _____

(Note that you may only vote for lots upon which you pay an assessment – not contiguous lots.)

Member's signature: (By signing this application, the undersigned certifies that they are an owner of the listed lot(s), that they are a member in good standing, that they intend to submit an absentee ballot for the lot(s) listed, and that they will not permit a non-member, or member not in good standing to vote using the absentee ballot(s) they will be issued.)

Member's Signature _____

Return this completed application to

White Birch Lakes Election
c/o Carol Majewski, Twp Clerk
P.O. Box 335
Lake George, MI 48633

If you do not receive a ballot, please contact
Linda McNeil, President WBLRA at (734) 765-7883
Bob Briggs, 1st Vice President WBLRA at (989) 588-4543.

Office Use Only

Membership Status Verified: _____

(initials)

Not Verified: _____

(initials)

Absentee ballots may only be received if requested by application in writing.
No absentee ballots will be sent via the Birch Bark, nor may they be passed out by members or others.
Applications for absentee ballots shall be signed by the members requesting them.
Applications for absentee ballots must be received by July 7, 2010 to receive a ballot by mail.
Absentee ballots must be returned by 4 p.m. July 16, 2010 to be counted.

OPEN POSITIONS AT WHITE BIRCH LAKES RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION

CLUBHOUSE HOURS	
Monday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
OFFICE HOURS	
Monday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 noon
Sunday	Closed
POOL HOURS	
Monday	9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	12:00 noon – 8:30 pm
Saturday	12:00 noon – 8:30 pm
Sunday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pool Staff:

- Sally Keillor
- Georgia Romaine
- Tammy Verlaugé

Part-Time Working Supervisor

- *needed immediately*
- *earn up to \$19,000.00 per year*
- *28 hours per week*

Duties Include but are not limited to:

- *maintaining schedules*
- *attend pool*
- *oversee employees*

Skills Required:

- *organizational, typing and computer skills*
- *proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel*

Part-Time , Temporary Maintenance Worker

- *help needed immediately*
- *temporary/ part-time*
- *28 hours per week for 27 weeks*

Duties Include but are not limited to:

- *must be able to operate dump truck, grader and tractor loader*

Please send resume and references to:

**Attention: Executive Board
White Birch Lakes Recreational
Association
4730 Lake Road
Farwell MI 48622**

**All resumes and references must be
received by April 28, 2010.**



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