

President Welch called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Roll call was taken, and 7 of 9 board members represented a quorum (absent: Hermansky, Franks). Ellison moved/Stangl seconded motion to approve the minutes from 29 August 2017 special HOA meeting. Schreier suggested including an amendment to state the Special meeting was held at the Rising View community center and the entire LVLA was invited to attend. Minutes were approved unanimously with that amendment.

**Old Business:**

Discussion was raised concerning what constituted proper notification to LVLA members for meetings. The Bylaws (Art II, Sect 4) require “the secretary to mail a written notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting, stating the purpose thereof as well as the time and place where it is to be held, to each Member, at his or her address or at such other address as such Member shall have designated by notice in writing to the Secretary. The mailing of the notice of the meeting in the manner provided by this Section shall be considered service of notice”.

Seawall update. Mercier provided an update on the seawall.

The harsh winter was a good test for the work done last summer and fall. The frost line extended to a depth of at least 15”. All indications are the improved walls performed well, though there was some settling and compaction of dirt behind the walls. The contractor proposes that residents wait one season (6-9 months) to seed repaired areas. He will repair and fill any low spots the following spring.

The price of steel has recently risen, increasing our costs from \$45 – \$49 per/linear foot. This represents a material cost only, not an increase in labor.

Lake Update: Stangl reported that the lakes beaver population has destroyed many trees over the winter. We hired a trapper in the fall of 2017 and negotiated a price of \$250 per beaver. The trapper successfully trapped and relocated two beavers, however a large (estimated 60 pounds) beaver remains. We have until 31 March to continue trapping during this current season.

Stangl met with the Nebraska Pond Management Agency. Our lakes are reasonably healthy but need additional lake bed cover. There was no observable winter kill of fish in the upper lake (lower to be evaluated). The Bass population is thriving but may be becoming overpopulated to the detriment of other fish species. Small fish are eaten by predatory fish like bass and grass carp when they have no place to hide. Thus, we are seeing declines in the crappie, bluegill, and catfish populations. The rep from the Pond Management Agency recommends mounting 3-4 permanent structures per lake to provide this cover. This “Polly Tree” device can be locally manufactured. The Schreier moved and Hoy seconded a motion to allocate up to \$500 for Stangl to build three proto-types out of PVC and cement. The design precludes snagging by fishing lines. He will show one of the devices at the annual meeting. The Board approved this expenditure unanimously. Board also agreed to consider restocking the lake with larger bluegill and crappie (8-10”) to help those populations get established. The last time we restocked the lake was in 2009.

Duck meal and water meal problem: We will attempt to get an expert to brief the HOA on the problem and explain why it is so difficult to control. The floating, green algae results from nitrates getting washed into the lake (farming, yard fertilizer). Control is expensive and largely ineffective.

**New Business:**

Erosion update: Mercier proposes that we conduct a survey of the natural side to establish a baseline for evaluating the erosion problem. He proposes tagging trees along the shoreline and measuring the distance to the waterline. Hoy motioned (Stangl seconded) that the Board authorize \$50 to buy tree tags. Tags will be emplaced and logged by volunteers. Board approved unanimously. Hoy, Schreier agreed to assist Mercier in tagging.

Dam update: Welch will forward the dam Emergency Action Plan to our lawyer for review and comment. The annual inspection is coming in the next few months (update: Welch coordinated for a 10 May inspection). We need to clean up the dam to rid it of any saplings or large brush that could establish roots to weaken the earthen structure. The Board agreed that we could mobilize volunteer support to address the problem. Deciduous trees can be cut down and treated with an herbicide to kill the roots and preclude regrowth. Coniferous trees only need to be cut down, for they will not regrow. Stangl moved (Ehrnst seconded) that the Board authorize up to \$250 for Mercier to buy herbicides. Approved unanimously.

Dam clean up is designated for Saturday (March 31) starting at 0900. Mercier, Hoy, Welch, and Schreier all agreed to help. Hoy will send out mass email to encourage participation among LVLA members.

Treasurer's Report. We have \$97,000+ in the account. Notices will go out in late April/early May for 2018 annual dues. (Update)There is no specific date for dues to be collected, but the notification of the amount should go out before the calendar year begins. They have traditionally gone out in the April - June timeframe.

We are having difficulties collecting dues from Lot 176. We will follow up with our lawyer on the status of a lien.

SID Update: While the SID annual dues have decreased recently, the increase of property values will offset any perceptible savings in property taxes. There is a Raccoon problem reported in the townhouse area of Lakewood Villages. Ehrnst asked when the streets will get swept by the SID. The DMV and HHS will move into the vacant Lockheed building, though this should have minimal effect on local traffic and property values.

Damaged tree update: The tree tagging team (see Erosion update) will also assess downed trees in the Association out lots and will propose a priority for removal. Safety, and then aesthetics will be the order for prioritization.

Annual Elections: The following positions are up for reelection: Hoy, Schreier, and Hermansky. Mercier will reserve the community center ("The Point at Rising View") in late May for the annual meeting. (Update: the facility is reserved for 21 May). We will need to send written notification no later than 7 May to properly inform our Members. Consider sending out with the Annual dues assessment.

Sea Wall: The priority of work is on lots 160 – 166. Mercier has contacted all seven property owners and they have agreed with the 50% cost share. He will collect funds from home owners, so he can have the contractor order materials. We anticipate completing the lower lake by early fall.

Rules: Discussion on the difficulty of rules enforcement. Some existing rules (i.e. banning roof mounted satellite dishes may be outdated). We should evaluate the existing Lake Lot owners rules for consistency and applicability.

Dock for Lot 180: Mercier proposed having our contractor build the deck previously authorized for Lot 180. A&E committee opined that the deck should be of the same appearance as those previously authorized (PlayStar Floating Dock).

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by unanimous approval (Ellison moved, second by Hoy).

Respectfully,

James Hoy, Association Secretary