



# **AuSable Acres Property Owners' Association**

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## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**October 8, 2016**

The General Membership Meeting of the AAPOA was called to order at 10:07 AM, President Rosemary Barry presiding. Other Board members in attendance were: Loyd Brewer, Pete DeFina, Rick Bremer, and Joe DeMarco. Paul Longenderfer, Phil Dooley, Pat Levine, and Jim Phillips were absent. There were 27 association members in attendance which included 27 votes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the 7/2/16 General Membership Meeting. It was unanimously approved.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS—Archie Depo and Robbie Lincoln**

Archie and Robbie were asked a number of questions for the membership:

1. Regarding dog issues: The town is looking to hire a new animal control officer. The position is vacant. The town believes that the noise ordinance in effect would cover barking dogs at night but Archie will check.
2. Archie was informed that apparently someone went on to private property on Elm St. and shot a deer with a bow and arrow. He believes that this is illegal but will check to make sure.
3. Robbie Lincoln indicated that his priority for paving any roads within the Acres would be Ridge Top. It's in worse condition than the lower part of AuSable Drive. It cost \$80,000 per mile to pave.
4. This summer the highway dept. used 86 loads of gravel on Acre roads, did 7.5 miles of ditch work, and spent a total of 600 man hours in the Acres.
5. Robbie did ask the Town Board for No Littering signs for the Acres but they didn't agree to it.
6. Archie stated that the bridge in the Forks should re-open to two way traffic in the beginning of November.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET- Rosemary for Phil Dooley**

We distributed and reviewed the AAPOA's income and expenditures summary, bank balances, and a proposed 2016-17 budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget. There were no questions regarding the budget and it was unanimously approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE- Joe DeMarco**

Permits were given out for a new shed at 675 AuSable Drive (Jacob) and for a new garage at 153 Scenic Point Ln (Loughren).

#### **Trails Committee- Pete DeFina for Paul Longenderfer**

The trail committee worked on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. The trail head going up Clark Mtn. that was eliminated during the construction of the new water tower was re-established. Pete and Greg Karl went up to the summit of Clark and removed all of the fallen and leaning trees from the trail. The group then went down to the Silver Trail and placed wood chips over areas of the trail that had exposed roots.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT- PETE DEFINA**

1. Pete reported that we have a total of 2314 members as of this date. Last year we had about the same number—317.

## **Security Patrol- Rosemary for Pat Levine**

We'll give the patrol one more year. But, due to lack of volunteers, we are likely to suspend the summer patrol the following year.

## **Roadside Clean up- Joe DeMarco**

Joe reported that a small group of volunteers met and cleaned a number of roads within the Acres this fall. The next cleanup will be on May 20, 2017.

## **Pavilion— Loyd Brewer**

Loyd is beginning work on installing electric to the pavilion. It also needs to be stained and the ceiling installed. Next year we may consider adding water and a fountain at the pavilion.

## **President's Report—Rosemary Barry**

1. Violation Letters: Rosemary stated that she has mailed 2 violations letters regarding Covenant #8 re: property that is not being properly maintained. Both those situations have been corrected and/or improved.
2. An AARCH tour was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. It was very successful and well attended.
3. Vandalism update: The 2 boys that were apprehended regarding their damaging our bathroom have made full restitution to the AAPOA.
4. Mr. Johanson made an offer to provide up to \$2,500 in matching funds in our quest to raise needed additional funds to complete the pavilion. We raised the \$2,500 and Mr. Johanson has sent us the check.
5. Tennis Court re-surfacing: Based on the condition of the tennis court we have decided to wait one additional year before re-surfacing the court.
6. Water Company: Forever Wild Water Company has completed construction of the replacement water tower at the end of Summit Lane—the main water tower in the Acres. The tower is tie into the well system, and filled. As soon as the other tank is drained the water company has approval to switch the system over to the new tank. This may have already occurred.
7. A letter was sent to Archie Depo stating that we feel that the highway department is underfunded.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Adopt a Road project: Has been very successful and we continue to add people to this list in hopes of keeping the roads within the Acres more pristine.

2. Loyd indicated that he plans to continue to remove trees and brush that has overtaken the shore area of the Lake.
3. We added 38 additional lots to the 150 lot project. This brings the total to 116 lots in the program.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The holiday decoration contest will be held the week before Christmas.
2. Rosemary informed people at the meeting that there has been a reported incident of someone having shoot a deer with a bow and arrow while trespassing on private property on Elm Street. We believe this to be illegal. Any such incident should be reported to the police.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 11:09AM

Respectfully submitted,

*Pete DeFina*