

05-18-2021 SEMI-ANNUAL LDC BOARD MEETING

Attendees:

Jake LeRoy, Meg Noyes, Lindsey Burghardt, Andrew Rooney, Barb Tock, Jon Douglas, Liz Olson, Brooke Meyers

Neighborhood Attendees: _____ present, _____ proxies collected

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:09 p.m.

Minutes from December Meeting approved

President Report:

- None (N/A)

Treasurer:

- All but two Residents' HOA dues have been collected and progress is being made toward collecting from those who've not paid
- \$50K budgeted for LOC; \$15K budgeted for Reserve account
 - As of May 4, 2021, the LOC is at \$150K, the Reserve account is at \$99,460.00

Pool/Clubhouse:

- There have not been many expenditures, so far this year; however, there are three tables that are beyond repair and will need to be replaced
- The outdoor shower was vandalized and needs to be repaired
- The cellar door also needs to be repaired so it can be closed/locked
 - There was a lock on it in the past, but it's now gone
 - Once fixed, the doors should be locked again
- Pool set to open Memorial Day weekend (weather permitting)
- Questions about:
 - Digital locks for the Clubhouse doors?
 - Security cameras (due to possible theft and recent vandalization)
 - Replacing the speaker and projector that are missing from the Clubhouse
 - Could we do a "go fund me"? This was not anticipated and, therefore, not included in our budget for 2021
 - Last used December 2019 for a movie night
 - Is there an insurance policy that would cover theft? (Treasurer, Andrew Rooney will look into this)
 - Swing set Maintenance - we replaced the swing set a few years back, but it needs to be maintained
 - We can add staining to the Fall Help Day for 2021

Grounds:

- Barb's term on the Board is ending; Andrew Kerr is stepping in as Co-Chair with Meg Noyes
- Nadia Vogt has put in a TON of work on the reforestation – if you see her, be sure to say 'Thank You'
- We spent a lot of money taking down the trees
- Thought was to make NO a more "interactive space" for the community
- This is not a final plan, by any means. If you have thoughts, you're encouraged to join the Grounds Committee
- Hope is to get this area (NO) reforested ASAP – time is a bit of the essence
- We need to approach replanting from a canopy/cover standpoint – we cannot just plant small trees
- Was any of the LOC allocated to for taking down other trees that pose a harm vs. reforestation?
 - For example, a willow that might affect power lines?
- Resident Questions for Erik – from Johnson's (who was present at the meeting):
 - How did Johnson's choose the plants it did for NO?
 - Looked at what's already growing there (based on moisture, soil type); what would fill different stages in the succession/progression of growth – Johnson's focused on early and medium succession plants, with diversity
 - There WILL be another disease, new pests, fungus (it's not a matter of if, but when)
 - The only way to mitigate against this that is to have species diversity

- Isn't there an existing seed bank? What if we do nothing and "see what happens"?
 - There is a seed bank, but there is a lot of buckthorn and other species present, too
 - We can try to incorporate the current seed bank, but some (lots?) of it is stuff we don't want (buckthorn, honeysuckle, garlic mustard) – many of these plants thrive in bad conditions and will prevent the plants/trees we do want from surviving/coming up
 - Seed bank is a bit of a "roll of the dice"
 - If we do nothing, we will have to do work to "thin," and remove the species we don't want
- Has consideration been given to the amount of water that can accumulate in NO?
 - Yes – there are "moisture-loving plants" near the water, others that will give the birds something to feed on/spread, some that will shade areas and might reduce run-off to the lake (algae)
- What about maintenance?
 - Erik is very "anti-fertilizer," because he's "very cheap"
 - In terms of maintenance, watering (the 1st year) might be an issue (need the equivalent of 1"/week of rainfall)
 - Biggest threat will be deer (for the first ~5 year)
 - If there are concerns about cost, there are a lot of "interested parties" in LDC - we could "mobilize the troops" to maintain the trees
 - For example, we could have an "Adopt a Tree" campaign and residents could care for and maintain new trees and plants
- What are we trying to do? Do we want green space or an Arboretum?
- What about the bushes in the plan, are they a "buffet for the deer"?
 - We would need a cage around the plants for the first couple years (while the root systems develop)
 - Tamarack and dogwood are both very tolerant of deer. They will need protection the first couple of years (when they're developing their root systems) – after that, they should be very resistant
 - There are deer in LDC – would you prefer they eat Dogwood in the woods or hostas in your backyard?
- The plan is meant to be flexible (not all or nothing) and is completely scale-able
 - To some extent, the industry will dictate what's available to plant – though, the plan does include substitutes/alternates
- We can incorporate the members of the community AND make a great space for the future
- We have paid for the plan from Johnson's – there is no other contract or monies committed at this time
- When is the soonest we could get this started?
 - Johnson's could plant this fall
 - The plants will root during the winter
- Many of the plants in the plan will grow rapidly (this was part of the plan)
 - The goal is to have some "immediate effect" – a noticeable difference right away (the "wow factor")
- We should have a comprehensive (LDC-wide) plan in about 2 weeks
- In December, there were funds approved for reforestation
 - Approx. \$31K from the LOC + \$31K from Reserves
- We don't have to use Johnson's – we can bid this out to other nurseries (and we should)

