

MISSION ACRES ASSOCIATION  
59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Saturday, July 15, 2007  
Revised Minutes

Members and Guest Present:

Peter Ohrnberger (proxy Joe Verdoorn), Ellen Weber (proxy Joe Verdoorn), Larry & Nancy Ward, Tom Andrews, Joe & Helen Verdoorn, Joan Kroupa, Linda Bradrowski, Jacque Frensley (proxy Joe Verdoorn), Larry & Jeannine Thelen, Mike Dunn, Lanny & Mary Ann Leak, Ed Driese (proxy Joe Verdoorn), Debra Styers, Ray & Micki Weigel, Carol Conway (proxy Jack or Jackie Callahan), Susan Huntzicker (proxy Eileen Huntzicker), Hal & Gwen Groves, and Doris Wetters (proxy Jack Callahan).

Lot Owners not represented:

Walter & Karen Sahijdak, Bob & Carley Murdy, Taffy Farrand, and Mike & Marian Straub.

With twenty-three of the twenty-seven lots present in person or by proxy vote it may be a record turn out at approximately eighty-five percent.

Joan made her opening remarks to kick off the meeting about 10:30am and introduced our guest speaker Bill Cole. Bill gave us a quick review of the history of how the Peter Dougherty Society was formed, it's objectives, and it's funding. My shorthand is not good enough for even a brief overview of his remarks. All the details are available at the website:

[www.PeterDoughertySociety.org](http://www.PeterDoughertySociety.org)

It was an excellent presentation, and Bill earned a well deserved round of applause from the membership.

Joan asked for approval of the prior year's minutes. Mary Ann proposed the minutes be approved as written. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joe gave the Treasurer's Report for 2006/2007 fiscal year. We have a deficit in General Roadwork fund of \$121.50 due to the purchase of more than a normal amount of road gravel. Less snow than normal left us with excess in Winter Road Work. Our "frugal" Treasurer managed to hang on to enough of the General Fund for an excess. By applying a number of financial tools, collectively known as the WAG methodology, the following budget for fiscal year 2007/2008 was recommended. Tree Removal Fund, which was capped at approximately \$1,000.00 when it was established, requires no additional funding. Winter Roadwork has been set at approximately \$1,500.00 and will require a little over one thousand dollars from winter residents and winter visitors. General Roadwork may need more gravel again next year based on a wet spring and shrinkage in the two soft areas of the road located along the back of lots three, twenty-five, twenty-six, and twenty-seven. To cover this fiscal year deficit and provide additional funds will require approximately eighteen hundred dollars, which converts to a road assessment of forty dollars per lot. Ray proposed the Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 2006/2007 and the budget recommendation for fiscal year 2007/2008 is approved as

presented. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed. (The bills will be in the mail shortly.)

Ray made a few comments on the activity of the Road Committee in Jacques absence. It looks good, has remained passable during the year, and the Fire Chief is very pleased with the work we did a few years ago to make our subdivision accessible for his equipment. We are the only subdivision in this local area that meets with their requirements. Joan thanked Ray and asked that the committee continue to serve (forever). Ray indicated he and Jim would be willing. As proxy for Jacques I indicated she would be tickled pink to serve.

Mary Ann reported the second “Earth Day” event was a success and that she is already planning the next one. Her video presentation was held over until the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ann added a comment in reference to the annual E-mail she sends to get a list of the people that are interested in having their homes sprayed for BUGS. She will no longer be acting as the middleman for this. You should deal directly with Don Cobb. She passed out some business cards and this may be a good addition for our Handyman page on the Mission Acres website. Mary Ann said she has always been very pleased with his services, which include pest control other than spraying.

Larry discussed the information currently available on the website. Went though the process of signing on and navigation. He encouraged everyone to participate by continuing to send information for the Handyman list and personal information property owners are willing to share with their friends and neighbors. Pictures are particularly helpful. The history of Mission Acres is on the website – regularly updated. Names, addresses, telephone numbers, and E-mail addresses are available – properly protected by a security user name and password. Joan thanked Larry for his accomplishment.

