

**ARROWHEAD LAKE ASSOCIATION  
FOREST AND PROPERTY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Meeting:** February 6, 2009  
9:30 A.M.  
ALA Conference Room

**Members Present:** Jack Cooperman—Chair, John Henderson, Tom Olhasso,  
Lori Pearson, Fred Read, Harry Sherman, Ken Stowe, Stan Tomlinson

**Excused Members:** Greg Naylor

**Others Present:** Jeff Altmeyer

**Resource Persons:** John Rutledge, Christina Ellsworth

Chair Jack Cooperman called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

**1. Approval of October 3, 2008 Minutes**

**Corrections:**

Page 2, paragraph 3, item "S376 Tree," change "drenching" to "trenching" and "when they are doing connections" to "when they are doing any connections."

Page 2, item "Village Cove Parking," add "as a courtesy" to the end of the paragraph.

Page 3, item "Landscaping on Mr. Ashby's," add "and was unpermitted" at the end of the paragraph.

Page 4, Old Business, paragraph 1 of "Mr. Choura's Tree Trimming," add "some" after "given him permission to do."

**Motion:** Harry Sherman (2<sup>nd</sup>) minutes approved as corrected. Vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**2. Managers' Reports:**

**General Manager - John Rutledge:**

Property Manager, Laura Dyberg was excused from the meeting. Mr. Rutledge reported that no sand is present on the beach at Village Cove. The issue is closed.

**Artificial turf**

Mr. Rutledge stated that the Forest and Property Planning and the Lake Operations and Maintenance Committees had previously expressed opposing views on the subject of artificial turf. He recommended this Committee take this subject to the Board with a recommendation or request for an affirmation of which direction we are going to go.

The Committee members do not want artificial turf on ALA property but recognize that the Association may need to move in that direction in the future. Mr. Rutledge mentioned that the Moreland Agreement could be interpreted that artificial turf would be permitted on the shoreline of Parcel 4. If artificial turf was allowed, strict guidelines and specifications would be required.

Jack Cooperman recommended continued investigation of artificial turf. Mr. Cooperman also requested that staff compile any ideas and opinions in a report to be given to the Committee members two weeks before the next Forest and Property Planning meeting. Tom Olhasso, as Chair of the Lake Operations and Maintenance Committee, transferred this topic to the Forest and Property Planning Committee.

The Committee members were invited to attend a presentation by a high-end artificial turf representative on February 27, 2009 at the ALA office.

### **Access 58**

Mr. Rutledge reported on the situation with the chain link fence encroaching on the ALA easement at Access 58. The Home Owner's Association in that area agreed to resolve the issue under their CC&R's. After some research, the HOA found that the fence was built so long ago that they will not pursue it. Also, the current homeowner purchased the property with the fence in its current location.

Mr. Rutledge and Laura Dyberg recommended the Committee drop the encroachment issue, remove the wooden handrails and the bench remnants from the north side of the stair. The wooden handrail is currently a splinter issue and needs replacing. They recommended installing a metal handrail on the portion of the stairs needing one and installing benches on the two landings on the opposite side from the fence in question and allow the fence to serve as the barrier on the north side. A letter would be sent to Mr. Bunker and the MSPOA of ALA's actions and insist that the fence be maintained to ALA standards including weed abatement. Anything less would be subject to our remediation and billing of such to the property owner. ALA would ask that notice be disclosed to future purchasers of the property that the fence is an encroachment.

Jack Cooperman asked about the cost of moving the fence before a final decision could be made.

### **Access 60**

Mr. Rutledge reported on the gravel path at the bottom of Access 60. Under the direction of this Committee a letter was sent to the owner that the pebbles be removed or ALA will remove them by October 17, 2008. ALA was then contacted by the owner's attorney by letter. It was asked that removal be postponed until the homeowner could present the merits of the path to the newly elected Board of Directors.

The path was in its current condition when the homeowner purchased the property. Stan Tomlinson advised that because it is on an easement, it may be necessary for our legal counsel to review the documents that created the easement to know what ALA's rights and obligations are. Mr. Rutledge will draft a letter notifying the owner of ALA's concern about the liability issue. The response will be brought to the next Committee meeting. Jack Cooperman stated that any legal position should be taken only by the Executive Board and not by a Committee.

Mr. Rutledge reported on the Parrish issues regarding ALA trees. The trees seem to be prospering just fine with the bowl around the trees as opposed to a retaining wall. All the sand has been raked back from the trees beyond the drip line.

Mr. Rutledge reported that staff would like to proceed on the sign for the Demonstration Garden as previously designed. The sign will be set on steel posts in a stone base facade.

Stan Tomlinson was excused at 11:12 am.

Mr. Rutledge asked for confirmation of the direction of trail marker numbers. The Committee discussed trail marker numbers starting at the marina as number one and increasing around the lake clockwise.

**Motion:** Ken Stowe (2<sup>nd</sup>) moved to have numbers increase clockwise from the marina. Vote, all ayes – 2 abstentions, motion carried.

Electrical work at S291 was stopped by the homeowner's son. Harry Sherman and Jack Cooperman agreed that ALA staff could remove the wiring. Tom Olhasso suggested withholding rights from the homeowner until the work was done. Staff will move forward at the necessary pace.

Mr. Rutledge reported that the Forest Care work is largely completed at Grass Valley Lake and along Willow Creek, being careful of the trees ALA planted. Work on the island is complete. Work on the shoreline slope is waiting until after the snow and ice melt.

Jack Cooperman asked that a meeting be set up with the designer about the Village Cove parking and layout. John Rutledge will contact Scott Petersen and arrange that.

Lori Pearson reported that a homeowner near the Shaver property planted junipers between the path and the shoreline. Staff will take care of the situation.

Jack Cooperman asked that Committee members with small issues they have observed take them straight to John Rutledge or Laura Dyberg to be addressed immediately.

### **3. Status of the Demonstration Garden**

Lori Pearson requested that 2-3 boulders be moved to the area inside the gate. She will landscape around them and that area will be finished. She will contact Roger Riley to have them moved. More signs will be needed for the garden. John Rutledge asked that she pass the sign ordering information on to the staff.

Mr. Rutledge recommended an annual appropriation be set for the garden. He said \$5,000.00 would not be inappropriate.

Jack Cooperman suggested erecting a flag pole at Tavern Bay Beach Club. The hardscape around the pole would be a "priority three" on the budget. It was discussed that staff could hang the flag during the seasons that the Beach Club is open and has staff readily available.

### **4. Trails and Access Report**

John Rutledge updated the Committee on the Conovitz issue which is now at the Board level.

Tom Olhasso requested that paths be cleared through snow berms on the highway in a few locations where the path to the shoreline is clear but the berm has not melted. John Rutledge advised that the cost to maintain this type of work would be very high and, once started, the members would expect the clearing in all weather conditions. Jack Cooperman suggested that if the easement is usable, it should be up to staff discretion to clear a path through a snow berm.

Tom Olhasso recommended trails improvements for the 2009/10 budget. The list was given to John Rutledge to research costs. Jack Cooperman suggested prioritizing the list.

## **5. Correspondence**

Correspondence was discussed in previous reports.

## **6. Old Business**

This item was discussed in previous sections.

## **7. New Business**

Improvements at Tavern Bay Beach Club and Peninsula Park were discussed including tables, shade structures and expanding playground equipment. Jack Cooperman asked if LACSD would be covering the well head at Grass Valley Park before the 2009 season opens. John Rutledge will ask them to cover it. The removal of the bridge at Grass Valley Park was discussed. Jack Cooperman recommended moving the picnic tables to a more accessible location.

Jack Cooperman discussed the previous procedure for treating trees. He recommended that the budget be reduced to \$20,000.00, an inspection program be put in place and that trees only receive treatment when they are actively hit. Jeff Altmeyer advised that an aerial assessment be done and the trees near "hot spots" of infestation be treated in order to be prepared rather than wait until it is seen in the trees. John Rutledge will talk to Ron Judd of Earth Scapes Corp. and Laura Dyberg will talk to Forest Service about the infestation in Willow Creek.

The next meeting is March 6, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Minutes prepared by Christina Ellsworth.  
Minutes reviewed by Jack Cooperman.