Social:

- Liz is off the Board after 4-5 years (position open)
 - Social Chair can (and should) form a committee
 - Main event/activity is LDC Day (planning for which is well-documented)
 - LDC Day is a big event – 75 volunteers (300+ attendees each year)
 - 1 social event/month (adults, kids, teens)
- Not much activity (due to COVID)
- Projector and speakers were purchased in 2018 and well loved
 - We should consider replacing this
 - Lots of activities involved the projector

- Sunday, September 5th is tentatively set for LDC Day (Mark your calendars!)

Lake:

- Domes were a good idea
- Lake treatments (Lakeland)
- 2/year (\$4,500 each) for algae
- Pier was put in
- Lake looks good
- “ghost dock” – whose is it?
 - Don’t let your kids play on it
 - Jon will be looking for volunteers to help remove it
- Boat Storage
 - Room for 60, we have 70
 - Racks are 8-10 years old and are showing some wear
 - We need to come up with a comprehensive plan
 - Ideas: spots vs. labels? Charge for storage (this will create a budget for maintenance/repairs)
- Was the line sunk? No, but Jon and his kids will attach bricks and sink it
- Didn’t we just get rid of a bunch of boats (~2 years ago?)
 - Supposedly, but we need to do this again and/or to create a system
 - If you have thoughts, let Jon know!
- Notice/warning for when the lake will be sprayed for those (on the lake) who have sprinklers
 - Flyers in mailboxes, email – it is somewhat weather dependent
 - We got our fisheries permit!
 - There is \$1K to stock, but that will happen a bit later
- Lake is tested 1x/year, but there has never been a problem
- Re: beavers
 - If a trap is set, there’s no charge unless one is caught

Recreation:

- We’re going to resume activities for this year – watch for communications
- Pool is set to open as planned – fully staffed with guards
- 3 guards per shift: one in shallow, one in deep, the third on a 20 minute break
- Residents will be asked to clean up after themselves and monitor social distancing
- Please either leave the table where they are (for now)
- We will allow guests, but monitor capacity (guest limit? TBD)
 - You can hire an extra guard if you intend to have more than a couple guests (for a party, for example)
- No sign-up genius – “honor system” with guest sign in (cost is \$2/guest/day)
- We will have swim lessons and Splash Day
- Other activities: tennis, pickle ball
- If you have other ideas, bring them to Brooke!
- Send out Pool Policy to Residents!
- The pool will stay open later on Fridays and Saturdays
- If you have a guest or a nanny, please be sure to educate him/her/them about pool policies
- We will follow Ozaukee County’s rules/regulations re: capacity/COVID and will keep people posted!

Communications:

- Online Directory is up to date (is it printable? Make sure)
- We will send a poll in Spring/Summer 2021 to gauge interest in a print directory – we thought some residents would prefer to use the online directory.

Misc.:

- Presentation from Nadia Vogt re: reforestation of LDC common areas
 - LDC Resident Discussion Points (Pros/Cons):

New Business:

Misc.:

- Ash tree debt should be paid back as planned
- Andrew Kerr replacing Barb Tock
- Liz Olson is off, but position is still open
- Jake is off, Jamie is in!
- Succession plan

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:05