

**Tulaby Lake Association meeting
June 16, 2018**

The meeting convened at 10:09. It was moved from the public access to the Wambach's garage due to rain. Nine people were present; five were members of the board.

Scott Skauge presided over the meeting. He reported that the association may file a lien against Anthony Merton who was hired to build a picnic shelter at the public access but failed to complete it. Those present discussed the pros and cons of taking action: the pros are the potential to recoup some costs and the cons the cost of placing a lien and the likelihood of receiving any payback. A motion was made, seconded and approved to spend less than \$500 to place a lien.

Second on the agenda was a discussion of issues raised about the shelter at the last meeting. Scott Van Dam reported that the DNR was responsible for any personal injury liability that would occur related to the shelter. Van Dam also proposed that garbage pickup be handled by volunteers. The association would supply steel bins with lids to deter animals. If the association pays for trash collection the estimated cost would be about \$125 for the summer season.

A member asked if the association had drawings and specifications for the shelter. ASIC sketches were prepared as part of the original permit proposal, but they are not detailed.

Scott Skauge proposed that members present each present their views on the merits of the proposal. He proposed starting with the directors.

Ray Thorkildson stated that the project will cost more than anticipated; likely eight to ten thousand dollars. He argued that building a shelter is tangential to the mission of the association which is to preserve the quality of the lake. He proposed abandoning the project but stated that if a private party wished to pursue it that was their prerogative.

John Ocken stated that the association had received between seventeen and nineteen hundred dollars in donations for the project. He expressed the opinion that the project can not continue without a clear path to payment and ongoing support. The association does not currently have the resources to complete the project.

Bryan Vidden argued that the shelter is a good idea but we should not proceed without more membership input. Petitions and emails suggest both support for and against the project but these reflect small numbers of people. Maybe a poll should be conducted.

Scott Van Dam stated that after multiple meetings, financial setbacks and association members misgivings it seems clear that the association should not be involved in the project. However a small group of individuals may continue to pursue it.

Miller said that the association should not build a shelter. People from the lake would not use it and don't seem to care about the project. It doesn't appear to be worth the expense and effort.

Members who are not directors then weighed in the issue. All spoke against building the shelter. Frank Wambach brought a motion to the floor that the association terminate the picnic shelter project and return the site to its original state. It was seconded. After discussion it was amended to allow a private party until August 1, 2018 to take over the project. If no party comes forward the site will be restored. John Ocken volunteered to lead that effort. The motion was approved as amended.

Several other issues were raised during the discussion that can be on the agenda for future meetings. One was the cost of holding meetings at the firehall. Caroline Thorkildson suggested using the Elbow Lake Community Center. Cathrine Wambach proposed alternating between lake neighborhoods with members hosting. John Ocken said that the association should decide if and how to repay people who donated money for the shelter. If the association is awarded money from a lien that could be used to reimburse donors. Frank Wambach proposed putting this on the agenda for a future meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Submitted by Catherine Wambach
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