



WILD ACRES World

WILD ACRES LAKES PROPERTY AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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May/June 2024

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

**Saturday, May 25, 2024
11:00 AM in Memorial Park**



Residents: \$3 each (refunded when you attend the event. If you do not attend, the deposit will *not* be refunded)

Guests: \$5 each (non-refundable)

Price includes hamburger *or* hotdog, salad, chips, soda and dessert.

There will be music and games.

SIGN UP: You must sign up and pay by May 20 at the Administration Office.

Registered service animals only.

ANNUAL ELECTION

**Saturday, June 8, 2024
11:00 am**

Delaware Township Building

**116 Wilson Hill Road,
Dingmans Ferry PA 18328**

[Doors open at 10:00 am]

2024/2025 Amenity Badges required to VOTE

In accordance with our by-laws, notice is hereby given. The WALPOA Annual Membership Meeting will take place at 11:00am at the Delaware Township Building on June 8, 2024. At this meeting, the membership shall conduct the election of the Board of Directors and other important business, including but not limited to bylaw changes.

This year we had only **one** open board seat and received only **one** resume, which constitutes an uncontested election.

We also have no proposed bylaw changes. ***We will NOT be sending out ballots for this Annual Meeting.***

Per the bylaws Section 2.8 Annual Election: “(a) An Election held pursuant to the election procedure set forth in this section 2.8 shall not be required when it is an uncontested election, meaning there are the same number of, or less candidates than the total number of vacancies that exist. In such an uncontested election, there is no need for a formal vote by ballot and the election will be decided by acclamation.”



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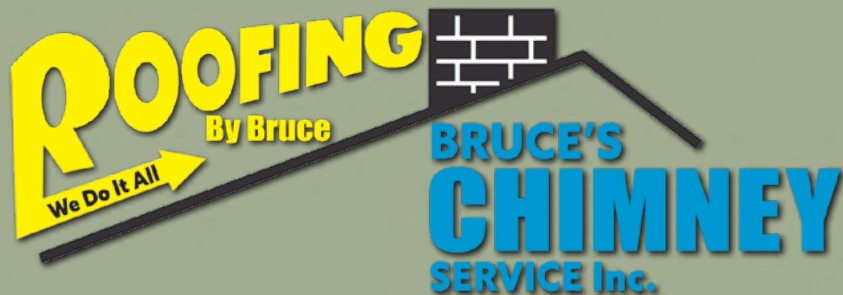
Congratulations William Fells

Bill was appointed to the Board of Directors on February 17, 2024 and currently serves as our Treasurer and chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Bill will officially take the seat as an elected board member at the June board meeting and serve for the next three years. Thank you, Bill; and thank you to all of our other current board members for their continued dedication to our beautiful community!

2024 Board Meetings

Unfortunately, we were unable to secure the Delaware Township Building for all of our upcoming meetings, so we will announce time or location changes in the next issue of Wild Acres World.

- February 17, 2024 - 10:00am, Dingmans Ferry UM Church, 115 Myck Rd.
- March 16, 2024 - 10:00am, Delaware Township Bld., 116 Wilson Hill
- April 20, 2024 - 10:00am, Bus Stop Parking Lot
- May 18, 2024 - 10:00am, Delaware Township Bld., 116 Wilson Hill
- June 8, 2024 - Annual Meeting/Election, 11:00am (doors open 10:00am) Delaware Township Bld., 116 Wilson Hill
- June 22, 2024 - Reorganizational Meeting, 10:00am, Delaware Township Bld., 116 Wilson Hill
- July 20, 2024 - 10:00am, Delaware Township Bld., 116 Wilson Hill
- August 17, 2024 - 10:00am, Delaware Township Bld., 116 Wilson Hill
- September 21, 2024 - *Time/location TBA*
- October 5, 2024 - Membership Meeting/Capital, *Time/location TBA*
- October 19, 2024 - 10:00am, Delaware Township Bld., 116 Wilson Hill
- November 16, 2024 - 10:00am, Delaware Township Bld., 116 Wilson Hill
- December 21, 2024 - 10:00am, Delaware Township Bld., 116 Wilson Hill



