Greetings fellow members,
Well another month has passed us by and we are into the holiday season. The weather has been unseasonably warm for the month of December. I am not sure if old man winter is just teasing us or if this is going to be a mild winter like the forecasters predicted.

Work has begun on the new gate. The posts are in before the ground froze and the wiring has been run. There was a question asked of me pertaining to the circumstance of what would happen if the gate malfunctioned at 2:00AM and someone needed to get in. The answer from the gate installers is that the gate operates on a fail-safe system. If there were a problem, loss of power, electronics failure, etc., the gate would remain in the open position until the problem was resolved thereby allowing access.

The association was saddened this past month by the death of long time resident and former Birch Bark editor Bill Ferrell. Many will miss his expertise and good humor.

There are a couple of projects being discussed for this spring and summer that need to be done. Many of our roadways have saplings growing in the road right-of-way that will interfere with road maintenance if not addressed. We hope to get a crew of volunteers when the weather permits and use the chipper we have to return the right-of-ways to a condition that will allow for proper plowing and grading. It would be a bonus if we could use the wood chips generated for our hiking trail through the common area between White Birch Lake and the maintenance area.

The Futures Committee is up and functioning and has come up with a wide range of ideas to ponder. It is my hope that a comprehensive plan for the future of our lakes can be addressed and some definitive actions forthcoming.

Due to a hectic schedule, Todd Graham has decided to step down as chairman of the elections committee. The past elections committee did an outstanding job of instituting the recommendations put in place last year. The committee is currently asking for anyone interested in serving on that committee to contact the office.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Al Isaac, President
**Board of Directors and Staff**

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**Notices from Committees:**

**Campground Committee:** If there is a need for power in the campground this winter, you will need to call 588-2853 (the office) to get your area turned on. Thank you.

**Activities Committee:** Our Family Christmas Party was December 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. All enjoyed good food and camaraderie. Thanks for coming.

**EPC Committee:** To preserve the natural setting and make White Birch Lakes a pleasant place to drive through, please remember to take your trash receptacles back to your residence after the truck has been by which in these next two weeks will be a Thursday pickup due to the holidays. Also, people staying just the weekend, please take your trash to the dumpster in the campground. Thank you, Chick Witchell.

From the Pool Attendants: Please come swim extra hours during Christmas Break.

- Tues., Dec. 26, 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 28, 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 29, 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 30, 12:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**POOL IS CLOSED 12/23, 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, AND 1/1**

Also, please note, the office and clubhouse will be closed 12/23, 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, and 1/1.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**December 9, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Al Isaac called the meeting to order at 9:03am. Board members present were President Al Isaac, 1st Vice President Marvin Frayer, 2nd Vice President Greg Hernden, Director Don Papesh, Director Sharon Bridges, Director Bob Adair and Director Brian Kozlowski. Also present were Manager Gail White, Treasurer Priscilla Moore and Secretary Todd Graham. President Al Isaac opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance. Director Brian Kozlowski followed with prayer.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion by Director Don Papesh to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded by Director Brian Kozlowski. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Sharon Bridges moved to approve the minutes from the November 2006 Board Meeting with one correction – minutes should state November and not October regarding the passing of Frank Zakalowski. Motion seconded by 1st Vice President Marvin Frayer. All in favor, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

For the month of November 2006 Treasurer Priscilla Moore reported income of $13,305.05 and expenses of $36,807.36. Cash on Hand at November 30, 2006 was $131,619.10. Motion made by 2nd Vice President Greg Hernden to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by Director Don Papesh. All in favor, motion carried.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Al Isaac reported: Member Dr. Bill Ferrell recently passed away. Bill was very active in White Birch helping with The Birch Bark and serving on several committees and was a long time member of our community.

DOW Chemical in Midland has offered to donate a large amount of green vinyl clad fencing to White Birch. This fence...
will be used for our camper storage area. President Isaac directs Fred Witchell to get the footage needed to enclose the camper storage area as well as any other area’s that this fence may be used.

