

**Birch Shores Property Owners Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 10:00 am**

Minutes

John Simaz (President) Kip Roe (Treasurer) Dave Shellenberger (Vice President)
Renee Beniak (Secretary) David Blake-Thomas

- **Call to Order and Meeting Guidelines** John Simaz called the meeting to order and let the members know that comments should be kept to 3 minutes until everyone has had a chance to speak, then additional comments can be made keeping in mind a goal of a 1.5-hour meeting timeframe.
- **Deceased owners and new owners were recognized.**
- **Introductions of New Owners (Kip)**
- Patrice & Renee conducted the roll call of members in attendance at the meeting and we have a quorum.
- Review of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes was conducted by Renee and copies were made available to members. There was a motion to approve the minutes made by Dianne Simaz and second Sarah Hansen. Motion approved.
- **The Treasurer's Report** was completed by Kip Roe. It was recommended that we try to maintain at least \$20,000 in reserves.
- **Old Business.** Please remind family and guests that the speed limit is 25 mph & to drive with care to prevent damage to our roads. Grading and Brining will continue as outlined in the budget with plans to add more new gravel again in the spring. Again, members were asked to place *only small brush and sticks in the nature preserve area past the power line. The current information is that the internet will be coming to Birch Shores by mid-late September. Pets can only be off leash off homeowner's property. When not on the homeowner's property, the dog should be on a leash.*
- **New Business.** There is information on the BSPOA website on how to get on the ballot to become a board members. New board members are always needed as current board members term out.

BSPOA support for Trout Lake 4th of July Fireworks was again put to the membership for continued support of the *Trout Lake 4th of July Fireworks 2024. Dan made the motion and Doug seconded that BSPOA donate \$500 for 2024. Motion approved.*

Discussion of budget, reserves and dues increase. Dave Shellenberger stated that costs have gone up. The cost of the new gravel is higher but is expected to hold up better.

- **Items from the Floor**
 - **There was a question on if we have any restrictors on fencing? There are no restrictions on fencing.**
 - Question on new Airbnb on Frenchman's and if they are allowed. Now appear to be five in the community. Running a business is against the convenience. It may be best to seek an opinion from an attorney on how to proceed.

- **A review of the BSPOA 2023-2024 budget was conducted and the need for a dues increase was discussed. Kip made the motion to increase yearly dues by \$100. Dave Shellenberger seconded the motion. Dues increase passed.**
- **Results of Board Election/Introduction of 2023-2024 Board Members**
- **Bret Barrager and Bob Spencer were elected to the board. There were two open board seats and two candidates running for office. A meeting of the BSPOA board will be held to elect officers immediately after the annual meeting.**
- **Adjournment of Meeting: 11:21 am.**