

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT
413-274-2374

Prudential Committee Minutes for August 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

In attendance were Committee members Terry Hayden, Marc Schultz, Joe Hanrahan, Bruce Lipton, Susan Hovani & Sharon Cutler

Also present were Bob Moore – Road Superintendent, Kathleen Borden – Treasurer, Jane Hanrahan, District Clerk

Residents present: Sandy Moore, Dean LaGrotteria, Fred Zemel, Carl Lucas

The meeting was not recorded.

Review of the July 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Update to minutes: Bruce clarified that Dyquat is one tool to control nuisance species in the lakes.

Motion made to approve the July 8, 2023, Annual Meeting Minutes as amended by Marc and seconded by Bruce.

The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Treasurer Report

Kathy staggered sending the checks last month to avoid having a negative balance.

We had \$19,115.30 in deposits and \$5,167.50 in disbursements. Cash in the bank is \$5123.58

White Wolf sent an invoice for three months for the port a potty. Bob called and let them know that we only rented it for one month and they should adjust the bill.

The Town will be sending one bill for their yearly services, but we are fine to pay it quarterly.

Sharon asked about the storage unit and Kathy explained that we rent that to keep the files secure and to eliminate the need to store them in someone's home.

Bruce clarified that the reimbursements he is receiving from SGRD are for two things. 1. \$65.00 to submit the report to the Conservation Commission and 2. \$105.00 The Registry of Deeds to record the Order of Conditions.

The legal amount is so high this month due to our lawyer needing to speak to both Terry and Bob regarding John Andrews reaching out to them directly, rather than through his lawyer. This included an exchange of several emails and a phone interview between Bob and Jeff O'Connor, our Litigation Attorney.

Motion made to approve the treasurer's report by Marc and seconded by Sharon. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Roads Report

Gary fixed all the potholes on Old Abbey Lane and Long Bow Lane East for \$600. Bob and Gary looked at all the trees in SGRD and it is estimated that it would cost \$14,000 to cut the trees hanging near the roads. That cost includes 8 guys over 10 days cutting and chipping.

Diane Dunn sold her home. Ira Cohen's daughter will be added to the email distribution list. There is a family looking to buy two lots on Johnson Rd.

Terry is still working on the general liability insurance. It has been tricky because our insurance agent can't find anyone willing to insure us due to our small size. Our attorney is working on locating other options for us.

The beach signs that we had problems with the letters moving are being redone and laminated at no cost to SGRD.

Again, there was shooting near Silver Shield Lake. The police were called, and Bob was also able to respond to a call and he had the opportunity to explain the rules to the person shooting. Bob is hopeful that it will not happen again.

The one-way sign for the entrance is missing. Bob will order a new one.

Fred Zemel reported that there is a six-foot pot hole that can't be avoided each time he tries to leave his driveway.

Carl Lucas reported that on Long Bow Lane East there are pretty good size ruts and part of the road seems to be washing away. There is also a pothole that spans across all of Shuttlecock that would cause a low car to bottom out.

Bob circled back to the trees and there was a discussion about the possibility of adding a line item into the budget next year to keep up with the maintenance. In the meantime, Bob is going to meet with Gary to prioritize what needs to be taken care of right away.

Bob is also going to take care of the tree on Long Bow Lane West that is hanging over the road. Fred and Joe offered to help.

There was also a discussion to make a motion to authorize \$3000 for Bob to use for road work.

Motion made to authorize Bob to spend up to \$3000 on any emergency road work that comes up between board meetings by Marc and seconded by Bruce. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Bob is going to follow with Gary regarding the revised bill for Deer Trail and Old Abbey.

Motion made to approve the road report by Susan and seconded by Bruce. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Lakes Report

Water & Wetlands have concluded their work for the nuisance vegetation. They are still working on the phragmites. We will receive a year end report. We also need to decide if we want to do the cutting. There is \$5100 in the budget for it. The cutting will come after the spraying in September.

The new season for the lakes will begin in the late fall or early winter.

Aquatic Restoration will come in to do their yearly monitoring, they will compile a report and it will be submitted to the Becket Conservation Commission.

The Becket Conservation Commission is holding a forum on lake management. It is an informal meeting and the topic for September is "Drawdown's and Run-Off's." Bruce will share the details on the Google Group.

Bruce spoke with Water & Wetlands regarding the testing the lakes for cyanobacteria. Our lakes do not have a problem, but that does not mean that they couldn't have a problem at some point. The presence of the bacteria does not mean that it is toxic. Treating the bacteria can also have a ripple effect which could include releasing more toxins into the water. A document provided by Terry regarding the LAPA West Cyanobacteria Program is included at the end of these minutes.

A discussion about asking residents and their guests to make sure that they wash their boats before putting them into the lake to avoid any invasives being introduced. Marc is going to look into getting signs for the lake entry points reminding boaters to wash.

Bruce has decided to take a break from Lake Management. Bruce is turning it over to Sharon Cutler and they will work together to insure a smooth transition.

Motion made to approve the Lakes Report by Marc and seconded by Bruce. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Mosquito Report

Terry reported that there has been no spraying, no disease found and we have been under the threshold. The Berkshire eagle reported that diseased mosquitos were found in Pittsfield.

Motion made to approve the Mosquito Report by Marc and seconded by Bruce. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Additional Business

The additional business was taken care of in the Roads Report.

Motion made to end the meeting by Marc and seconded by Bruce. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hanrahan

District Clerk

Documents discussed at this meeting:

FY24 Budget

FY 24-1 Warrant

FY 24-2 Warrant