CORRESPONDENCE
Manager Gail White read a letter from Terry Obrecht lot 251 (attachment 1) regarding White Birch By-laws governing Board Seat vacancies and Conflict of Interest. Response was read by Director Brian Kozlowski (attachment 2).
Manager Gail White read a letter from Ken Passage lot 163 (attachment 3) regarding the Board Work Shop meeting of December 2. No Board response at this time.
Manager Gail White read a letter from Mike Turner lots 86,87 and 88 (attachment 4) regarding Democratic election process and the Board setting terms of office. Director Sharon Bridges reads Board response (attachment 5).
Manager Gail White read a letter from Mike Turner lots 86,87 and 88 (attachment 6) regarding Board Workshop being conducted as a closed meeting on December 2, 2006. Board response was read by Director Sharon Bridges (see attachment 5 again).
Manager Gail White read a letter from Mr. And Mrs. David Burkitt lot 471 (attachment 7) regarding allowing campers to have sheds on their lots. Board response by Director Don Papesh (attachment 8).

MANAGER’S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PAYABLES
Manager Gail White reported:
The old gate system has been removed and the only hold up on preparation for a new gate is getting a representative from MISS DIG to handle their responsibilities.
Chain at Timber Lake has not been up for two months now.
Director Brian Kozlowski moved to approve the payables.
Seconded by 2nd Vice President Greg Hernden to move approval the payables.

SECURITY REPORT
Report by Tom Forman. New security members are in place with a new rotation schedule that is working well. The schedule has been cut back due to less people in White Birch during the winter months. Tom Forman resigns as head of security and recommends that Bob Pelfery be considered as his replacement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Activities Committee – Report by Joe Romine. Christmas Party is tonight. Committee is considering ideas for January like a Gong Show or Newlywed Game. February the committee is planning a Tip-Up Town event.

By-Laws Committee – Report by Sal Scozzari. The committee is working well; we have a lot to do and will take considerable time to complete. Sal stated the importance of By-laws to a community such as White Birch and discussed how they apply to a corporation like White Birch is structured.

Campground Committee – Report by Fred Witchell. The campground will be completely shut down by the end of December. Anyone needing access to power after that must contact the office in advance to schedule. Campers who used campsites during hunting season will be sending in payment for $5.00 per day used. Fred will get footage needed for fence around camper storage area to President Al Isaac by next week.
Director Sharon Bridges asks if this fence includes all posts, etc. President Al Isaac explains it does. Director Bob Adair offers the use of his truck to pick up the fence and other supplies.

Communications Committee – Report by Todd Graham. The Birch Bark was mailed November 21. We had six ads, the same number as last month. Costs were the same. Thanks to editing, stamping a labeling helpers – Sharon Bridges, Pat Zakalowski, Pat Graham, Gina Frayer, Joe Romine and Gail White.
Many items were discussed at the last meeting on November 18. The minutes of that meeting are posted to the Web Site. Some of the things we talked about were whether a mission statement for White Birch had been adopted and if it should appear on the Web Site. The possibility of White Birch owned lots for sale appearing in the Birch Bark and on the Website, the consideration of a Tip-Up Town event for White Birch, the possibility of including depth maps for our lakes on the Web Site.
There will be no meeting for the committee in December. Our condolences go out to the family of Dr. Bill Ferrell.
The Web Site has been decorated for Christmas and New Years. We have received several requests from members asking to have their personal information updated on the Web Site and all updates requested have been done. The committee will publish an article in the next Birch Bark explaining the benefits of member’s usage of our Web Site.

Conservation Committee – No report given.

Environmental Protection Committee – Report by Fred Witchell. The committee handled one tree removal, one new unit lot 151 and a chain around the clubhouse – are they monthly fees or a tank fill? Manager Gail White explains they were a tank fill. All in favor, motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Open seats on the Board – last month 2nd Vice President Greg Hernden made a motion regarding term limits for Directors appointed to the Board. Motion was seconded and it moved into discussion. Director Sharon Bridges requested the motion be reviewed by the Association lawyer for legality. The Board then voted to seek legal council regarding this matter, which passed in a vote of 5 to 1 so the motion was tabled. 2nd Vice President Greg Hernden states this shows the process works and was used appropriately by the Board. Since last month he has spoken with members, read legal opinions and talked to other Board members regarding whether we need to deal with this issue. 2nd Vice President Greg Hernden states it was his understanding that unfinished terms of office would go to the next election and this was supported by legal council so he withdraws his motion. Director Brian Kozlowski who supported the motion last month states it should not be withdrawn but voted upon. 2nd Vice President Greg Hernden agrees to a vote. Director Brian Kozlowski asks President Al Isaac for a roll-call vote on this issue:

- Director Brian Kozlowski – no
- Director Sharon Bridges – no
- Director Don Papesh – no
- 2nd Vice President Greg Hernden – no
- 1st Vice President Marv Frayer – no
- Director Bob Adair – no
- Motion defeated 6 to 0

Director Brian Kozlowski asks President Al Isaac to direct manager Gail White to make a correction to the invoice from the Association lawyer regarding looking into the terms of office. The invoice states time spent reading letters when no letters were sent from the Board. Letters sent from members should have been addressed to the Board and not directly to the Association lawyer. President Al Isaac directs manager Gail White to make the correction on the invoice.

