

THE LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 23, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Ben Kaufman called the August 23, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:04 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ben Kaufman, Vice-President Mike Sotak, Secretary Dena Berg, Treasurer Scott Leffler, Directors Nicole Slaten, Roz Lloyd, Brian De La Torre, and Markus Alleyne

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Director Caige Nichols

Motion #1: Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Director Markus Alleyne

Seconded by Secretary Dena Berg

Motion Passed.

Motion #2: Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Motion by Director Roz Lloyd

Seconded by Vice-President Mike Sotak

Motion Passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Ben Kaufman, the weather has been hot and unfortunately, I've seen a lot of dead grass and dying trees in our community. If you see something say something. You can reach out to our Community Manager and let her know of anything you notice. I saw a broken sprinkler and let Christine know and she had it fixed the very next day. Tempe general plan for 2050, all Arizona cities are required to update their general plan every 10 years. It is important for those in the Lakes Community to know it is the city's plan for the next several years. 2050 plan does not impact the Lakes Community directly, but it does affect the surrounding area. We encourage everyone to look at the Tempe.gov website and click on the link to the 2050 plan and submit comments. Tomorrow you can attend the City Council Meeting on August 24th at 6pm where you can learn more. Lake's log survey to change from a paper format to an online format and we had about 72% that wanted to keep it as is. So, we will keep it as is for now in a paper format.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Scott Leffler reviewed the detailed balance sheet for the end of June 30, 2023.

COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Community Manager Christine Baldanza, we had an extremely successful Swim Team this year. It was very hot but 125 of our lake's swimmers did a great job. We had 6 home meets and over 400 people there and I must give credit to my staff they did a wonderful job. Lakes Snakes came in 2nd in the State. I think many have seen that our trees and bushes, along with your own, are struggling in the intense heat we have had. I have consulted with a tree specialist, and he has treated all of our trees to keep the moisture in the trees. We had several truckloads of water go out to as many trees as he could reach to try and save them. We have a tree on the corner of Westshore and Rural, few years ago we decided to leave it in hopes it would return and it did return. But now unfortunately it looks completely dead. Our pumps in the middle of the road were pulled out at the end of July and should be returning as soon as possible. They are not easy to put back in because we need a crane to put them back and we need the police to help with the busy traffic. The Lake is in excellent condition. We put another dose on the weeds that are still trying to hang on. The gentleman that goes out in the Lake to clean up the debris. If you see some in your area that he might have missed, please let us know and he will clean it up for you. Fish for the weed eating have survived. If the Lake tests well, we will add fish in October. We have not had golden algae for a year and half now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activity Committee

Denise Rentschler

Wine & Cheese on Sept 15th, which is Wine tasting, you bring a bottle of wine. Then you get to try different bottles of wine that are covered with a paper bag and vote on them. Meet your neighbors and enjoy some wine and cheeses. The bike ride event is at 6pm on October 14th for all ages. Decorate your bike and come to the Clubhouse and we will ride through the neighborhood together. Boo Bash is October 28th.

Ad-Hoc Front Entrance & Signage Committee

Scott Leffler

We have not had the Summer off but have had a lot of breakthroughs with the project. The breakdown of the signage has changed what we thought the space we have. We paused and relooked at the plan for the new signage to use the whole space better. Tempe City already approved the new plan. The project can still move forward. The image was put into the Lakes Log. We are more excited about how it is turning out, even better than the original plan.

Architectural Committee

Mike Sotak

The Architectural Committee has been quiet over the summer. We probably only had half a dozen applications over the past two months. Focus has been reviewing the architectural rules and created a final draft and sent to our attorney to review it.

Budget & Finance

Scott Leffler

At Monday night's meeting we reviewed the May and June financials. Closed out the finances for tennis courts and everything is paid and up to date. Review the end of year 2022 audit as a committee and past years.

Fishing & Boating Committee

Clark Fisher

Nothing to report.

Lakes Women's Club

April Sapinski

Invite the ladies of the Lakes at 6pm on Sept 7th to pack hygiene products for homeless women. We will have pizza and beverages.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Member demands that the charter for the Ad hoc landscape be revoked tonight. Another member asks if there is any interest in doing solar as a community. We are a solar-friendly community so if you want to put it in, please put in the application to the Architectural Committee. We don't promote any solar companies as a community.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #2023-008: Accept the Financial Audit conducted by Ginsberg and Dwaileebe CPAs for the year ending December 31, 2022.

Motion by Director Nicole Slaten

Seconded by Director Roz Lloyd

Community: None.

Board Discussion: None.

Motion Passed.

Motion #2023-009: Recommend Michele Locke be approved as a new member of the Activities Committee.

Motion by Secretary Dena Berg

Seconded by Vice-President Mike Sotak

Community: None.

Board Discussion: None.

Motion Passed.

Announcements and Adjournment: Tiles will be complete in November, and I believe they will unveil the tiles at the Concert in the Park event.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Director Markus Alleyne

Seconded by Secretary Dena Berg

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.