



**Lakeshore Heights Association
Fall meeting
September 6, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Neil Taylor - President at 11:00 am; 48 households were represented by proxy. Twenty (20) are required for a quorum.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic an in-person meeting was not able to be held. An in-person gathering would be in violation of provincial health directives and put residents at unacceptable risk.

Instead, an email was sent to all 2020 Members on August 19, 2020 informing them that the meeting would include one (1) motion and all were invited to vote by proxy.

1. **Presidents Report.** While COVID has sadly curtailed our many events that do so much to reinforce our community culture, it has been a wonderful summer in terms of amazing weather, seeing so many families enjoying our common facilities, and a number of enhancements to our parks. We look forward to resuming 'regular' activities in 2021! Thank you to all that have voted for our motion and made donations to the Association in lieu of our membership drive. As you will see in the Finance Report, suspending membership collection this year was possible due to our strong financial position.

2. **Approval of the minutes from the May 17 2020 meeting.** The minutes were posted on the Lakeshore Heights web site following May meeting. Members were emailed the minutes on August 19, 2020. No edits or additions to the minutes were proposed.

Motion – *“Be it proposed that the minutes of the May 17 2020 Lakeshore Heights Association Inc. Meeting be approved as presented”*. (Proposed by Louise LaFleche / Seconded by Ken Jansen).

Votes For: 48

Votes Against: 0

Motion is adopted.

3. Communications and membership.

Our Facebook page has been one of the forms of communication to the members. To get updates visit the Facebook page and “like” the page. Updates are made on a regular basis. E mails are also sent out to inform members of the upcoming events and announcements. Please also visit our Website; the top pages that are visited on the web site are the Home page, the Need a worker page, the History page, and the Events page. A reminder that, if you have any photos or information to contribute please forward them to the Association via e mail.

The Executive felt it would not be prudent to ask street reps to go door to door to collect memberships this summer. Door to door contact violates distancing initiatives and exchanging cash can create a risk of passing on the virus. Additionally, many Manitobans are experiencing financial strains and every dollars counts. Members who have a desire and means, and still wish to donate can do so via either:

- our Website Membership Page for PayPal Link at <http://www.grandbeachtourism.com/cottagecom-lakeshore-membership.html> or,
- ETransfer to Lakeshoreheightsmb@gmail.com.

Alternatively, members were invited to consider donating what they would have paid for this year's membership to their favourite foodbank or other charity.

We are very excited to announce that we received \$1,125 in donations from generous Members over the course of the summer plus a \$1000 donation from a former member for a memorial bench (see Green Spaces below). Thank you all so much for your kindness. We hope to be able to resume door to door membership drives in 2021 and will continue to allow the ability to pay by Interac or PayPal. We are pleased to announce that we have 219 members in the Association.

4. Suspension of Community Events.

Due to the ongoing health situation, we suspended all Association events this summer. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteer organizers and, when times return to normalcy, we all look forward to a resumption of these important times with our neighbours. The covered structure and our community assets are available for Member use for personal family gatherings. Contact us for details.

5. Green Spaces.

Our green spaces are owned and under the authority the Municipality who have placed signs indicating that none of the play equipment, tables or benches are being disinfected. They are to be used at one's own risk.

We are very pleased to report that a number of improvements were undertaken in 2020 including:

- New basketball poles, backboard, hoop and net. There has also been a shift in location to eliminate errant shots ending up in the bushes and poison ivy patches. Thank you to the Jansen family for donating the hoop, backboard and net!
- Painting of the basketball court.
- New bench installed beside the volleyball court.
- Removal of a large and menacing dead tree beside the main park.
- Replacement of two vandalized posts in the main and volleyball parks.
- Improved access from the staircase to the main beach.
- Repainting of bulletin boards.
- Tire swing maintenance.

- Tilling of the sand in the 2 playgrounds and the volleyball courts

Thanks to Vice President Ken J for spearheading these initiatives and for the many volunteers that rolled up their sleeves to tackle these projects - Ken, Herb, Michael, Keith, Grant, Clay and any others that lent a hand. Thanks also to Judi and Leanne for 'hydrating' the volunteers!

The following projects will be completed moving forward.

1. Replacement of the volleyball posts. The current 'telephone pole' posts are not stable and in need of replacement. They will be replaced and moved slightly to provide a more secure, superior and long term solution. We expect this project to cost less than \$300.
2. The family of a former member has kindly offered to fully fund the acquisition and installation of an additional bench to be positioned in the southwest corner of the main park. Years ago the family owned the cottage adjacent to the park and they fondly remember years of sitting in the same spot enjoying the view. The donation is received and we aim to have the bench installed in the Spring of 2021.
3. A new breakaway basketball ring has been purchased and will be installed once delivered.

6. Financial report.

Please see the attached Summary of our Financial Position. We are pleased to have been able to continue with our regular improvements and maintenance during this very challenging summer. Our bank balance of \$2,696 leaves us in a strong position moving forward.

7. Other business

No other business has been brought forward to the executive.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

We very much hope to see you all in person at the Spring meeting. Stay safe!!