

MISSION ACRES ASSOCIATION
52nd Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 29, 2000
Draft Minutes

President Ellie Smith called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M. The following were in attendance:

Voting Members:

Carol Conway
Jacqueline Frensley
Norm & Nonna Lyttle
Larry & Nancy Ward
Ellen Weber

Taffy Farrand
Eileen Huntzicker
H.G. & Ellie Smith
Ray & Micki Weigel
Doris Wetters

Non-voting Members:

Peter Nyblad

Guests:

Penny Rosi

Penny Rosi spoke about her campaign for Township Clerk.

Old Business

Doris moved and H.G. seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Larry Ward read the Treasurer's Report (attached). Taffy moved that the report including next years dues be accepted and Carol seconded. Motion carried. The deposit for snow removal was changed from a flat rate of \$100 to \$25 per share otherwise dues remain the same.

Larry and Ray rebuilt and moved the mailboxes away from the corner and the snowplow. The green plastic Record Eagle boxes have been replaced with nice rough sawn cedar boxes. Thanks to a large supply of scrap cedar the project only cost \$80.

H.G. gave the road and cabin inspection report. Jack has done a stellar job in keeping the road in good shape and everyone present expressed appreciation for his work. The winter residents installed over 250 feet of snow fence this year in anticipation of lots of snow but were pleasantly surprised with only 2 significant snow falls this year and no problems with snow removal. The only issues were some icy conditions as the snow melted.

Cabin inspections occurred biweekly and discovered no significant issues. We are all thankful for another safe winter at Mission Acres.

New Business

Carol read a Mission Acres woodland fire report prepared by Jack Callahan. (As soon as I receive an electronic version from Jack, I'll include it in the minutes.)

Ellie appointed a committee of H.G., Larry Ward and Jacqui Frensley to explore the accessibility of the Peninsula Fire Dept to Whispering Trail in the event of a fire. This committee will be reporting back to our annual meeting their findings.

Ray reminded everyone to watch their speed on Whispering Trail and offered to install a small sign at the entrance to help us remember to drive slow.

Jackie inquired about cable TV. Apparently the cable company has brought cable to Swaney Road. In order for them to bring it to Mission Acres, they will need a reasonable number of homeowners to sign up. She said that the cable Peninsula Telephone buried when they replaced our phone lines is not available for cable TV service. Others expressed a desire not to tear up the road as happened when the phone lines were last replaced and instead suggested using one of the satellite TV services. Larry Ward was appointed to investigate the availability of providing cable service over the existing cable line installed by Peninsula Phone Co. and Jacqui was appointed to investigate the availability of cable TV through the local cable company.

Ray investigated Neighborhood Watch and discovered that it takes a large commitment and suggested that just a sign would provide the same benefit.

The orchard path has been slowly opening up to the point where a car could once again travel on it. Larry read a resolution from the 1970 Association Minutes regarding the path. The resolution requires the Association Officers to take any action necessary to prevent access to Whispering Trail from anywhere other than the 27 lots in Mission Acres Association and from Swaney Road. Peter Nyblad said that he has placed a rock in the path to close it off.

Peter informed the Association that in about a year and a half the six partners in Nyblad Orchards would be splitting the business and he was interested in buying the 60-acre farm here. In order to help financing he was considering 2 options for the 20 acres of woods between the orchard and Whispering Trail: divide it into four parcels and sell them for \$50,000 or offer the entire 20 acres to the association for \$200,000. Ellie and Larry mentioned that the Grand Traverse and Old Mission Conservancies are very interested in the property it may be possible to craft a deal with them to provide Peter the cash he desires and provide Mission Acres Association the protection we desire. H.G. moved and Ray seconded a proposed meeting with Ellie, Ray, Larry, Peter, and Glen Chown of the Old Mission Conservancy to discuss options for the property and report back to the Association.

The Nominating Committee reported on their results. They proposed the following slate: Ellie Smith – President; Joan Kroupa – Vice-President; Larry Ward – Secretary-Treasurer. H.G. moved and Carol seconded a motion to accept the Committee's report. The slate was approved unanimously.

H.G. moved and Taffy seconded that we adjourn at 5:45pm.

Next year's meeting will be on Saturday, July 28, 4pm at Jackie Frensley's new cottage.

Larry Ward
Secretary-Treasurer
Mission Acres Association