Audit – Director Bob Adair moves to accept the audit. Seconded by Director Sharon Bridges. Director Brian Kozlowski states that passing the motion at this point is acceptable but the attitude of the auditor should be considered when entering into contract for future audits. Director Sharon Bridges would like a letter sent along with payment expressing the Boards dissatisfaction with how this audit was handled. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Coal Stove – President Al Isaac states it is the responsibility of the Board to save Association funds where possible. The coal stove donated will do so and will show cost savings in the future. The coal stove will heat the family room area, game room area and entrance area of the clubhouse. It was installed with volunteer labor so no monies were spent. Director Brian Kozlowski states that in the past other donations to the Association like the defibrillator did not come before the entire Board for approval. President Al Isaac asks if Board approval was needed and the Board agrees no approval was needed. Since no monies were spent the Manager can approve.

(President Al Isaac calls a five-minute recess at this point)

President Al Isaac directs manager Gail White to repost for additional members to the Election Committee.

Gate – Director Bob Adair moves to purchase a new gate system from Security Gate Systems out of Clarkston, MI for $34,650.00 with those funds coming from the Association Development Fund. Seconded by Director Don Papesh. Director Bob Adair states the old gate was purchased 8 years ago at a cost of $40,000.00, it took 8 years to understand that it was inadequate. The proposed new gate costs 25% less and is a much better system. Director Brian Kozlowski states the Board should explain to members how much research was done to find a vendor for the new gate system. President Al Isaac directs Todd Graham to post information on the Website. President Al Isaac explains that with the old gate system when the system went down we had to wait for someone from that company to come up and service it, they would not allow us to access the system. The new system is currently being used by other communities with 800+ homes, comes with a 5 year unconditional warranty and our maintenance staff will be trained so we can correct problems ourselves. President Al Isaac states we are in negotiations with our insurance company regarding the old gate (which was destroyed by lightening) and any funds received will go back into the Development Fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Wireless Internet – Director Don Papesh reads a proposal from Todd Graham to install wireless Internet access at the Clubhouse using out current Satellite access. Labor and hardware needed to install is $469.95. Great Lakes Computers in Clare would do install. This would be a great asset to members, especially those who come up to camp. There would be no additional monthly fees to offer this service to members; we would be accessing our current Internet access and simply allowing members to use that signal on a wireless basis. Funds would come out of the Clubhouse Maintenance – Communications in the budget. Director Brian Kozlowski states there should be a use policy created for members accessing the Internet at the clubhouse. Director Don Papesh moves to accept the proposal. Seconded by 1st Vice President Marv Frayer. All in favor, motion carried.

Historical Committee – Director Don Papesh states that as liaison to the Communications Committee he feels this committee should be made a sub-committee of the Communications Committee. So moved by Director Brian Kozlowski and seconded by Director Sharon Bridges. All in favor, motion carried.

1st Vice President Marv Frayer moves to go to closed session regarding a legal issue with member Steve Bryant. Seconded by Director Brian Kozlowski. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to return to open session by 1st Vice President Marvin Frayer. Seconded by 2nd Vice President Greg Hernden. All in favor, motion carried.

President Al Isaac directs Manager Gail White to send response letter to our attorney regarding Bryant case.

