

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – May 2012 – open to the public

DATE: 5/29/2012 TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Lakeside Sewer District Meeting Room; 253 Bierney Creek Rd.

NOTICED: County P&Z website Calendar of Events page; Lakeside website Calendar Page, posters in Library and Post Office in Lakeside, submitted to DIL Daybook column.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order and Sign-in sheet.
2. Public Comment for items not on the agenda
3. Approve Agenda: Approve agenda for 05/29
4. Approve prior meeting minutes: Approve meeting minutes from April 2012
5. Review/recommendations on any County applications in the Lakeside planning area (if any are scheduled): None scheduled.
6. Guest presentations or reports (listed below, if any are scheduled): Blacktail Trail - Barb.
7. Sub-committee reports from any LCC authorized subcommittees (listed below, if any are scheduled): None scheduled
8. Procedural discussions or items (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. Janet: Council members participation in the community and ethics
 - b. Discussion on By-Laws - Janet
 - i. Council Members attendance at LCC meetings (please refer to your By-Laws **Article V Section III Paragraph C**)
 - ii. Conflict of Interest (please refer to your By-Laws (**Article VIII Section III**))
 - c. Commissioner-appointed Council Member
 - d. Election of officers
 - e. Lakeside Plan (if any new news)
 - f. West Shore News articles (deferred from February & March & April meetings)
 - g. Websites – local and county - Barb
9. Meeting adjourned

NOTE: Public comment will be accepted on any agenda item when that item is being discussed.

MEETING MINUTES:

Council Members attending: Keith Brown, Janet Conroy, Gene Shellerud, Barb Miller, Mike Wilson, David Fetveit (quorum)

Council Members not attending: Craig Koontz

P&Z attendees: B.J. Grieve

Public: Meredith Coopman, Jim Clark

MINUTES:

1. Meeting called to order 7:02 pm.
2. Comments:
 - a. Jim Clark brought up the issue of sharing information on the Trail at Council meetings and that it is not appropriate. Keith commented that our By-Laws say the Council should keep up to date on happenings in the community and therefore discussing the trail was not an issue. Since decommissioning the Trails Committee, the Council has never been asked to make a decision or

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- take any action regarding the trail; the presentations are only informational so there is no issue. Mike noted that just because the Council hears a presentation does not mean they support it.
- b. However use of the LakesideCommunityCouncil@bresnan.net email address to disseminate such info is not appropriate. Barb agreed to drop that email address. Further discussion later in the meeting resulted in a recommendation that Barb close the PO Box which she rented for LCC and to shut down the website, providing community information, which she has maintained since late 2007, because the website could be construed as official. Barb commented that it was a real shame that citizens with good intentions have to practically “walk on eggshells”, lest someone with a different opinion be offended or take legal action.
 - c. The upcoming presentation on Water Quality was briefly discussed and Janet is to provide a proposed outline of the contents at the June meeting for the council to review and determine if they want to move forward with the presentation.
3. Barb motioned, Mike seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Agenda. (Note: David was a few minutes late and did not vote on this item.)
 4. Janet motioned, Gene seconded and passed unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for April.
 5. No business from the County.
 6. Barb gave an update on the fund raising for the Blacktail Trail and the fund raising events planned in June and July (Barb stepped from behind the desk and gave the update as a member of the public, which Janet commented was a good idea to reinforce the separation of the fund raising group from the Council).
 7. No subcommittees are active.
 8. Procedural
 - a. Council participation in community & ethics: Mr. Clark indicated that Barb’s reporting on the trail looks like LCC sponsorship and suggested that someone else give the reports.
 - b. Discussion of By-Laws, specifically Council member attendance and Conflict of Interest:
 - i. Janet indicated that several members had been absent a lot and wanted a definition for “good cause” rather than having the Council member determine if his/her own absence was “good cause”. Other Council members felt it would be too difficult to define and wish to rely on the good judgment of the members. Concern was expressed over only 4 members determining issues when 3 members were absent. However, the By-Laws state that 4 is a quorum and a quorum is duly authorized to conduct business.
 - ii. Regarding conflict of interest, most Council members felt the existing wording appropriate (the wording had been thoroughly reviewed and approved in the last revision to the By-Laws in 2010). It is up to each council member to determine if they have a conflict of interest, declare it and abstain from voting on issues with which he/she has a conflict.
 - iii. The By-Laws will not be changed at this time.
 - c. Commissioner-appointed Council member: Jim Clark and Mike Wilson filed for this seat. Thanks to both for their interest. The Commissioners appointed Mike and his term will run through May 2015.
 - d. Election of Officers for 2012-2013: Council followed the specific wording of the By-Laws to elect officers in this May meeting – i.e., the first meeting after the election. Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary positions are to be elected; there is no Treasurer.
 - i. Chair: Mike moved to nominate David; Barb seconded. There were no other nominations. Gene motions to close nominations, Mike seconded. Vote on David to be Chair was unanimous. (David abstained from voting.) David will serve as Chair.

- ii. Vice-Chair. Barb moved to nominate Mike; Keith seconded. Janet expressed concern with only one nomination and moved to nominate Craig; David seconded. Barb moved to close nominations, Keith seconded, and vote was unanimous. Janet and David voted for Craig, the remaining 4 voted for Mike. Mike will serve as Vice-Chair.
- iii. Secretary: Gene moved to nominate Barb; David seconded. Janet moved to nominate Craig; Keith seconded. David moved to close the nominations; Mike seconded; vote was unanimous. Janet voted for Craig, Mike, Gene, Keith and David voted for Barb (Barb abstained). Barb will serve as Secretary.
- iv. David moved that there be no Treasurer; Gene seconded; vote was unanimous. No Treasurer was elected.
- e. Lakeside Plan: no news; we must continue to wait for the legal system to work.
- f. West Shore News: no one could remember what this issue was, so it was dropped.
- g. Websites: The County website is the official website. The LakesidePlan2008 website was built late in 2007 for a communication vehicle for the Lakeside Neighborhood Plan Committee. After the Commissioners approved the revised plan in December 2010, the website continued, but changed to “Lakeside MT – Community Web” and contained information of interest to the community including Council meeting schedules. BJ Grieve, Director of Planning & Zoning Department, indicated the website could be misunderstood or construed as a Council website. Barb agreed to take down the website, close the P.O. Box, and discontinue the LakesideCommunityCouncil@bresnan.net email address.
- h. Jim Clark again made a comment during the meeting that his property was not part of Lakeside. Barb pointed out that the 1994 Plan indicated the northern boundary was Spring Creek Road. BJ stated that Jim’s property was definitely in the Lakeside Planning Area and gave examples of the Election Department honoring his filing for the Commissioner appointed seat on the Council and County records showing that Jim had been mailed election ballots in the past.