

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2015
7:30 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

Board Members: Sharon Low (Chair), Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider, Sandy Snider
Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren
NEST: John O'Malley
NCC: No representative

1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2016

Moved by Sandy Snider, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT the regular meeting minutes of May 26, 2015, as circulated, be accepted.

CARRIED

It was noted that since there is no meeting in July, the regular cheques for that month have been prepared, post-dated and will be distributed to the recipients.

4. Financial Report – May 2015

Moved by Sheree O'Malley, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$541.50 for administration, \$2,019.50 for recreation services and \$3,895.08 for fire protection services for a total of \$6,456.08 for the month of May 2015 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for May 2015, as per the financial statement as compared to budget, have been reviewed and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

5. Updates

5.1 NCC – No representative present to provide an update.

5.2 NEST

John O'Malley noted that NEST had been busy with fire and first response calls, and a motor vehicle accident. Training is continuing. Always need new members; take in one or two, but lose one or two. It was suggested that NEST consider a one-page flyer on coloured paper to recruit members.

6. Correspondence – No correspondence.

7. Old Business

7.1 Alteration of LSB Boundary - Exclusion of Pete's Lake Properties

John O'Malley noted that NEST took a look at the subject properties in the area and there is road access to all of them, except for Mr. Scott's. Karen noted that nothing has been heard back from the property owners to the letter that was sent to them back in February.

Karen recapped the events of the Pete's Lake Area, specifically with respect to Mr. Scott's property. Since Mr. Scott's property was on the exclusion list from the beginning, and the other three properties were not, it was the consensus of the board to continue the process to exclude Mr. Scott's property from the assessment roll.

In addition to the public information session that was held in January 2015, a second one will be held on August 25, 2015, with the public voting meeting to be held on September 22, 2015. Karen undertook to provide the required notice for these meetings and compile the information required for the Ministry.

7.2 Alteration of LSB Boundary - Addition of Lismore Township

Sharon noted that she sent an email to Linda Braun at the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines requesting a progress report on this issue. Linda provided that she has finished her portion of the file, and that it is now working its way up through the approval process.

Sharon undertook to contact the Sunset Lake representative, Stuart Bagnall, to provide him with a status update.

7.3 Educating the Community about the LSB

Without objection, this item was deferred to the next meeting since Debra was not in attendance to be included in the picture of the board to be posted on the LSB webpage, or for her to provide the draft flyer she was working on.

7.4 LSB Training with MNDM

Since there is a lack of a venue to liaise with other LSBs, and there is no interest from other boards, except Lappe, it was the consensus to no longer pursue this item.

7.5 Rural Ontario Institute – Focus Group Invitation

It was noted that this event to be held at the end of June was cancelled by the organizers due to a lack of registrants, but that they may reconsider holding it again in the future. Sharon noted that she had let the organizers know of her disappointment with this.

7.6 Thunder Bay Public Library – Offer of Library Services

An email from the Thunder Bay Public Library was read by Sharon, and provided clarification that for the board to opt into library services from Thunder Bay would cost just under \$5,000 per year, based on a \$7.50 levy per property.

An email from Linda Braun read by Sharon provided that if the LSB was to consider contracting with Thunder Bay for library services, that the board requires the power of library services under the Northern Services Board Act, and that this would require a public process to request this power in order to make the change to the regulation.

It was the consensus of the board that it does not wish to undertake the power of library services because it cannot justify the cost for the small percentage of the community that may utilize the service.

8. New Business – There was no new business.

It was the consensus of the members, that until NCC provides a financial statement for the month of May, the cheques for June and July will be held.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

There is no meeting in July. The next regular meeting is August 25, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Moved by Sheree O'Malley, seconded by Sandy Snider,

The time being 8:00 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Chair _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____