

The Birch Bark

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Control WBL Access - or not?

What you said!

Nearly 450 member families responded to our survey regarding "access control". It is really helpful when you respond in such an outstanding way. Thank You!

Seventy four percent responded in favor of automated gates. One percent wanted no gates, guards or access control of any kind. Two percent requested 24-hour attendants. One percent had no preference and twenty two percent wanted to leave "access control" as it is now.

Seven companies expressed interest and bids for proposed access control solutions. One company utilizing the "Sentex" control system emerged as an easy winner, both in price and system quality. I will recap some of the system features that were mentioned in the August 99 Issue of the Birch Bark. Please call with specific questions or concerns. It is not feasible to explain all of the systems capabilities and functionality in a short article.

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November Minutes

Unapproved Minutes of November 13, 1999 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

President Gail White called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Present were 2nd VP Jay Farr, Directors Linda Brabant, Roy Miller and Don Kuester. Also present were Manager Tim Fall and Secretary/Treasurer Margaret Lawson. 1st VP Pat Zakalowski and Director Doug Bradley were absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jay Farr moved to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Linda Brabant. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income for October stated as \$10,213.82 with YTD of \$262,428.52. Operating Expenses for October at \$16,365.42 with YTD of \$204,970.14. Balance on hand at end of October was \$72,759.27. Roy Miller moved to accept the report as given. Seconded by Don Kuester. All in favor. Motion carried.

PAYABLES APPROVAL

The bills due to be paid in the month of November were presented to the board for approval. Roy Miller moved that we pay those bills listed. Seconded by Linda Brabant. All in favor. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report given by President White.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note received at the office from Skip and Margene Breen thanking White Birch for the use of the clubhouse for the surprise birthday party for long time resident, Herb Breen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE-

Report given by Joni Farr. No meeting recently. Work on Sled Hill and Skating Pond coming along well.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WBL Christmas Party Dec 11, 1999 7:00 pm

Bring your favorite snack or dessert to share.
Details in this issue.

WBL Restrictions - Dec. 11, 1999 10:00 am

WBL Board of Directors Meeting

December 11th at 9:00 AM

White Birch Lakes Christmas Party

December 11, 1999, 7:00 pm

Each family who wishes to help the underprivileged is encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift for a child 12 or under. \$10.00 minimum.

There will be special treats and entertainment for the children.

Bring your favorite snack or dessert to share.

For more information see the poster in the Clubhouse or call (517) 588-9924, 588-8913 or 588-4002.

Come enjoy the holiday season with friends and neighbors.

Scarves, Hats & Mittens for boys and girls.

A tree has been placed in the Clubhouse.

Bring store bought or handmade hats, scarves and mittens to be distributed to the underprivileged.

October 1999 Income

Income	
Assessments	6,894.84
Sales, Permits & Other	3,318.98
Total Income	10,213.82
Operating Expenses	16,365.42
Net Income(loss)	(6,151.60)
"EOM" Cash on Hand	72,759.27

RESTRICTIONS COMMITTEE-

Report given by Ann Hobart. Committee meets after every board meeting and the final Thursday of the month. She related some of the items being discussed by the committee.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE-

Report given by Gary Farnham.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE-

Report given by Linda Brabant. Talked about the Halloween Party and the upcoming "Embers" dinner and the Christmas Party.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Report given by Manager Fall. Updated board on office matters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR

Billie Roffe, lot #651, stated that as long as we are members in the Chamber of Commerce could we list our Yard Sales in their newsletter to get more people to come to them. This will be looked into for next year.

Ann Hobart, lot #454, asked if we were going to post "No hunting" signs for the upcoming hunting season. Manager Fall stated that signs will be posted for White Birch.

Jay Farr, lot #931, asked about the results of the opinion poll on the "Security Entrance". Manager Fall stated that we received about a 60% return on them with the results of them listed in his written report. He stated that we have also received some favorable responses on the poll for storage sheds at the Maintenance Area.

NEW BUSINESS

BURNING REGULATIONS-

Manager Fall made a recommendation that White Birch adopt a "No Burning Policy" similar to Surrey Township's rule. The only burning that is allowed is in an approved fire pit or the months of January, February and March. President White directed Manager Fall to put together a draft incorporating these rules and submit it to the board at next month's meeting.

ACCESS CONTROL REPORT-

Manager Fall presented a gate access control package to the board. He researched this item

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The gate can be opened via a numerical key pad, with a proximity membership card or by selecting names displayed on the entry pedestal. Every member will be assigned a unique number that can be entered on the key pad to open the gate. This number could be given to family members and guests. The number could be changed anytime at the members request. A temporary number could be requested at anytime to permit special deliveries without giving out the private number. Members could also purchase several proximity cards at a cost of about \$5.00 each. The unique proximity card would open the gate without the need of opening the car window or entering a number. It simply needs to be within a few feet or in close proximity to the reader and it will open the gate.

If a guest has not been given a pass number or is dropping in unexpectedly they would utilize the "alphabetical member registry" displayed on the entrance pedestal. Members (at their request) could have their name alphabetically listed on the electronic display. The guest could select their name from the display. The telephone of the member would ring upon being selected. The member could talk to the guest over their telephone. If the member wanted to permit access they would push the appropriate key on their telephone and the gate would open for the guest. The guest does not need to know the access number in this case. If the member is not home to answer the phone, obviously the guest would not gain access. Delivery persons etc. could either use the "member registry" or be given their own unique pass number if they regularly access WBL.

This system would incorporate 4 high resolution, digital, low light, video cameras. The cameras would create a library of video tapes that would be kept on file for a period of time. They could be reviewed anytime, even several months later, if needed.

The investment for this system is \$40,000.00. That means that in less than a year it would pay for itself, when compared to the cost of 24-hr attendants. Looking at a 10-year projection , this system will

extensively and found that the best deal for what we were looking for is from "Integrated Media Technologies" using a "Sentex" system. He explained the total system to the board and answered questions that they had concerning this system. President White would like this item put on the agenda for next month's meeting as 2 board members were absent and she does not want a decision made on an important item without all board members being present. This would also give some time for any member who would like to, the opportunity to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Jay Farr moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Linda Brabant. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:00am. Next meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 11th at 9:00am at the clubhouse.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARGARET E. LAWSON
SEC/TREAS WBLRA

save \$500,000 to \$800,000 compared to 24-hr attendants. The same 10 years would save \$150,000 to \$200,000 compared to the current part-time guardhouse schedule.

I encourage you to call the WBL office with questions.

Please take the time to let us know your position regarding WBL storage facilities.

Your response is vitally important and highly regarded. Thanks!

**Campers stored at the Campground
for the Winter:**

**Thank you for your cooperation this
year. Great job!**

**Remember we will start taking
reservations for next year in May 2000.**

Lost and Found

**We have a few items that were left at the
campground or clubhouse this fall.**

**If you're missing a watch, camera or some
clothing articles that you can identify, please call
the office. Thanks! 517-588-2853**

Winter Storage Electric

**December 15, 1999 we will turn off
electric to all campsites. If you want to
keep electric on please make payment
arrangements with the WBL office.**

Thank You.

White Birch Board of Directors

GAIL WHITE, PRESIDENT

PAT ZAKALOWSKI, 1ST VP

JAY FARR, 2ND VP

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