



SPIDER LAKE SPRINGS CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for June 18, 2017

Directors Present:

President:	Rick Loiselle (G34)
Vice President:	Elaine Layman (G13)
Secretary	Debbie Graham (B05)
Treasurer:	Robert Scantlebury (A-19)
Section A:	Ken Leahy (A20)
Section B:	Ron Ward (B35)
Section C:	John Adams (C48) – absent with regrets
Section D:	Henry Helin (D07)
Section E:	Lottie Legros (E21)
Section F:	Joe Tremblay (F16)
Section G:	Wendy McLeod (G14)

15 campers were present.

1. Rick Loiselle called the meeting to order at 1000 hrs
2. **Consent Agenda** – Moved by Wendy McLeod, Seconded by Joe Tremblay the Consent Agenda be approved as circulated.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Robert stated there are only 2 yearly dues payments outstanding. Of note, this year's property tax saw a decrease of \$3,000.00 from last year's drastic increase.
4. **Maintenance/Manager's Report** –
 - a. both lawns and weeds have been growing like crazy. The crew finishes weed eating and find they need to start again!
 - b. Work on the waterslide pump/filter room has been completed.
 - c. Waterslide landing pool is in its final stage of completion. Pool paint will have to wait until fall as the water table is too high at this time.
 - d. The gate reader quit working at the end of May and being unable to repair, had to be replaced.
 - e. All is on track with the Ministry of Environment, however a contractor must be hired to test the biomat at the septic field every two months.
 - f. Al completed the 2 day pool course as directed by VIHA and passed with high marks!
 - g. Site cleanup letters have gone out
 - h. Had issues with water pressure and discovered filters needed to be replaced
5. **Social Committee Report**
 - a. This year's Easter Egg hunt saw 75 kids participate!
 - b. The Scavenger hunt had 6 teams. The committee is working on better ways of advertising and getting the word out there – Facebook and the website do not seem to be as effective as hoped.
 - c. June 24 will be "Christmas in June". A dinner is planned at the Long House with tickets selling for \$10 per person. Best decorated site wins a prize!



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- d. Dances for the long weekends are still a go as a replacement DJ has been found
 - e. The white board at the front gate is posing a problem for the committee – weather has made it not very usable. Joe Tremblay has offered to research a new one
6. Due to the large number of Delegates present – this portion of the Agenda was moved forward. **Delegate Presentation**

Golf Cart Usage

Linda Munro of D3 asked the Board to revisit the issue of golf cart use in the park. She presented a petition signed by 43 campers in favour of continuing the use of the carts.

This topic generated much discussion. The question of it being discrimination against those with a disability was brought up, however, this is not the case as the board will allow proper mobility scooters. Treasurer Robert Scantlebury has a brochure and has even consulted with various sales people about mobility scooters and their suitability to our terrain.

Rick Loisselle stated there had been other applications made to the board. Policing the usage, qualification of driver, insurance, preventing it from being used as a convenience, etc further complicated the issue. The Board members actively worked on this issue from all aspects before making a decision.

Grandfathering the current owner was requested. The Board feels that grandfathering sets a precedent with other issues currently being reviewed in the park and could be detrimental to the overall progress the park makes – this was tabled for the Board to discuss “in camera”

Discussion further brought up the fact vehicles posed as much or more of a danger than golf carts, trucks travelling with kids and toys to Angel Pond were a problem, all valid points.

Ken Wilson acknowledged he was initially against disallowing the use of golf carts, however after considering all sides he now agrees with the Board’s decision and supports that

A question was posed as to whether or not the Rules had been changed – the answer is yes, this was done at the November 2016 meeting however the formal printed copy has yet to be amended.

Bringing financial hardship to those who require a scooter was discussed – while the Board sympathizes, it cannot take into account each individual’s situation.

Rick Loisselle addressed the fact that a petition is not the way to handle a situation – if the Board bows to one, it may entice others to try and direct the board by using this method. Campers are always welcome at meetings and all input is welcome and valued but must be properly and respectfully presented.

The Board stands by the decision made to disallow golf cart use in the park – other than those vehicles owned by the park itself.



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Other Delegate Concerns

Pot holes at the main gate need to be dealt with – AI to pursue

Perhaps a new bulleting board could also be placed at the main gate

Request was made for a bigger bulletin board at the lower Washroom area to prevent items being stapled to the building itself.

A ladder for Larry's Pond – staff looked at this and the ones on hand are inadequate. Having a “step down” entry into the pond was looked at but deemed not feasible due to the slope involved. AI is looking into coming up with something suitable.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes – nothing

8. Correspondence

- a. A letter has been received regarding the retaining wall at F32/F33 as it was park installed years ago and is now deteriorating. Staff have several that need attention and they are going to analyze/prioritize and repair. Crew will look at this particular one to see if it can be temporarily stabilized until they can get to it.

9. Old Business

- a. **The Store** – no one has stepped up to take this on. Natalie, an employee from last year will gladly impart her knowledge of what was sold and where it was acquired. The store is usually open Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. The Secretary will send out a mass email looking for youth employees from within the park
- b. **Angel Pond repairs** – Ken Wilson provided documentation on preliminary costs involved to install French Drain around the perimeter to deal with the water seepage issues. An excavator is required to do the work and Ken presented a proposal to purchase rather than lease due to cost effectiveness and its usefulness with other jobs in the park. Elaine Layman made a motion to allow for \$18,000.00 plus tax, to be paid from our contingency fund as a capital asset to purchase. Seconded by Wendy McLeod – moved. A motion was then made by Wendy McLeod to approve the Angel Pond Project with use of funds from the park upgrade budget (which has room) to cover costs. Seconded by Ken Leahy – moved. It was brought to staff's attention a tree had fallen at the far end of Angel Pond and youth were building a fort which may be hazardous. Staff to look into.

10. New Business

- a. **Drones** – concerns have been raised over personal privacy with regards to the usage of Drones in the park – board members to research and discuss further at the next meeting.
- b. **Party barges** on Angel Pond – concern brought forward – those around the pond state the barges stay away from the swimming area and don't seem to pose a problem at this time
- c. **New Marijuana laws** – the Board will continue to monitor what is happening with the laws, consult various resources and address once more information is made available from the Federal Government



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- d. **Bike ramp in basketball court** – same is in poor condition and poses a hazard. Staff to remove
 - e. **Longhouse Information Meeting** – The Board is going to host another Park Information Meeting at the Longhouse on July 1st from 1000-1200. Board members will give Elaine suggestions for discussion topics.
 - f. **Aerator** – is working well and staff will monitor where to move next and is dredging will be required at any of the ponds.
11. Meeting adjourned to in camera at 1207 pm

In Camera meeting commenced 1215 pm, adjourning at 1254 pm

Next meeting to be held July 16 at 1000 – location to be determined depending on store operations.