

Membership Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2017

The meeting was convened at 11:35 AM.

Present: 22 Voting Members and approximately 8 other community members.

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the August 28, 2017 Membership meeting were read and accepted as read.

2- Financial:

Adam Huggard, Treasurer, gave the financial report as follows:

Bank Accounts:

M&T Bank - Operating:	\$ 85,201
M&T Savings (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 20
M&T Camp Account	\$ 16,775
M&T Capital Improvements	\$ 138,957
M&T Water Capital Improvement	\$ 22,805

Total: \$ 263,758

Adam noted that we have 4 members in arrears, and 5 members on payment plans.

3- Adam Huggard, Treasurer, reviewed the proposed 2018 Budget. After some discussion of the Budget John Bergherr moved, seconded by Ron Arnstein, that we do not re-side the front (south) side of the Barn, but instead repair, scrape, prime and paint. Two in favor, 3 abstaining, 17 opposed. Motion defeated. Martha Levites moved, seconded by Mera Eisen, to approve the proposed 2018 Budget. All in favor except one abstaining. Motion carried.

4- Committee reports:

Camp:

Rose Howard reported that the Camp ran a \$10,000 deficit this year, which was primarily due to a smaller than anticipated number of campers. Rose stated that 4 campers equals \$10,000, that the committee was trying hard to project accurately for next season, and that Rina Slavin and Nedda Schoenfeld would be returning as Co-directors. Discussion ensued on the problems of advertising the Camp. Eric Stand urged parents of Camp age children to become active on the Camp committee, noting that the committee is presently composed of grandparents and other people who do not have children of camp age.

Beach:

Martha Levites reported that the committee is looking into the beach accessibility issue, and that the ropes are to be replaced for the next season.

Barn:

Mike Brown reported that he and Drew Orr recently met with Mark Schmid, who had been selected to do the renovation job, and that Mark is backing away from his original

estimate. The Barn renovation committee is dealing with that situation and may need to solicit additional bids. Mike stated that Mark has not been able to find Hemlock in a large enough quantity of suitable size lengths and Mark is looking into alternative materials. Eric Stand stated that the hemlock should be available, but that he does not know where to get it and does not have time to look for it.

Lake:

Eric Stand reported that Pristine Waters is in the process of completing the suction dredging in Phase I, the Hall Ave, and Main St. cove area, and will be soon starting Phase 3, the area in front (south of) the concrete dam. He also stated that the beach area work may not get done depending on the amount of material removed from the dam area.

Sales and Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that the Firdman property at 8 Hillside Ave. is in possible contract at \$439,000.

Social:

John Bergherr reported that the Social committee is starting to meet for next season.

Environment:

Eric Stand reported that the phragmites, an invasive species growing in parts of the lake, need to be cut back and have bleach put into the cuts with an eyedropper. Paul Milliot stated that this should be done in late July for maximum effectiveness.

Town:

Rina Slavin reported that she attended the recent Town meeting where the Wilder-Balter affordable housing project was discussed. She stated that the sentiment at the meeting was not to build the project, but to spread the same amount of units (46) throughout the 5 hamlets. Jeremy Metz, who also attended the meeting, stated that his impression was that the Wilder-Balter project was a done deal, but that the GBCA should go on record with our opposition to the present plan. Martha Levites moved, seconded by John Bergherr, to have the GBCA Secretary write a letter to the Town stated that, although we were in favor of the original Wilder-Balter project, we are opposed to the project in it's present modified format. All in favor, except one opposed. Motion carried.

Good & Welfare:

Martha Levites moved, seconded by John Bergherr, to donate the additional monies collected, but not spent for the Banquet, to the Scholarship fund. In favor: all except 3 abstaining. Motion carried.

Mera Eisen reported that there will be an Aging Committee meeting at her house on November 11th at 2 PM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary.