

# **AUSABLE ACRES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **AAPOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**October 10, 2020**

The general membership meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm. There were 19 members in attendance. The meeting was held outdoors due to Covid19 and took place at the Pavilion.

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Pete DeFina, President, introduced the Board members: Greg Karl, Knut Sauer (vice president), Tricia Koch (Treasurer), Allan Watnik (Secretary) and Jim Phillips. Absent were Bill Gibney, Katy Bidelspach, and Ian Ellbogen (in Canada).

### **PREVIOUS MEETING**

The general meeting minutes of 7/4/20 were approved

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Tricia Koch**

- A. Tricia reviewed the current finances and presented the proposed budget for 8/1/20 – 7/31/21
- B. A motion was made and approved to accept proposed budget.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE- Allan Watnik**

There were 5 permits issued for 3 sheds or garages and 2 for new homes.

#### **MEMBERSHIP – Pete DeFina**

Pete reported that there we have a total 346 members this year. This represents about a 12% increase over recent years.

Pete noted that this year there has been an 85% increase in property transfers in the Acres over a typical year.

#### **TRAIL COMMITTEE**

Pete reported:

1. New Trail markers have been placed on all trails during the summer
2. Greg Karl has developed a new trail map.

A member inquired about discussions in previous meetings regarding the use of the area near Lake Eaton. Pete responded that the board intends to proceed with developing a multi-use area near the Lake. A fund drive will need to take place to offset the approximate cost of \$30-40,000.

#### **COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS COMMITTEE- Knut Sauer**

Knut reported that the summer has been relatively calm with enforcing the C&R's. Some issues have been reported to the Town of Jay's code enforcer for further action.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Pete Defina**

- A. Pete spoke of the cracks on the tennis courts. They have been caulked and he is waiting to see if the repairs will hold up. He noted that the cracks are defects in the subsurface and not the fault of the resurfacing that took place last year.
- B. Pete and Knut spoke about the Town of Jay's effort to update its noise ordinance. They have been hampered in this task due to the Corona Virus.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No issues regarding old business were brought to the floor

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Introduction of potential change re: Homeowner dues structure: This will require people who own multiple homes to pay an additional \$55 if the people who use that additional house are to have access to AAPOA amenities. There will be no vote on this potential change at this meeting. Constitutionally, it must be presented at one general meeting with a vote of the general membership occurring at a subsequent meeting.
2. A member asked about road maintenance in the Acres. Knut responded saying that the town has been tentative with some expenditures because the State of New York may cut back on the funding of highway projects.
3. A member asked if the board thought that the Acres was being fairly assessed for vacant lot ownership. Pete and Knut reviewed the process for grieving a lot assessment. Pete also remind the membership of the difference between fair valuation and the percent a property is taxed to meet the town's financial needs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded followed by a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Watnik