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Upcoming Recreation Events

Dates and times are subject to change

- **April 20** – Earth Day Crafts, 12:00pm @ Fawn Lake
- **May 25** – Pools open for preseason (see website for details)
- **May 25** – Memorial Day Picnic, 11:00am @ Memorial Park
- **June 8** – Pools open for full schedule (see website for details)
- **June 10** – Aquasize begins, 9:00am to 10:00am @ Pool 1 [Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat]
- **June 22 & 23** – Community Yard Sale (rain date June 29 & 30)
- **July 6** – Field Day [Carnival], 12:00pm
- **July 17** – Adult Potluck Dinner, swimming and karaoke 5:00pm @ Pool 1
- **August 3** – Latin Night, 5:00pm @ Pool 2
- **August 10 & 11** – Community Yard Sale
- **August 16** – Karaoke Night, 7:00pm
- **August 31** – End of the Year Pool Party / 5:00pm @ Pool 2
- **Ice Cream Socials** every Wednesday @ Pool 2 / 12pm to 2pm
- **Bingo** - June 14, June 23, July 12, July 24 @ Pool 2 / 6:00pm

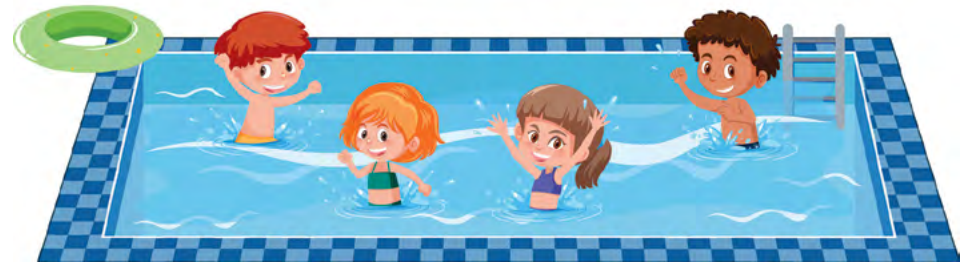
Pool Schedule:

Pool 1: 10:00am to 6:00pm / CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS

Pool 2: 11:00am to 8:00pm

Pool hours may change if an event is planned

There will be games and crafts throughout the summer. For the most up-to-date schedule, see www.wildacreslakes.org. To sign up for events, email recreation@wildacreslakes.org or call (570) 828-7511.



Pool Season is Here!

**Pool 2 will be opening Memorial Day Weekend
May 25, 26 & 27
10:00am to 8:00pm**

Mother's Day Around the World

While versions of Mother's Day are celebrated worldwide, traditions vary depending on the country. In Thailand, for example, Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit.

Another alternate observance of Mother's Day can be found in Ethiopia, where families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring motherhood.

In the United States, Mother's Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores.

At times, Mother's Day has also been a date for launching political or feminist causes. In 1968 Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King Jr., used Mother's Day to host a march in support of underprivileged women and children. In the 1970s women's groups also used the holiday as a time to highlight the need for equal rights and access to childcare.

Community Corner

Happy Birthday!

MAY 4	Troy Stoughton	JUNE 11	Michele Di Pillo
MAY 5	Argy Bonzo	JUNE 12	Melanie Cimiluca
MAY 7	David Miller	JUNE 15	Lucas Pauley
MAY 8	Robert Defour	JUNE 17	Allyson Dorner
MAY 8	Lincoln Miller	JUNE 20	Taylor Miller
MAY 13	Joyce Snadecky	JUNE 20	Katie Sladicka
MAY 15	Ashley Luna	JUNE 20	Linn Luna
MAY 16	Jimmy Marsilia	JUNE 21	Vincent Evers
MAY 16	Dot Sladicka	JUNE 23	Fernando Suarez
MAY 17	Ann Sarchapone	JUNE 26	Cindy Luna
MAY 22	Devin Cielinski		
MAY 22	Jacqueline Giannini	Happy Anniversary	
MAY 23	Chelsea Opalka	MAY 5	Rich & Kelly Rivera
MAY 24	Leo Silverstein	MAY 16	John & Dot Sladicka
MAY 30	Tina Myers	MAY 24	Joe & Bernice Jala (54th)
JUNE 1	Jeanna Mascia	JUNE 5	Joe Jr. & Cindy Luna
JUNE 4	Jeff Dorner	JUNE 12	Jackie & David Giannini
JUNE 6	Taylor Tracy		
JUNE 6	Mike Carr		

