

MONARCH COVE

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MINUTES –MONARCH COVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS September 23, 2017

President Jim Benz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday June 24, 2017 at the home of Secretary Gladys Shultz. Board members, officers and Committee Chairs present were: Gladys Shultz, Debbie Earleywine, Fred Shultz, Sandra Bowman, Kristin Jacobi, Tim Kennedy, Allan Sieck, Warren Vickery, Mark Lemke, Rod Earleywine and Jim Benz. Absent was Dan Bennett. Also present were members Todd Murphy, Bob Aure and Jinny Sloan Perrin.

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President Benz asked for a motion to approve minutes of the June 26, 2017 and the July 29, 2017 meetings of the board of directors.

Upon motion made by Allan Sieck and seconded by Warren Vickery, the minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting were approved.

Upon motion made by Sandra Bowman and seconded by Mark Lemke, the minutes of the July 29, 2017 meeting were approved.

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Jim Benz advised the board that Brian Gilmore of Town & Country Tree Service has agreed to charge Monarch Cove the following reduced rate for tree work:

- \$125.00 per hour;
- \$50 per dump load;
- \$2.50 per inch to remove stumps if Monarch Cove does the cleans up; and
- \$4.50 per inch to remove stumps if Town & Country Tree Service does the clean-up.

Jim advised the Board that for most Monarch Cove jobs, Town & Country Tree Service would also provide a cap bid that would set a maximum charge for each job. When there is a cap bid, Jim said that the Town & Country Tree Service charge will be based upon the time expended on the job, but not to exceed the cap bid.

Jim advised the board that the following tree work needs to be completed before Spring (The cap bid is set out below each item) :

1. Remove dead branches/limbs in the green space east of maintenance shed and over maintenance shed
 - a. Cap bid--\$612.50
 - i. 4.5 hours
 - ii. 1 dump load
2. Remove dead branches/limbs that are hanging over Park Avenue
 - a. Cap bid--\$287.50
 - i. 2 hours
 - ii. .75 dump load
3. Remove the dead oak tree on the North edge of the Park and remove the 30 inch stump, with stump clean-up by Town & Country Tree Service
 - a. Cap bid--\$1,485
 - i. 10 hours
 - ii. 2 dump loads
 - iii. Stump removal with cleanup

Jim advised the Board that in an effort to fight the Two Lined Chestnut Boer, it is important that Monarch Cove remove as much dead wood as possible. It was moved by Kristin Jacobi and seconded by Debbie Earleywine that the board authorize the work set out in the Town and Country bid. The motion was approved by the board.

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Monarch Cove Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman, Fred Shultz, reviewed Monarch Cove's financial transactions and status since the last Board meeting and answered all questions addressed to him by the Board. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the board approved the Financial Report.

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Marina Chairman, Rod Earleywine, made the following presentation to the Board:

The Marina committee met on Saturday, September 9, 2017 and discussed possible changes/improvements for the south marina. The 3 main areas of concerns from our yearly camp meeting were the following:

4. The swimming dock was not as long as in previous years.
5. The swimming dock needs to match up with the angle of the steps (needs to be angled more to the south.
6. The marina dock and the swim dock are too close together.

The committee agreed and decided to implement changes for the 2018 season. On September 20, 2017, I received a letter from the DNR stating that the south docks were not in compliance. Specifically the following issues:

1. The docks must be at least 10 ft apart.
2. The docks can't be connected with a walkway as they are now. They must be separate.
3. The "T" on the swim dock is 32 ft. long when only a 24 ft. "T" is allowed.
4. The canoe deck is not allowed in its current configuration.

Addressing Marina concerns and finding Marina solutions:

1. The swim dock is currently 128 ft long and that is the length we are permitted for through the DNR so that is the length it will be for the

2018 season.

2. The Swim dock will be angled more to the south so it aligns with the steps. I will meet with Don Johnson (North Bay Docks) so that he knows what we want.
3. The "T" will need to be shortened to 24 ft. for eh 2018 season. I will also discuss this with Don Johnson.
4. The marina dock will be moved to the south and the docks will not be connected.
5. The boats will enter the lifts from the south, as they currently do, ensuring that the lifts are at least 5 ft from Monarch Coves southern property line.
6. I will meet with the DNR to ensure we are in compliance concerning a deck for the canoes.

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Warren Vickery and Mark Lemke discussed a meeting they had with Keith Gibson of Tri-State Paving in Estherville, Iowa concerning Monarch Cove's road project that is tentatively scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2019. Warren and Mark said they also discussed with Keith Gibson the road patches that need to be completed prior to the main road project.

