

Minutes of Prairie Lakes Home Owners Association  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
2005 Research Lane

- Meeting called to order by president Cheryl Crowther
- Attendees: Cheryl Crowther, Patrick Mesa, Mark French, Rebecca Adams, Helen Matthews, Becky Plummer, and Cathy Harman
- Mark provided an update relative to the condition of the pond. He stated that because the pond is currently at its lowest, now would be an opportune time to dredge the pond. Mark recommended the committee approve the hiring of an excavator and two dump trucks for eight hours at a cost of \$420/hour (\$3,360), with one-half (\$1,680) of the cost paid up front. He further suggested that if the committee is pleased with the results, the dredging be continued for another 8 hours. Mark recommended initially focusing on the upper (west) end and the two south-side coves, followed by concentrating efforts near the bridge, all at a depth of four feet.
- Cheryl suggested an email be sent to home owners affected, noting that the large equipment used during the dredging process could potentially damage their lawns. The committee agreed that the PLHOA would be willing to reseed any damaged lawns in the Fall.
- Cheryl made a motion to approve the dredging process for one 8 hour day, with potential to continue for a second 8 hour day. Patrick seconded the motion, agreeing it best to concentrate on the upper end, which would allow for a comparison with respect to algae containment. Motion carried.
- It was noted that as a project, a nearby Boy Scout troop is willing to assist in cleaning up the pond area. It was suggested the troop be notified that other than while the dredging process is underway, they are welcome to assist at a time that best suits their schedule.
- Mark then asked for committee input relative to the continuation of the 'bio-balls'. Patrick stated the bio-balls do help in controlling algae; he noted the difference could be seen in the aerial views taken of the pond. Mark made a motion to continue the use of the bio-balls for three months (April-June), at a cost of \$1,000/month. Patrick seconded the motion and suggested an inquiry be made to see if the bio-balls could be purchased in bulk, potentially lessening the cost. Motion carried.
- Rebecca then presented a review of the budget, making note that insurance and lawn care are the two biggest expenses. She stated PLHOA's current balance is \$86,293.05, and further pointed out an outstanding accounts receivable balance of \$6,040.00. Rebecca made note that dues are due in June, with final notices sent in November of each year.
- Discussion followed with respect to collecting delinquent dues, currently totaling \$11,563.37. Helen suggested the delinquent list be posted on the PLHOA website; Rebecca will consult with a lawyer regarding the matter. Rebecca stated she will send a letter to all home owners noted on the delinquent list, encouraging each to submit any back payment due.

- It was suggested the committee contact the KSU landscape architect students who worked with the committee last year on general long-term plan improvements to see what further ideas they may provide relative to controlling runoff into the pond. Mark stated he would be glad to contact the students.
- Mark also made note that he plans to start mowing the area surrounding the pond in April, at accost of \$1,000/month.
- Moved and seconded to adjourn meeting
- Cheryl Crowther adjourned meeting.