Send your birthday and anniversary dates to admin@wildacreslakes.org

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Wild Acres POA Balance Sheet as of 1/31/2024

ASSETS

DIME BANK CAPITAL ACCT.....	839,806.19
DIME CDARS - Dam Assessments	1,091,558.32
DIME BANK S. POND DAM CD	30,000.00
DIME BANK NTH LK DAM CD	50,014.39
DIME CAPITAL CDARS.....	550,684.00
DIME BANK DAM ASSESSMENT	78,569.43
Wells Fargo Bank Operating.....	18,059.20
DIME BANK DEAP ACCOUNT	3,755.32
Wells Fargo Escrow Acct	88,382.45
Nbt Bank Operating.....	39,693.85
NBT Dam Assessment	700,000.00
Dime Bank Payroll Account.....	18,286.81
Dime Bank Builders Account.....	4,607.64
Dime Bank Operating Account	57,837.70
NBT EMERGENCY STORM FUND ACCT.....	53,080.00
DIME BANK ICS SWEEP.....	82,298.09
Dime Bank Operating Cdars #1.....	551,372.97
Dime Bank Cdars-Bldrs Acct	16,000.00
Total Cash.....	4,274,006.36
Petty Cash Front Desk.....	500.00
Accounts Receivable	3,102,337.10
Reserve For Uncollectable.....	(3,102,337.10)
TOTAL ASSETS	4,274,506.36

LIABILITIES & CAPITAL

Liabilities

DUE TO/FROM OPERATING	(16,190.31)
Accrued Expenses.....	9,068.96
Escrow Rental Deposits.....	88,216.26
Prepaid Owner Assessments	35,255.05
Capital Transfer Fees	4,500.00
Dam Assessments.....	10,637.49
Total Liabilities	131,487.45

Capital

RETAINED EARNINGS.....	3,285,287.46
Surplus Transfer	(298,276.00)
SURPLUS TRANSFER	298,276.00
Calculated Retained Earnings	404,850.15
Calculated Prior Years Retained Earnings.....	452,881.30
Total Capital	4,143,018.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL.....	4,274,506.36

Wild Acres POA Balance Sheet as of 2/29/2024

ASSETS

DIME BANK CAPITAL ACCT.....	19,013.34
DIME BANK S. POND DAM CD	30,000.00
DIME BANK NTH LK DAM CD	50,014.39
DIME BANK DAM ASSESSMENT	29,875.72
Wells Fargo Bank Operating.....	18,059.35
DIME BANK DEAP ACCOUNT	3,756.36
Wells Fargo Escrow Acct	88,882.45
Nbt Bank Operating.....	39,695.43
NBT SWEEP- DAM ASSESS.....	700,258.89
CITIZENS DAM ASSESSMENT	1,140,000.00
CITIZENS CAPITAL ACCOUNT	1,300,000.00
Dime Bank Payroll Account.....	17,412.03
Dime Bank Builders Account.....	4,607.64
Dime Bank Operating Account	52,079.91
NBT EMERGENCY STORM FUND ACCT.....	53,080.00
DIME BANK ICS SWEEP.....	591,753.53
Dime Bank Cdars-Bldrs Acct	16,000.00
Total Cash.....	4,154,489.04
Petty Cash Front Desk.....	500.00
Accounts Receivable	3,102,337.10
Reserve For Uncollectable.....	(3,102,337.10)
TOTAL ASSETS	4,154,989.04

