

Lake Somerset Property Owners' Association

Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance: Dale Cousino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order: President Dale Cousino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

- President – Dale Cousino
- Vice President – Cher-ray Bellingar
- Secretary – Nathan Taylor
- Treasurer – Scott Faulkner
- Parks – Terry Taylor
- Building Control – Rick Meyer
- Security – Jeff Bennett
- Water Quality – Don Tappan
- Roads – Brandon McClinchey

Board Members Absent: none

- **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

A motion was made by Dale Cousino and seconded by Scott Faulkner to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried.

- **Approval of New Secretary:**

A motion was made by Dale Cousino and seconded by Scott Faulkner to approve Nathan Taylor as the new Secretary. The motion carried.

- **Approval of Pay Increase:**

A motion was made by Dale Cousino and seconded by Scott Faulkner to approve a pay increase for the Maintenance Supervisor from \$16 to \$17 per hour. The motion carried.

Officer Reports:

- **President – Dale Cousino:** Provided an update on the dam project, suggesting that its design incorporate sufficient width to allow for golf cart access. Further, Mr. Cousino proposed the inclusion of ice fishing regulations in the upcoming spring mailer to residents.
- **Vice President – Cher-ray Bellingar:** Reported no new issues.

- **Treasurer – Scott Faulkner:** The Treasurer presented the Financial Reports. A motion to approve the reports was made by Rick Meyer and seconded by Dale Cousino. The motion carried.
- **Security – Jeff Bennett:** Mr. Bennett requested that homeowners assist in the enforcement of ice fishing regulations, specifically regarding the use of flags and vehicle identifiers. He also initiated a discussion regarding the potential creation of a homeowner association badge. Finally, Mr. Bennett formally requested a pay increase for security personnel. No vote was taken
- **Building Control – Rick Meyer:** Mr. Meyer reported that Drouillard & Benschoter have both submitted garage permit applications to the Township of Somerset, which will be reviewed by the Township Board at its February meeting. He clarified that structures of this type are not permitted under current HOA policy. He further noted that boat privileges will be withheld until such time as affected lots are brought into compliance with existing regulations.
- **Parks – Terry Taylor:** Mr. Taylor informed the Board that all necessary information has been gathered and contract estimates for spring/summer maintenance is now prepared for review.
- **Roads – Brandon McClinchey:** Mr. McClinchey reported that the proposed speed limit change has been approved by Somerset Township. He indicated that the next phase of implementation is underway.
- **Water Quality – Don Tappan:** No new issues.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Audience Participation:

- A request was presented to the Board to authorize the issuance of a one-day boat pass to a Lake Somerset Property Owners' Association (LSPOA) member. This pass would facilitate a tour of the lake for participants in the Irish Hills Lake & Home Tour on Saturday, June 21, 2025. The Board acknowledged that similar requests have been granted in the past, noting previous concerns regarding parking. Following deliberation, a motion to approve the one-day pass was made by Don and seconded by Terry. The motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Cher-ray Bellingar and seconded by Don Tappan. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 19:59 (7:59 PM).

Respectfully Submitted, Nathan Taylor, Secretary Lake Somerset Property Owners Association
Board of Directors