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Ravine Chairwoman, Debbie Earleywine, provided the Board with the following update on Phase 2 of the Ravine/Lake Restoration project:

As per recent conversations with Steve Hassel (Hassel Landscaping) and Jim Blum (Project Designer), the Phase 2 of the Ravine/Lake Restoration project will start in mid-to-late October 2017 and will take approximately one month to complete. Total cost for the project is \$38,178. The Dickinson County Water Quality Commission (aka WQC) will provide funds of \$37,178 (half of which is available in October 2017 and the other half in April 2018). Okoboji Camp Owners Cooperative will be responsible for \$1,600 (monies that are currently available in our Ravine fund). Plantings for the project, which are also covered in the Water Quality Commission funds, will not take place until Spring 2018.

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Jim Benz passed out the 2017/2018 committee assignments. The following is a list of the committee assignments for each Board member:

1. **Dan Bennett** (*Board Term expires 2018*):
 - a. Chairperson:
 - i. **Spring Work Day**
 - b. Member:
 - i. **Water & Sewer**
 - ii. **Marina and Marina Docks**
 - iii. **Lift Station**
 - iv. **Memorial/Memorial Gardens**
2. **Jim Benz** (*Board Term expires 2020*):
 - a. Ex Officio All Committees
3. **Sandy Bowman** (*Board Term expires 2018*):
 - a. Chairperson:
 - i. **Policy**
 - b. Member:
 - i. **Grounds**
 - ii. **Finance and Insurance**
 - iii. **Ravine**
 - iv. **Web Site**
 - v. **Access and Access Docks**
4. **Debbie Earleywine** (*Board Term expires 2019*):
 - a. Chairperson:
 - i. **Ravine**
 - b. Member:
 - i. **Spring Work Day**
 - ii. **Finance and Insurance**
 - iii. **Access and Access Docks**
 - iv. **Memorial/Memorial Garden**

5. **Kristin Jacobi** (*Board Term expires 2019*):
 - a. Chairperson:
 - i. **Grounds**
 - ii. **Memorial/Memorial Garden**
 - b. Member:
 - i. **Parks**
 - ii. **Access and Access Docks**
 - iii. **Ravine**

6. **Tim Kennedy** (*Board Term expires 2018*):
 - a. Chairperson:
 - i. **Web Site**
 - b. Member:
 - i. **Parks**
 - ii. **Spring Work Day**
 - iii. **Finance and Insurance**
 - iv. **Ravine**

7. **Mark Lemke** (*Board Term expires 2018*):
 - a. Chairperson:
 - i. **Access and Access Docks**
 - b. Member:
 - i. **Water and Sewer**
 - ii. **Spring Work Day**
 - iii. **Web Site**

8. **Allan Sieck** (*Board Term expires 2020*):
 - a. Chairperson:
 - i. **Parks**
 - ii. **Lift Station**
 - b. Member:
 - i. **Grounds**
 - ii. **Water and Sewer**
 - iii. **Finance and Insurance**

9. **Warren Vickery** (*Board Term expires 2018*):
 - a. Chairperson:
 - i. **Water & Sewer**
 - b. Member:
 - i. **Grounds**
 - ii. **Marina and Marina Docks**
 - iii. **Lift Station**
 - iv. **Finance and Insurance**

A full list of the members of each committee is available upon request.

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The next meeting is the second Quarterly meeting and is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on December 16, 2017 in the home of Secretary, Gladys Shultz.

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Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.

Gladys Shultz, Secretary

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
OF
MONARCH COVE INTEREST**

CONDOLENCES

- Condolences to the family and friends of long time member, Carolyn Rose Macrander, on her death July 21, 2017.
- Condolences to the family and friends of long time member, Rodney Robinson, on his death on July 20, 2017.
- Condolences to the family and friends of former long time member, Reynard Marian Satory, on his death on July 31, 2017.

NEW MEMBERS

- Welcome to new members Lon and Denise Friesth who are the new owners of the home of their family member, Charlene Korslund at 21381 Hickory Street.
- Welcome to new members Todd and Stephanie Murphy, who are the new owners of the home of their parents, Rita and Jim Murphy, at 21325 Hickory Street.

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THANK YOU to members for memorial gifts that have been received in the past month. Unless otherwise stipulated, these funds are used for our green spaces, such as new trees, playground upkeep, and for the Memorial Park area near the Bell Tower. The sign in this park, will have the names of those for whom Gifts have been given.

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If you have an email address that we do not have as yet, please send it to the Secretary so that you can be added to our email list. Postage and stationary continues to become more expensive, so the more we can send by email the more we can save for our members.

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HAVE YOU LOOKED INTO THE BELL TOWER LATELY? A GROUP OF MEMBERS HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAKE IT A PLACE TO ENJOY A BOOK AND DISCOVER NEW ONES. THE BOOKS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED TO EASILY FIND WHAT YOU WANT. DONATIONS OF YOUR BOOKS ARE ALSO WELCOME. THANKS, TO THIS GROUP!

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Please note that all payments must be mailed to our booking service at: **P.O. Box 47, Spirit Lake, IA 51360**. If you send your payments to the Monarch Cove mailing address there will be a delay of over a week in having your payment posted. You will also be increasing the postage costs for Monarch Cove.