

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Phone number 413-770-1660

Held at the Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street

October 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.

Present were committee members: Ken Einhorn, Robert Gerstle, John Kammerman, David Edgecomb, Margaret Rodriguez and Michael Lavery. Also present were: Mary White, District Clerk; Kathy Borden, District Treasurer; Tom Rock, District Superintendent; Ken Hunter, Gabrielle Murphy, Dean Lagrotteria, Kirsten Miller, Richard Pryor, and Bob Moore.

Minutes:

The August minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Due to some last minutes changes, the September minutes will be reviewed at the November meeting. There was much discussion regarding the Open Meeting Law and correction of minutes. David will send the requested corrections to Mary. Margaret commented that the taking of minutes is difficult. It's kind of like attending a ball game, and trying to watch the game and do commentaries at the same time.

Tax Classification Hearing:

At 9:30, The Tax Classification Hearing was held. A vote was taken, and it was unanimously in favor of a single tax rate.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Warrant:

The warrant was signed after some discussion concerning the attorney's expenses. Robert said that it is the fiduciary responsibility of the committee to keep an eye on expenditures. David questioned the amount voted at the Annual meeting. John said "did we budget enough? —No. Should we have budgeted more?—May-be, this expense was unexpected". Kathy commented that we have never gone over the amount approved for his account before.

There was some discussion of the quality of the reports from the attorney. Should we have Terry go back to the lawyer and say we were disappointed with the quality of the items provided? John said we will have to talk next month, when Terry is present, about what to do about the attorney.

Road Report:

Hello Board Members,

Here is a report of activities related to roads during the month of Sept.

Sept 9th

Attended board meeting, three concerns were brought up.

1. Brush in ditch across from 99 Long Bow East.
2. Washboard on exit side of main entrance.
3. Loose gravel on surface of S curves.

After the meeting, I drove the roads of the district. The brush on Long Bow West was too extensive to deal with at that time.

Found areas where a truck had evidently spun out on purpose, leaving ruts and loose gravel. Also, on Long Bow West and Johnson Rd. found a sand barrel that is tipped over.

Returned with a larger truck on 9/23/17, cut and loaded brush from ditch at 99 Long Bow West, repaired wash-boarding at exit, and took down 4" dead ash tree at exit.

10/4/17 received phone call from Michael Lavery, concerns about truck traffic on Trail Circle. Checked on possible heavy truck damage from septic repair work in the area. No significant damage at the time was observed.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas H. Rock

The Road Report was accepted.

The board thanked Tom for the things he has done, and told him that he does not have to do the cutting of trees and clearing of brush, (except in emergency) as this is included in Ernie's responsibilities. Tom will get together with Ernie soon to discuss areas of responsibility etc.. They also told Tom that the District owns a chain saw, which is still in the possession of the former Superintendent.

Tom needs maps to see where roads are. Mary volunteered to speak to the assessors about obtaining them. David said that he can graphic design maps.

Richard Pryor said that the roads need to be plowed early so that people can get to work, and children can get to the school bus. The contract calls for by 5:30 AM, and after 3". Sanding is included in the contract.

Lakes Report:

Solitude Lake Management sprayed 4 lakes on Thursday (Oct. 4). Between now and December, they will do the annual autumn assessment of where and what will need cutting next year.

During the winter, Always Growing will cut down the sprayed phragmites.

Ken questioned Beaver Solutions about the brush in the deceivers. He was told that they are ok as they are.

The lakes were tested for E- Coli weekly during the summer, and the counts were low.

There was some discussion as to whether it is less expensive, and more efficient, to use divers or a mechanical devise for the cutting of invasive species weeds. Ken Hunter said that the cutter cuts weeds right down. There was a question about what we would do with the cuttings if we use the devise. Maybe some sort of net could be attached for this purpose. If we were to devise a wood collector, it would probably get very heavy.

Richard Pryor advised that in any event, we should bring it before the Conservation Commission.

Gabrielle Murphy would like advance notice of lake spraying.

The Lakes report was accepted.

Continue New Clerk Discussion:

John sent out E-Mails to Sherwood Greens owners to see if anyone was interested in the Clerk's position. He got no replies. We will have to advertise in local newspapers.

Discussion of By-Laws:

There has been no change in the by-laws since 2016.

David said that the Proxy form should be attached to the by-laws. The old by-laws on the web should be deleted after the proxy form is removed from them and added to the new by-laws. Robert requested that all forms that owners need to access be available on the SGRD web site in a section for FORMS so that they can be readily accessed.

Mosquito control Report:

David has the requested report from Chris Horton, and will forward it to everyone. The report is for the year, but he would rather have it by the month.

The yearly report should be included in the Annual Report.

Additional Business:

Michael reported that the rope on the flagpole is not nylon, and is very worn, and should be replaced. It was decided to ask Ernie to bring in a bucket truck (cherry picker) to take down the existing flag and rope. The truck could also be used to trim branches overhanging the roads, which are too high to be reached by ordinary means. Tom Rock will co-ordinate scheduling with Ernie.

Michael also asked the Becket Highway Superintendent if he could come to a meeting and speak to Tom and new committee members.

Richard Pryor has information that he can share with Tom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39.

The next meeting will be held on November 4, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. White

District Clerk