Motion to adjourn by 1st Vice President Marv Frayer, seconded by Seconded by Director Sharon Bridges. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Todd J. Graham
Secretary
Directors. Each person so appointed to fill a vacancy shall remain a Director until he/she

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining

The above described mechanisms for Board deliberations and actions in and of themselves

Attachment 1, Board minutes 12/09/06.
WBLRA Board of Directors,

Our current By-laws state:
ARTICLE VII BOARD of DIRECTORS

Section 2 – Vacancies

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining

Our Board of Directors are charged with the duty of guiding the Association in accordance

Section 14 – Conflicts of Interest
PURPOSE

The purpose of the conflicts of interest policy is to protect the Association’s interest when it

I respectfully request that this letter be read at the December meeting and be treated as an

Section 1 of the by-laws states that all

Attachment 2, Board minutes 12/09/06.
Theresa M. Obrecht
Lot #251

Attachment 3, Board minutes 12/09/06.
Board of Directors
WBL Recreational Association

Directors:
In accordance with your stated policy for correspondence to be addressed at the next

RE: Correspondence to the WBLRA Board of Directors

Sincerely,

Attachment 4, Board minutes 12/09/06.
Email: mdturner@peoplepc.com
November 15, 2006
RE: Correspondence to the WBLRA Board of Directors

We are not sure specifically what you meant by your comment stating that Jerry White, the

In closing, we say to you, and all our members, do not confuse issues before the Board and

In that regard, the entire board should be admonished and Director Kozlowski’s

Our current By-laws state:

Our By-laws clearly state the terms and conditions for Board members that have been

Please also refer to the Federal requirements for organizations to qualify for the Family

Please tell us from whom, or from where, such erroneous information originated. We are aware of a Bylaws change submitted to the Board

As previously shown, White Birch Lakes Recreational Association employees do not

We can state emphatically that Jerry White has never submitted, requested, or individually proposed any amendment to the Bylaws which even remotely corresponds to your stated supposition. It may be that someone has purposely, or inadvertently, given you false information.

In closing, we say to you, and all our members, do not confuse issues before the Board and the deliberations on those issues, with formal action taken by the Board. If you need information on an issue before the Board, please request that information from the Manager, or a Board member. You will then be well armed with the facts, and will be able to make an intelligent decision on how your Board is governing.

Marty Perkins opened the door to the office and informed you that your meeting was in

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Also, we are sure that your are aware that some members choose to communicate with the Board without giving their name or lot number. By whatever method or means a question or comment is directed to the Board, we take each one seriously, and respond appropriately.

By whatever method or means a question or comment is directed to the Board, you will not receive an official correspondence with the question and answers entered into the December meeting minutes.

As a result of this, our Board of Directors and now the membership are being placed in a

The WBL web site listed the regularly scheduled workshop for December 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. And in accordance with past practice and our by-laws, myself and several other members attended the meeting. Despite the fact that Article IV, section 1 of the by-laws states that all meetings of the board of directors shall be open meetings, each director left the table set up for the meeting in the room adjacent to the office and proceeded to gather in the office behind closed doors to conduct business. This was done without moving to go into executive session, without stating any legitimate business that should be properly conducted in closed session, and without even the courtesy of an explanation or statement saying that you were going into a private meeting. When a point of order was announced by member Mike Turner, the entire board ignored the call to order which was fully in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order (which has been adopted as our parliamentary authority in Article IV of the by-laws). Then, when member Marty Perkins said the door to the office and informed you that your meeting was in violation of our by-laws, he was physically pushed out the door by Director Kozlowski and told that the open meetings act does not apply here.

While Director Kozlowski is technically correct in that the open meetings act does not apply as a requirement of the by-laws, the intent and spirit of that act has been incorporated into our by-laws specifically to prevent the exclusion of interested members when the business of the association is being discussed.

I am dismayed at the behavior of this Board and the blatant violation of our by-laws. At the heart of any representative government is the requirement of its elected leaders to conduct themselves in complete openness to the people whose interests they are duty bound to serve. In that regard, the entire board should be admonished and Director Kozlowski’s actions singled out as being particularly reprehensible.

It is especially troubling in that some of the same members of this current Board took issue with members of the previous Board when they had gathered around campfires for social entertainment, calling them “illegal meetings.” My question to the entire Board is this: Since Article III, section 7, subsection C of the by-laws declares that membership in good standing can be suspended and the privileges of membership interrupted because of any violation of the by-laws, how can you continue to represent this association as members not in good standing and further expect its members to abide by the rules and regulations which you are charged with enforcing? Yours for an accountable White Birch,

Ken Passage
Lot 163

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I would also like to know if the Board is still entertaining a proposed By-law change requested by the manager’s husband that will permit the manager a 90 day extended leave of absence. If so, this action would also be in conflict with our By-laws.

Please also refer to the Federal requirements for organizations to qualify for the Family Leave Act. As previously shown, White Birch Lakes Recreational Association employees do not qualify due to the number of employees and driving distance of employee from their residences to place of employment.