- Website address: <http://www.mission-acres.com>
- Security for the CONTACTS tab User Name: maprivate
- The current password for all users is: mam1945
- Please use lower case as indicated.

#### Old Business:

Joan gave the “final” update on this long-standing issue. Lanny confirmed the Township has no interest in opening the closed book on the policy of “no short term rentals permitted.” The Township will no longer actively pursuit enforcement if I understood what was said. Enforcement would hinge on “complaints.” In short – be certain that any short term use of your property is by folks you believe will be welcomed by this community. Be prepared to be chastised to the full extent of the law if they do not. Don’t ask don’t tell was suggested as a summary.

Mary Ann gave a thorough evaluation of the “Wet Lands” committee examination of the problem outlined in last years meeting by Jack Callahan. The report included a Goggle Earth map and a picture path of the water flow.

A diagram of the area in question is attached. I am hopeful that their presentation finds it's way to the Mission-Acres website because I'm going to plead shorthand skills, lack thereof, again. A note of interest to those that reside in proximity to the wet lands. Peter Nyblad has both the equipment and the license to spray in that area if the property owners foot the bill for the chemicals. He mentioned this to me in passing a couple of years ago in a "good neighbor" reply to a comment I made on mosquitoes.

#### New Business:

Concerns about the Dumpster on Swaney Road. Valerie was not present to voice her concerns, but several other people were all too happy to outline the problem of several occasions where trash overflowed and the site was a disgrace. Joan indicated that Jim was well aware of the problem and had attempted to remedy the situation of unauthorized use by installing a locking Dumpster with keys handed out only to people paying to use the Dumpster. He did not anticipate that users would overload the Dumpster. Joan asked that people do several things to help with the problem. Pay the annual fees on a timely basis so Jim can write a check for the annual contract. Save their trash for the Dumpster to be emptied if it is full – it's emptied every Tuesday morning. Break down cardboard boxes, and save "clean your garage trash" for Sunday or Monday to allow room for the "normal" volume of trash during the week. Let's hope a friendly reminder not to litter is all that's required. Mary Ann wanted to know why Dumpster charges were not included in the Association Bills. Joan indicated people other than Mission Acres used the Dumpster and that might not work well, but she would mention it to Jim.

Joe indicated we need to formally approve funds for a website we have tested this year. Larry said the only charge so far was a \$15.00 annual fee for the site name. He is using the server space for his E-mail account, which is not a good long-term plan, but serves us well while we are in the development stage. Ray proposed we fund the current charges and consider additional funding when required. Tom seconded to motion. Motion passed.

Joan had already examined the ash container she had thought to propose and found it was just another eye sore and imposition on Pete Nyblad's "good neighbor" policy. She suggested each lot owner with a wood stove or fireplaces provide their own ash container. There was some discussions of the time live ashes need to be left in a metal container to assure they were extinguished. Three and five days seem to be most popular so lets error on the side of caution. Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, save them five days, and dump them where you have permission or on your own ash pile. (Those little ash cans are available at Ace Hardware.)

First line of defense for a fire in the subdivision. Ray, Jim, and Linda will make a proposal at our next annual meeting.

Acquisition of a Defibrillator and CPR training. A committee of Ray, Lanny, and Tom will make their recommendation at a special meeting to be announced when their report is complete. Most likely conducted by E-mail or posted on the website.

*(This section as originally submitted is deleted and replaced as explained in the minutes of the special meeting held September 2, 2007.)*

Joan asked if anyone would like to volunteer to host the next annual meeting scheduled for July 19, 2008 at 10:00am. Mary Ann volunteered the Leak residence. She told everyone to plan on brunch being served before the meeting started.

The meeting broke up with no official motion to adjourn at a little after noon and most people went inside to see the video Mary Ann had of the Earth Day event.

Joan thanked Ray and Micki for hosting the meeting. The brunch was very good.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joe Verdoorn*

Joe Verdoorn, Secretary/Treasurer