

BEAR PAW PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2017

**Directors Present: Andrea Folkertsma, Ron Taylor, Tricia Swiger, Pat Roberts, Al Snaider,
Greg Brock**

Directors Absent: Mark Ackerman

The meeting was called to order by Andrea Folkertsma, President.

Tricia Swiger presented the financial report of the BPPOA, which reflected a balance of \$2,858.93 as of 2/28/17. A copy of the full report is attached and, for the record, is made a part of these Minutes. She advised that a complete budget for the CAC/BPPOA would be presented for approval at the May meeting.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC):

Ms. Swiger reported that the CAC, which was authorized by the BPPOA Board last year, had sponsored a number of very successful activities since May 2016. She further announced that in order to be as inclusive as possible, the CAC committee has been expanded by including representatives from the Bear Paw Cottage Owners Association (Dotty Hayes) and the Lakefront Property Owners Association (Sandra Thrift). The Condo Property Owners Association has also been asked to appoint a representative. She emphasized the importance of continuing fund-raising efforts and challenged the BPPOA Board members to make individual donations to the BPPOA.

Maraya Magness, Chairperson of Special Events, announced the CAC's proposed plans for the upcoming year and made a request for funding approval in the amount of \$2500. A copy of this request is attached and, for the record, is made a part of these Minutes. Ms. Magness reported that there are at least two new events this year; a family Arts and Craft Day and a Movie Night. A one-time event to coincide with the lunar Eclipse in August is also being planned.

ANDREA FOLKERTSMA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$2500 REQUEST – SECONDED BY AL SNAIDER. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS:

Ms. Folkertsma announced that after their initial report, the By-Laws Committee she appointed last year (David Dempsey, Steve Jones and Mark Ackerman) had incorporated BPPOA Board recommended changes before e-mailing their final recommendations for By-Laws Amendments to the Board for their consideration. A copy of their final recommendations incorporating the BPPOA Board recommendations is attached, and for the record, is made a part of these Minutes. She began the discussion by explaining that there were a number of recommended

Amendments that were being called “no brainers” and a couple of suggested Amendments that still needed input from the community. She explained that these two Amendments have to do with significant inconsistencies between the BPPOA Articles of Incorporation and the BPPOA By-Laws.

In the middle of her presentation, a question was asked about the feasibility of pursuing any By-Laws Amendments at all since it was believed by some that it would be nearly impossible to achieve the “75% approval” required. This was based on the understanding by a number of people at the meeting that the requirement for approval was that 75% of LOT OWNERS had to approve any By-Laws Amendments. After Article IX of the By-Laws was read aloud in the meeting, there were some in the audience who thought the correct interpretation was that 75% of the lot owners VOTING on the Amendments had to approve for an Amendment to be adopted.

After much heated debate on this and other topics, Ms. Folkertsma attempted to end the chaos and confusion by making a motion that:

- * She would obtain clarification from a lawyer about the “75%” question and any other areas of concern.**
- * That, depending on the outcome, the Board could send out a ballot, which only included the By-Laws Amendment having to do with allowing e-mail**

communication/notification. (This would be mailed with the Bear Paw Service District (BPSD) mailing being done to update records)

*** That, at some point, the remaining By-Laws Amendment recommendations could be sent out by e-mail.**

NOTE: There was never a second or a vote on this motion.

There continued to be intense discussion among the Board and the audience, even including a lengthy airing of concerns about past actions of the BPSD.

Finally, a decision was made by the Board to set another BPPOA Board Meeting for April 8 at 9:00 to allow further clarification, review and discussion of the proposed By-Laws Amendments prior to any action being taken by the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Humphlett for
Al Snaider, Secretary of the BPPOA**