



**Potawatomi Property Owners Association (PPOA)
Board Meeting
Saturday, May 30, 2009**

Board Members Present: Leonard Benser, Jeff Brittan, Jim Hardy, Dianne Hess, Dawn Pittman, Greg Roman and Vern Wilcox
Visitor – PPOA resident – Terry Shane

President Hardy called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Guest Speakers:

Marty Kasinskas, Wildland Urban Interface Forester with the Wisconsin DNR presented a video: *Firewise Home Ignition Zone*. Mr. Kasinskas is in charge of a new pilot program to help make homeowners more aware of how to protect their structures from fire. He suggests forming a committee within our association, having informational meetings, and he has an “adjective sign” for our area that can be placed at the entrance to Potawatomi Estates. Someone would need to be in charge of changing the sign as needed. Potawatomi could apply for a grant to help with cost associated with this program. Mr. Kasinskas suggested using grant money to hold an annual “wood chipping” day.

Some ideas he suggested that could help reduce the “fuel” that could ignite structures include:

- Cleaning up twigs, needles and other combustibles close to structures
- Clearing trees from around your homes
- Changing to a less combustible roof material

He handed out informational packets and Fire Prone Property Inspection sheets to the Board members. The Board has asked Mr. Kasinskas to speak at the annual meeting in August.

President Hardy, Vern and Leonard have agreed to meet with Mr. Kasinskas to start a committee.

We can save our homes – it is up to us!

The next speaker was Pat Vanderhoof, Landing Monitor with the Wisconsin DNR. Mr. Vanderhoof expressed the importance of monitoring the landings in our area. Volunteer monitors are needed – he distributed Watercraft Inspection Reports sheets. These can be filled out and mailed to the Town of Barnes or dropped off at the office there. This data will then be entered on the DNR website and we get credit for the monitoring. Mr. Vanderhoof will drop off some identification shirts, caps, and stickers for volunteers to use when performing boat inspections. Mr. Vanderhoof will ask Pam from the DNR to train President Hardy on the use of a water testing kit and she will be asked to perform a test for Eurasian Water Milfoil on Island Lake. ANYONE can volunteer to monitor – contact Jim Hardy at 795-3202 for inspection sheets and clothing if you are interested in helping preserve our lakes!

Minutes from the April 25th meeting were read. Vern made and Leonard seconded a motion to accept the minutes.

Financial Report:

- Dawn distributed the budget report through April.
- Expenses to-date - \$24,552
- Checking account total - \$19,545
- Savings account total - \$10,315
- End-of-budget year - July 31st
- Dianne made and Vern seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Caretakers Report:

- A nice paddleboat has been donated by Georgia Granfors.
- Dawn has replaced old curtains with new in cabins #3, 4, 5, & 6.
- A thank you to Barb Wilcox for painting the horse swings on the playground.
- Jeff is still working on completing the painting of the campground shower building.
- Jeff has replaced ceiling tiles and repaired screens in the Caretakers cabin.
- New screens have been made for cabins #3 and #4. Good work Jeff!
- Jeff inquired about a red canoe on the shore of Island Lake; does anyone know who it belongs to?
- Muskrats have been digging in the shoreline of Island Lake. A PPOA resident may trap and remove the animals free of charge.
- Jeff has added 2 loads of gravel to the campground entrance road.
- Jeff and Vern will inspect some of the pedestal electric posts at the campground. These posts may need to be replaced or eliminated.
- Vern made and Dawn seconded a motion to accept the caretaker's report.

Old Business:

• **Frisbee Golf**

Greg will make cedar boards and Jim will put numbers on them to form a 9-hole course to be located on the Island. Jim will donate some Frisbees for the course.

• **Drumbeat**

Barb Wilcox has volunteered to publish the Drumbeat. Dawn will help with the first issue. Barb hopes to have the publication out 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting in August. Vern asked for permission to solicit donations for advertising to help with the costs of printing and mailing. To-date several people have agreed to pay \$150 for advertising in the Drumbeat. Dianne made and Jim seconded a motion to allow Vern to solicit for advertising. Thanks for your work on this Vern!

• **Land Sale**

Jim, Vern, Greg and Dawn met with attorney Mike Hines in Ashland. He will draw up a contract for the land sale, terms, minimum amounts and help compose a letter to be sent to all the PPOA members. There will be a mass mailing made to all PPOA members with a deadline for bids. The bids will be opened at the annual meeting in August. If no bids are received, the lots will be listed with realtors to sell. The lots were appraised at \$60,000 each.

• **Complaints**

-Reports of a cannon being fired in Potawatomi. This issue will be discussed with Marty Kasinkas; it may be a fire danger.

-PPOA resident Terry Shane inquired about county ordinances for trailers. He has removed his trailer due to complaints.

-Vern shared a copy of Bloomington City Codes regarding home businesses.

Barnes Blog

Dianne asked for Board input on articles to be included in the monthly *Barnes Blog*.

Vern made and Jeff seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, June 27, 2009.



A reminder about Neighborhood Night-Out – June 27th at the Campground

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Hess