LIABILITIES & CAPITAL

Liabilities

DUE TO/FROM OPERATING	(16,190.31)
Accrued Expenses.....	9,068.96
Escrow Rental Deposits.....	88,716.26
Prepaid Owner Assessments	44,646.61
Capital Transfer Fees	8,153.00
Dam Assessments.....	12,885.62
Total Liabilities	147,280.14

Capital

RETAINED EARNINGS.....	3,285,287.46
Surplus Transfer	(298,276.00)
SURPLUS TRANSFER	298,276.00
Calculated Retained Earnings	269,540.14
Calculated Prior Years Retained Earnings.....	452,881.30
Total Capital	4,007,708.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL.....	4,154,989.04



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Bears Are Out of Hibernation: Protect Your Property

It's spring and bears are emerging from hibernation, hungry and in search of food. Your trash can lure these creatures, leading to potentially dangerous encounters. Take the proper steps to deter bears and protect your property.

As a reminder, it is crucial to secure your trash by using bear-resistant trash enclosures. Avoid placing trash outside until the morning of pickup.

Remove other attractions, such as bird feeders, pet food, and compost piles that can also attract bears.

Clean your trash can regularly with a solution of bleach and water to remove odors that may attract bears. Bears have an excellent sense of smell to compensate for their terrible eyesight, and the less "food" smells, the better.

Use noise and light. Bears are often deterred by loud noises and bright lights. Consider installing motion-activated lights outside or using a bear bell on your trash can. Invest in a bear horn, and when you see the bear, blow the horn.

As a reminder, if a bear does get into your garbage, it's essential to clean up the mess promptly. Even if the trash is dragged into the woods, you are responsible for the clean up.

Did You Receive Your Dues Invoice?



Dues invoices were mailed in mid-February. If you did not receive yours, contact the administration office as soon as possible.

REMINDER:
Your dues payment must be received by **MAY 31, 2024** to avoid monthly interest charges.

Planning to Rent Your Home?

(On your own or through a Realtor)



If so, please stop by the Administration Office to fill out the proper forms. This information not only assists us in identifying non-property owners on your property, it also protects you against unlawful use of or entry to your home in your absence. These forms help save us, you and your renters unnecessary embarrassment, frustration and the conducting of unlawful acts within our community.

MORE HARM THAN GOOD

While feeding deer may enhance wildlife viewing, decades of research has clearly shown that supplemental feeding leads to increased disease risk, long-term habitat destruction, increased vehicle collisions, habituation to humans and alteration of other deer behavioral patterns and, ultimately, the demise of the value of deer and deer-related recreation.

With CWD approaching our borders, the increased potential for disease transmission and outbreak is perhaps our greatest and most immediate concern, but habitat degradation, resulting in loss of wildlife diversity and abundance, and the introduction and invasion of exotic plants are consequences of feed that have been documented throughout North America - a concern for Pennsylvania.

Spreading Feed Spreads Disease

Supplemental feeding congregates deer in unnatural densities. Gathering large numbers of deer into small areas creates a serious risk for spreading terminal diseases such as chronic wasting disease and tuberculosis. Mange is another disease that spreads between animals in close contact. The spread of disease within and among species is encouraged by repeated and prolonged contact at feeding sites.

Eaten Out of House and Home

Feeding can cause more deer to survive than the natural habitat can support, leading to long-term degradation of the habitat and diminishing the carrying capacity of the area. This is not new. A 1944 study reported, "feeding serves to concentrate deer in small areas year after year where animals do serious and possibly irreparable damage to native forage species, which in turn further reduces the carrying capacity of the range and makes deer increasingly dependent upon supplements."

Over years, the composition of the plant and animal communities can change markedly – diversity is reduced and less desirable plant species [found up to a mile from feeding locations] increase.

The forest understory declines and ground cover disappears, trees become larger and the number of dead trees increases. With less nesting cover available and nest predators such as raccoons and skunks being drawn to feeding sites, ground-nesting bird populations such as wild turkeys decline in feeding areas.

**Please
Don't
Feed the Deer**



Memorial Day

Word Search



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DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the words in the grid. Look in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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| AMERICAN | FLOWERS | MEMORIAL |
| ANTHEM | FREEDOM | OBSERVANCE |
| CEMETERY | GRAVE | PATRIOTIC |
| CEREMONY | HALF MAST | REMEMBRANCE |
| COMMEMORATE | HEROES | SACRIFICE |
| DECORATION | HOLIDAY | SALUTE |
| FALLEN | HONOR | SERVICE |
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The Origins of Memorial Day

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared it should be May 30. It is believed the date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local Observances Claim to be First

Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, MS, April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, GA, claim the title, as well as Richmond, VA. The village of Boalsburg, PA, claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, IL, cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan.

More than 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

Official Birthplace Declared

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities. It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

Some States Have Confederate Observances

Many Southern states also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead. Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of April, Alabama on the fourth Monday of April, and Georgia on April 26. North and South Carolina observe it on May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Confederate Heroes Day January 19 and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Gen. Logan's order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 "with the choicest flowers of springtime" urged: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those that attend today's observance, about 5,000 people. Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.



The origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity. The Athenian leader Pericles offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War over 24 centuries ago that could be applied today to the 1.1 million Americans who have died in the nation's wars: "Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."



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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2024

Delaware Township Building

Present: Steve Tarquini, Terasa Tarquini, Joe Jala, William Sarro via phone/zoom, Jeff Dembiak, Chris Koch via phone (left early), Elaine Farkas via phone, Steve Demmo, Rich Bailo

Absent: Susanna Dubinskaya

Meeting is called to order: 10:05am

Motion by Bill Sarro (2nd by Jeff Dembiak) to approve the open meeting minutes of December 16, 2023.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: ABS	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: YES
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: ABS	Jeff Dembiak: YES	vacant
Chris Koch: ABS	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Announcement of open board seat(s) - 1 seat open.
Accepting letters in interest in office.

Reports

- DOO Report - Read by Laura Jones
- Collections - Read by Laura Jones
- Maintenance - Read by Laura Jones
- Public Safety - Read by Laura Jones
- Recreation

Treasurer's Report

- Financials - Read by Laura Jones
- December 2023 report
- Steven Demmo named Interim Treasurer

Motion by Steve Demmo (2nd by Jeff Dembiak) to accept the December 2023 financial report as read by Laura Jones

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: NO	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: YES
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: ABS	Jeff Dembiak: YES	vacant
Chris Koch: absent	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Committee Reports

- Budget & Finance - No chair
- Public Safety - Steven Demmo - will schedule a meeting soon
- Recreation - Joe Jala
- Environmental/Architectural - Jeff Dembiak
- Capital Improvements/Maintenance - Rich Bailo
- Bylaws Committee - Susanna Dubinskaya absent
- Communications Committee - Chris Koch
- Beautification Committee - Terasa Tarquini
- Rules & Regulations Committee - Steve Tarquini

Awarding of Contracts/Bids

Bid for Maintenance truck opened

Motion Jeff Dembiak (2nd Rich Bailo) to waive the 3-bid requirement due to low response.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: YES
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: YES	vacant
Chris Koch: absent	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Motion by Joe Jala (2nd by Jeff Dembiak) to approve the purchase of the 2023 Ford F450 estimate #1147 from Lowes Sales and Service in the amount of \$94,905.05

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: YES
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: YES	vacant
Chris Koch: absent	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Hearing upon, adoption or amendment of proposed changes to R&R or policies on second reading

Other Unfinished Business

- Status of North Lake Dam Project and funding plan
- Status of the Clubhouse project
- Status of the handicap lift chair approved 8/2023- 2 lifts purchased
- Department liaisons tables 8/2023
- Proposed Committee Policy tabled 12/16/23
- Proposed Amendment to R&R Article XXI, School Bus stop tabled 12/16/23
- Proposed Amendment to R&R Article XXII, Procedures for Enforcement tabled 12/16/23

New Business

- Resignation of Director Stephen Rose
 - Delaware Township CERT presentation - Matthew Light (FEMA 100/700 Certification course)
 - Request for Hearing Board Committee - E. Castro
 - Request to Write off Account 1006-23 in the amount of \$50,807.96
 - Motion Terasa Tarquini (2nd Steven Demmo) to appoint Eddie Castro to the Hearing Board.
- | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| S. Tarquini: | Rich Bailo: YES | S. Dubinskaya: absent | Joseph Jala: NO |
| T. Tarquini: YES | Wm. Sarro: YES | Jeff Dembiak: YES | vacant |
| Chris Koch: absent | S. Demmo: YES | Elaine Farkas: NO | |
- Motion PASSES
- Motion by Rich Bailo (2nd by Terasa Tarquini) to Write off Account 1006-23 in the amount of \$50,807.96
- | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| S. Tarquini: | Rich Bailo: YES | S. Dubinskaya: absent | Joseph Jala: YES |
| T. Tarquini: YES | Wm. Sarro: ABS | Jeff Dembiak: YES | vacant |
| Chris Koch: absent | S. Demmo: YES | Elaine Farkas: YES | |
- Motion PASSES

**Proposed changes to the R&R and policies on first reading
Communications (a) written and (b) oral petitions, hearing, and comments by members.**

Membership Q&A

- Fawn Lake and North Lake Dam projects - Engineer/Subcontractor payments
- E. Castro financial concern over staffing a DOO and an Office Manager/letter to employees regarding giving out advice to residents
- Accountability of Board members attending in person during BOD meetings and Committee meetings
- Resignation of Treasurer/Wild Acres Lakes website updated
- Bank reconciliation signed by DOO as well as Treasurer or Chairman of BOD
- Zoom log ins

Motion by Terasa Tarquini (2nd by Elaine Farkas) to close the meeting at 1:07pm.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: YES
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: YES	vacant
Chris Koch: absent	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2024

Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

Present: Steve Tarquini, Terasa Tarquini, William Sarro, Chris Koch, Elaine Farkas, Steve Demmo, Rich Bailo

Absent: Joe Jala (excused), Susanna Dubinskaya (unexcused), Jeff Dembiak (unexcused)

Meeting is called to order: 10:20 am

Motion by Rich Bailo (2nd by Steve Demmo) to approve the Open meeting minutes from January 20, 2024.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: absent
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: absent	vacant
Chris Koch: ABS	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Announcement of open board seats

The BOD appoints Bill Fells to the BOD to fill the open board seat

Reports

DOO Report - read by Chairman Tarquini

Collections

Maintenance

Public Safety

Recreation

Treasurer's Report

Financials

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance - Steven Demmo

Public Safety - Steven Demmo

Recreation - Joe Jala

Environmental/Architectural - Jeff Dembiak

Capital Improvements/Maintenance - Rich Bailo - Meeting will be scheduled soon

Bylaws Committee - Susanna Dubinskaya

Communications Committee - Chris Koch

Beautification Committee - Terasa Tarquini - Meeting will be scheduled soon

Rules & Regulations Committee - Steve Tarquini - Did not meet quorum at last scheduled meeting

Motion by Rich Bailo (2nd by Terasa Tarquini) to table the January Financial Report.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: absent
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: absent	Bill Fells:
Chris Koch: YES	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Awarding of Contracts/Bids

Proposals for Reserve study contract

Hearing upon, adoption or amendment of proposed changes to R&R or policies on second reading

Other Unfinished Business

Status of North Lake Dam Project and funding plan

Status of clubhouse project

Status of Handicap chair lift approved 8/2023

Dept Liaisons tables 8/2023

Proposed committee policy tabled 12/16/23

New Business

Ratification of vote for Citizens Bank Capital treasury investment accts

Approval of write offs 12/23 and 1/24

Appointment of nominating committee chair

Proposed changes to the R&R and policies on first reading

Communications (a) written and (b) oral petitions, hearing and comments by members

Motion by Chris Koch (2nd by Rich Bailo) to Table RFP Capital reserve proposals #1-4 (5th was voided for being wrongly addressed).

