

Minutes of the Howell Point Annual Meeting held Saturday, May 25, 2024.

President John Dombrowski called the annual meeting to order. Lloyd Montgomery opened with a prayer.

Dede passed a notebook around for members to sign in. All members attending introduced themselves.

John thanked the volunteers.

Reading of Minutes:

John asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting as they have been posted on the website since last summer. Dede Petro moved to approve, and Terri Sheppard seconded. All approved.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Teresa Dahlgren passed out a copy of the 2024 budget. She went over the financials and she advised that we had 6105.00 in the checking. We are in a better financial situation than last year. We have \$4300.00 promissory note left to pay off. She suggested that we wait until the end of the year to see how much money we have left. If we have extra money left, then we should consider paying off the last of the promissory note this year and start the new year off clean. Lloyd Montgomery moved to approve, and John seconded. All approved.

Reports of Trustees:

- John Dombrowski reported that someone stole the flag. Thanked Gary for the new flag.
- Dave Shepard mentioned that the beach and park look great. Said that the couple that we hired to do the work at the beach, did a great job cleaning up the shoreline, mulching and trimming trees. He said that they are a very honest and hard-working couple and take extraordinary pride in their work.
- Working on getting sand delivered to the beach and stone for the parking lot next week.
- John will let people know when being delivered so people do not plan on using the beach.

- Dave says that the beach looks beautiful, if we all could pick up sticks when we see them and throw them in burn pile to keep the park looking clean.
- Joe Scharnak donated the little picnic tables.

Presidents Report:

John said we created a membership directory by lot. We are still having problems with it but getting close to accurate. Thinking of putting together a membership directory. John feels strongly about people paying their dues. If they do not pay their dues we will put a lien on their property. First, we will give notice and then the lien will be issued. We will charge late fee, filing fee and legal fee. Teresa stated that 10-15% of the people do not pay, and she thinks that people are under the impression if they do not use the park that they do not have to pay, which is not correct.

We are trying to communicate only via email, except for the few exceptions, for people who do not have a computer.

Annual Picnic – John says that we have more people present at this meeting than we do at the picnic. Should we still have the picnic? Sue Monaghan suggested that we get volunteers. Maryann Trotter asked if we even still have kids to attend? Teresa suggested that we change it up and have a band & cocktails, but it is hard because many of the people have family commitments that weekend. Floyd suggested that we have a committee to work on the different possibilities, he will run that. Patti Grover and Renay Suseland volunteered to help on the committee. Teresa says that we do have money budgeted for the picnic.

John thanked Floyd who volunteered to fix the horseshoe pits to legal pits.

Election of Officers and Board Members:

- **For President John Dombrowski was nominated by Sue Monaghan and seconded by Dede Petro. All approved.**
- **For Treasurer Theresa Dahlgren was nominated by Dede Petro and seconded by Maryann Trotter. All approved.**
- **For Secretary John stated that Dede Petro would not be able to serve again next year so we need a new one. Teresa Dahlgren nominated Joe Scharnak and John Dombrowski seconded. All approved.**
- **Boat Chairperson – Jerry is retiring. Jerry nominated Jim Kingsly and Teresa seconded. All approved.**

Member Forum:

- Floyd mentioned safety issues. People need to follow the rules with golf carts better. Floyd mentioned that other dogs had attacked his dog four separate times. A reminder that you must have a fence if dog is going to be off leash. He mentioned that people need to follow the speed limit. He will tag the car and turn it over to the police department if speeding.
- Rosanne Brynes talked about the Diamond Lake Association. Says it is important for all of us to join. They are the ones that maintain the lake. The dues are \$50.00 a year. They are trying to get all associations together for more power. They help maintain the water quality, keep the geese down, provide firework displays, run the porch parties at the sand bar and bands. They pay for the sheriff patrols on the holidays. Joining is open to everyone.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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