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Ken Passage
Lot 163
Dear Directors:

As a Member of this Association, I was extremely concerned for the Democratic Election Process of this Association to see this Board potentially putting their own personal agendas ahead of the business they are charged with running this Association. By trying to “Set the terms of office” of currently seated Board members, it appears this Board is trying to circumvent the governing documents of this Association. Therefore, I am requesting this letter be read at the December 2006 Board Meeting during "Correspondence."

Per the WBLRA By-Laws:

Article VII. Section 3, second sentence, states: "The Board shall not make or alter any bylaws fixing the qualification, classifications or term of office of any member or members by the then existing Board."

The attempted premeditated action of the Board at the November 11, 2006 Board Meeting through a Motion made by Director Herrdon and Seconded by Director Kozlowski, to alter the terms of seated Board Members, would seem to be an attempt to circumvent and disregard Article VII, Section 3 of the By-Laws.

I may also point out:

Non Profit Corporation Act 16

Section 515. (1) "Unless the right to fill vacancies is reserved to the shareholders or members or otherwise provided by the articles of incorporation or bylaws, a vacancy occurring in the board may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors though less than a quorum of the board. A directorship to be filled by an increase in the number of directors or to fill a vacancy may be filled by the board for a term of office continuing only until the next election of directors by the shareholders or members."

Since our By-laws specifically state the term of appointed Board members in Article VII, Section 2- "...until he/she has been elected by the members, who may make such election at their next Annual meeting or at any Special meeting, duly called for that purpose, held prior thereto." Both the By-laws and Act 162 of 1982 provide the answer to the question of the length of terms of appointed Board members. Until the next Annual Meeting or a Special meeting called duly for the purpose of electing said Board members.

Since the By-laws provide the specific answer to the term of Appointed Board Members and the By-laws specifically state the Board shall not make or alter any By-laws fixing the qualifications, classification or term of office of any member or members by the then existing Board; for the Board to change the terms of ANY current Board members would be in direct violation of the By-laws of this Association.

Thereby, making each Director voting in the affirmative of any motion to change the terms of seated Board members, members not in good standing for violating the Association’s By-laws.

In evaluating such a situation, one must consider not only what the effect of such actions have upon this Association and its members, but also what the appearance of such actions may be to the members.

Members may ask, “if the Board feels that the By-laws don’t apply to decisions this Board makes why would members be expected to follow the By-laws of the Association?”

To this member, it certainly appeared as though Directors Kozlowski and Papesh, two individuals that felt (by their actions and words at the August 2, 2005 Special meeting, so duly called because of their beliefs of an unfair election) had forgotten their concerns so expressed their concern at the Special meeting of the importance of the Democratic Election Process within the Governing Body of WBLRA.

It would seem to behoove the Board to review the tapes of the August 2, 2005 Special Meeting to realize the importance of allowing the Democratic process of Fair and Impartial Elections BY THE MEMBERS to continue within WBLRA. By “Setting the Terms” of seated Board Members, this Board would be taking a portion of that Democratic Process from the hands and will of the members and placing it in the hands of this Board. At least two of which, Directors Kozlowski and Papesh, have shown their deep beliefs of the importance of the Democratic Process within WBLRA at the August 2, 2005 Special Meeting.

The honor of the Boards’ reply would be greatly appreciated.

For a Democratically ELECTED White Birch Board, Mike Turner

Lots: 86, 87 & 88

Attachment 5, Board minutes 12/09/06.

Dear Mr. Turner,

In response to your letters dated November 15, and December 2, 2006. Thank you for your comments regarding these two issues. I would like to respond to each separately.

Regarding the November 15th letter. The Motion was made and seconded regarding terms of office. There was no vote on this matter, in fact, I asked to have the motion tabled pending a legal opinion. To table the motion was voted on 5 - 1. Information on this motion is still being explored. Thank you for your concerns on this matter.

Regarding your December 2nd letter. In the time I have owned property in WBLRA, I have seen a movement that employees half truths, lies, assumptions, fabrications etc. I feel that this movement is disruptive and destructive. Frankly, I am appalled that adults act in this manner. I can only imagine what spin people could put on parts of conversations that are overheard. Think of the childhood games that people play. In my application for appointment to the Board, I stated I would come to the Board with no baggage.

If one uses Webster’s Dictionary, the definition for meeting is …an assembly; gathering of people esp. to discuss and decide on matters. The definition for workshop …a seminar or series of meetings work, discussion for intensive study. There is no reference to “work shops” in the by-laws. A work shop has no minutes, no votes. It is only an opportunity for people to come together and discuss ideas. That free exchange can take place if there is no concern that ones words will be twisted, changed, taken out of context, misconstrued, otherwise misused.

I have been a member of many boards, committees, advisory groups, and have experienced a positive flow of ideas and productivity. I have experienced disagreement, and an opportunity to come to a consensus. I chose to use the mantra, “We judge ourselves by our intentions, and we judge others by their behaviors.” My intention is to serve the members of WBLRA without prejudice and to the best of my ability. I will make decisions based upon exploring information, the thoughts of others, and my own thoughts; not on the behaviors of others. I would think that you would like your board to make decisions based upon the free exchange and uninterrupted ideas that occur during the work in work shops. An opportunity for one to decide after fully considering the issues.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bridges
Director

Attachment 6, Board minutes 12/09/06.

Email: mdturner@peoplepc.com

December 2, 2006
RE: Correspondence to the WBLRA Board of Directors

Dear Directors:

At the December 2, 2006 Board Workshop, which was posted on the WBLRA Website, the Board decided to disregard the Governing Documents of this Association by considering the Board Workshop as a "Closed Meeting."

Four members-Ken Passage, Toni Passage, Marty Perkins and Mike Turner were present for said Posted Board Workshop. The Board apparently felt the need to make sure the items being discussed at said Workshop were not heard by the members in attendance because the Board moved into the WBLRA Office and Director Kozlowski closed the door.

I would like to point out this is direct violation of the WBLRA By-laws, specifically Article IV-Meetings, Section 1-Place of Meeting.

The By-laws specifically state- “Any or all meetings of the Members, Associate Members and of the Board of Directors of the Association, shall be held within the borders of White Birch Take properties, at a location selected by the Board of Directors, unless to do so would be impractical, in which case the Board of Directors shall designate a location for such meeting no farther than 25 miles from White Birch lakes properties. Any such meetings shall be open meetings.”

As a member of this Association, I would like to know why this Board feels the need to violate the Rights of Members of this Association to be informed of Board actions as well as to violate the Governing Documents of this Association by turning a Posted Board Workshop into a Closed Session?

Awaiting the Boards’ reply,

Mike Turner

Lots: 86, 87 & 88

Attachment 7, Board minutes 12/09/06.

TO whom it may concern: I would like G&R revised to allow campers to have sheds on their lot. The dimensions can be 12 by 12 or larger. My lot number is 471. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. David Burkitt

Attachment 8, Board minutes 12/09/06.

Mr. & Mrs. Burkitt,

As a camper at White Birch and a member of the board, I appreciate your interest and can assure you at your request is currently being looked into. We have contacted the Lincoln Twp. Zoning Administrator to get a complete interpretation of the Zoning rules in Lincoln, before we can proceed. We received a letter back from him, which was unclear in its content. We are contacting the Supervisor of Lincoln Twp. to explain their position and answer one question:

"Are accessory buildings permitted or not without a residence?"

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From the Mailbox

- A special thanks to all those who brought in non-perishable goods for the Lake George Community Church Christmas baskets.
- Condolences to the family of Dr. Bill Ferrell, 5335 E. Fawn Terrace. He passed away Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006. He was 66 and had lost his wife Shirley in March 2006. He moved here from Ferndale and wrote a column for the Clare County Review titled “Outta My Mind”.
- Happy Birthday to Dave Conley and Connie Hayer.
- A special thanks to all those who brought in CD’s and DVD’S for the troops serving overseas.
- Please note special hours during Christmas break for swimming on Page 2.

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Articles for the Birch Bark addressed to:
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or contact Jan Isaac, Email – ajjisaac@toast.net

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - NOVEMBER 2006

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To advertise in the Birch Bark, please call the White Birch Lakes office at (989) 588-2853. Payment must be made prior to listing. Fees and ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month for publication in the following month’s issue. Business cards must be clear enough for clean scanning. Make checks payable to White Birch Lakes Recreational Association to the attention of the Birch Bark for accounting purposes. Thank you.

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Closed Sunday and Wednesday

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10:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Sat.
1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Sun.
Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
--SEE SPECIAL HOURS ON PAGE 2--

Merry Christmas

Community Calendar
Jan. 13, 2006 - Board of Directors Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse