

Indian Lake Shores Fire District Council

September 2004 Meeting

President Giarrusso called the meeting to order at 1935.

Present were President Giarrusso, Treasurer Novsam, Secretary Hanson, Council Members Hanson and Larson, Residents Eric and Terry Slader, Doug Miro, Jack Bergantina and Ed Kent were also present. Council Members Diggins, Gould, Petty, Roberts, Steele and Quinn arrived after the meeting was called to order.

Secretary's Report:

The July minutes were corrected to show that Council Member (CM) Larson was there.

The Annual Meeting minutes were presented to the Council for inspection. Both sets of minutes were unanimously accepted after a motion made by CM Gould and seconded by CM Diggins.

Treasurer's Report:

As of 9-22-2004

CD 3490.88

Savings 8051.21

Checking 3463.06

Total \$ 15005.15

Tax Assessor Jen Wahl (formally Ray) has been forwarded the tax rolls. The bills should be out shortly.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously after a motion made by CM Diggins and seconded by CM Petty.

Old Business:

1. North Plat's dock and concrete ramp have been undermined by wave action. Eric and Terri Slater have agreed to cease and desist the wave action from this point onward.

Doug Miro, a mason by trade, has looked at the ramp and dock. He states that there is no damage yet. The ramp needs to be protected with sand or riprap (large stones). A discussion ensued pertaining to the amount of sand (and possibly riprap) needed or if excavation of the existing sand would suffice. The contractors that would be contacted were Timpson and Sherman.

A motion was made by CM Hanson authorizing Pres. Giarrusso to spend up to \$750 for sand and/or excavation to correct the problem at the North Dock/Beach. The motion was unanimously accepted after being seconded by CM Diggins.

2. Removal of watercraft reminders need to be posted. VP Giarrusso will make the signs stating that all watercraft need to be removed by

11/1. The council will deal with the status of any boats left at the next meeting. The by-laws committee will also revisit the issue.

3. The status of the Fish Ladder/IL Dam was presented by ILSFD Representative Ed Kent. The four associations (ILSFD, Dun Rovin, Legend Rock and the Village at IL) have given the DEM/NOAA and US Fish & Wildlife until 12/31 to correct the lake level to 81.5' and fix the leaking fish ladder and, subsequently, associated damage done to the dam.

US Fish & Wildlife have involved Dick Quinn in attempting to rectify the problems surrounding the failing fish ladder/dam. He is their engineer who fixes the “problem” fish ladders. He is scheduled to have a formulated remedy/plan to present to the representatives of the four associations and the town on 11/30*.

Quinn has stated that for the ladder to work than both the dam and the ladder have to be impregnable. The water is spilling over and around the sidewalls of the dam. At this time it has been determined that the “wing wall” (built off the sidewall) which is below the dam and the fish ladder is determining the water level.

Ed Kent will be back at the next meeting to give an update on the remediation of the problems created by the fish ladder at the next council meeting. The ILSFD wants to thank Ed Kent for all of the work

he is doing on the behalf of the ILSFD.

4. By-laws Committee:

CM Steele will head the by-laws committee. The list of volunteers was given to Pres. Giarrusso. The list included the names of volunteers who signed up at the annual picnic. The disk with the last ILSFD Booklet was given to CM Steele. Ed Kent will put together a couple of pages with information about the history and ecosystem of the lake. The annual picnic went well. All were agreed that the meeting went well.

5. Gas:

The NE Gas Company has decided that they will not do a preliminary study unless they have a commitment from ILSFD. CM Hanson made a motion that Mr. Kent write a letter to NE Gas citing its charter as a Public Utility and its obligation to service the neighborhood. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Novsam and carried unanimously. It was mentioned at the annual meeting that gas would increase the value of the homes that installed it. There was a concern that that would increase not only the resale value but the assessed value of the homes.

Treasurer Novsam contacted Town Hall. It was determined that no differentiation made in the assessed value between oil and gas heat.

6. On a sad note, ILSFD sent a sympathy card to the Guarino family on Arrow Head Trail on the loss of their father, Mike. Jen (Ray) Wahl,

ILSFD Tax Assessor, also on Arrow Head Trail, lost her mother. Pres. Giarrusso will send her a card, also, on behalf of the ILSFD.

7. Cut Through:

The cut through that was granted by the Bergantina's is being abused. A motorcycle was using it, as were bicycles. The Bergantina's have become concerned about the agreement. They are considering either discontinuing allowing it to be used. They are going to see if there are any other options that would be agreeable to the parties involved.

New Business:

1. There will be an Xmas Decorating Contest again this year. VP Giarrusso will make the signs.

2. The raft in the south plat has been brought in. The raft in the north plat needs to be brought in, have the floatation taken off and replaced. That is a job for next spring. The dock also needs an overhaul. There is not money in the budget for a new dock but repairs will be considered in the spring.

3. Picnic tables need to be sealed for the winter. There are two on the south plat and one on the north. The Giarrussos will take care of the north plat, the Roberts the south.

A motion was made by Sec. Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 2102. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sec. Penney Hanson