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: absent
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: absent	Bill Fells:

Chris Koch: YES S. Demmo: YES Elaine Farkas: YES

Motion TABLED

Motion by Rich Bailo (2nd by Chris Koch) to ratify the BOD vote which was done via email based on time constraints on 2/2/24 to move the matured Dime bank Capital CDAR acct to Citizens Bank SWEEP Treasury Investment Acct

Discussion on Citizen bank, Dime and MBT Accts

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: absent
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: absent	Bill Fells:
Chris Koch: YES	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Motion by Chris Koch (2nd by Terasa Tarquini) to approve the December 2023 and January 2024 write offs in the amount of \$26,251.79 for accts #109-28, #109-72, #501-56, #1210-17.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: ABS	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: absent
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: ABS	Jeff Dembiak: absent	Bill Fells:
Chris Koch: YES	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Motion by Chris Koch (2nd by Terasa Tarquini) to appoint Bill Fells as Treasurer upon official approval/accepting the seat on the BOD.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: absent
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: absent	Bill Fells:
Chris Koch: YES	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Motion by Rich Bailo (2nd by Terasa Tarquini) to appoint Bill Fells to the Budget and Finance Committee upon officially accepting and receiving approval to take the seat on the BOD.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: absent
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: absent	Bill Fells:
Chris Koch: YES	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Motion by Chris Koch (2nd by Steve Demmo) to allow the Treasurer to have direct access to discuss financial information with the Administration office if related to treasury matters as per Bylaws.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: absent
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: absent	Bill Fells:
Chris Koch: YES	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Q&A

Public Safety 24/7 coverage - bus stop, illegal burning, recording meetings, financials, plow truck, Handicap pool chairs

Motion by Rich Bailo (2nd by Steve Demmo) to close the meeting at 12:56pm.

S. Tarquini:	Rich Bailo: YES	S. Dubinskaya: absent	Joseph Jala: absent
T. Tarquini: YES	Wm. Sarro: YES	Jeff Dembiak: absent	Bill Fells:
Chris Koch: YES	S. Demmo: YES	Elaine Farkas: YES	

Motion PASSES

Public Safety Statistics

JANUARY 2024

Incident	Warnings	Citations	Calls
Abandoned Vehicle	1		1
Animal Complaint	3		3
Alarm: Car/House	0		1
Co2 / Fire Alarm	0		2
A TV /Dirtbike Issue	1		1
Break In/Burglary	0		3
Bus Stop Rule Violation	0		0
Tresspass/Vandalism	0		0
Criminal Mischief	0		2
Construction Issue	0		0
Dispute/Domestic	0		0
DUI	0		0
Eluding Public Safety	0		0
Failure to Comply	1		1
Garbage / Garbage Cans	3		3
Incidents at Gates	2		2
Gunshots	0		1
Illegal Burning	1		1
Illegal Dumping	0		0
Illegal Rental	0		0
Medical Response	0		12
Noise Complaint	2		2
Obsenities Toward Staff	1		1
Over Grown Property	0		0
Officer Assist PSP	0		2
Officer Assist Resident	0		12
Parking Violation	12		12
Property Check	0		4
Property Theft	0		0
Suspicious Activity	0		5
Person/Vehicle Accident	0		3
Traffic Violation	16	5	21
Tree Issue	3		3
Untidy Lot	2		2
Vehicle Not Registered	0		0
Welfare/Wellness Check	0		4
Speeding	2		2
Culvert Pipe	0		0
Violation of Bylaws	0		0
Tree Inspection	0		5
All Other Incidents	11		11
Total	61	5	111

Public Safety Statistics

FEBRUARY 2024

Incident	Warnings	Citations	Calls
Abandoned Vehicle			
Animal Complaint	2	1	8
Alarm: Car/House			3
Co2 / Fire Alarm			0
ATV/Dirtbike Issue			0
Break In / Burglary			0
Bus Stop Rule Violation			1
Tresspass/Vandalism			1
Criminal Mischief			0
Construction Issue			0
Dispute/Domestic			2
DUI			0
Eluding Public Safety			0
Failure to Comply		5	5
Garbage / Garbage Cans			0
Incidents at Gates			3
Gunshots			1
Illegal Burning			1
Illegal Dumping			0
Illegal Rental	1	1	2
Medical Response			22
Noise Complaint			0
Obsenities Toward Staff			2
Over Grown Property			0
Officer Assist PSP			3
Officer Assist Resident			2
Parking Violation	6		6
Property Check			4
Property Theft			0
Suspicious Activity			5
Person/Vehicle Accident			0
Traffic Violation	10	4	14
Tree Issue			0
Untidy Lot	3	5	8
Vehicle Not Registered			0
Welfare/Wellness Check			3
Speeding	1		1
Culvert Pipe			0
Violation of Bylaws	1	1	2
Tree Inspection			8
All Other Incidents			7
Total	24	17	114

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Spongy Moth [*Lymantria dispar dispar*]

The spongy moth, commonly known as the gypsy moth, European gypsy moth, LDD moth, or North American gypsy moth, is a forest pest that is responsible for killing millions of oak and other species of trees across the state. Often confused with other caterpillars, the spongy moth caterpillar has a yellow and black head, a hairy body with five pairs of blue spots, followed by six pairs of red spots.



It usually takes more than one year of defoliation before trees die; however, conifers that are defoliated may be killed after a single season of defoliation. Although the boom-and-bust cycles of the spongy moth are less severe than during the past, they still require control during years when their population are high.

Tips for Homeowners with Spongy Moth Infestations

Survey your property for egg masses in the summer and fall. The spongy moth has one generation per year in Pennsylvania. Females lay their eggs as light tan egg masses on trees, stones and other substrates during June and July. Eggs hatch mid- April to early may the following spring.

Mechanical Removal of Spongy Moth Egg Masses and Larvae



Tactics for mechanical removal of spongy moth egg masses can be effective for individual yard trees, but are not effective as a forest wide control method. Methods include removal of egg masses before they hatch and removal of unnecessary yard objects where egg masses can be hidden, such as piles of old wood, building materials, dead branches, firewood, and other refuse.

Egg masses should be scraped into a sealed container or bag and disposed of. Another control tactic is wrapping burlap around the trunks of trees where spongy moth larvae can hide during the day. The larvae hiding under the burlap are then scraped into a can of soapy water, killing the larvae.

A Few Bad Years

Unfortunately, 2024 is predicted to be another bad year for spongy moth defoliation. This will be the third consecutive year of heavy defoliation in Pennsylvania, with outbreak levels in 2022, 2023, and again predicted for 2024.

These voracious caterpillars strip the leaf canopy. Spongy moths are known to target oaks, and many stands of oak were hit hard. If you noticed some barren mountaintops that resembled more of a winter landscape than summer, you are not alone.



Will defoliation kill trees? When a tree is stripped of its leaves, it is known as defoliation. This condition weakens the tree as it uses up valuable reserves to regrow leaves. It is important to note that it's too early to tell if a recently defoliated tree will die. "When spongy moth defoliation is combined with other stressors such as late frost and drought, trees have a more difficult time recovering. Trees that were heavily defoliated over the last two years are weakened and will be especially susceptible to mortality if heavily defoliated again this upcoming growing season," said DCNR Bureau of Forestry Forest Health Division Chief, Rosa Yoo.

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