

**LTEA Board Meeting – October 28, 2020**      Laury Barn in Kennekuk Park, 6:30 PM

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order, Dr. Bartosh: *Dr. Bartosh at 6:33 PM followed by Pledge.*
2. Roll Call – Secretary: *Present – Bartosh, Bennett, Butchko, Hines, Neff, Peterson, Smoot, & Stiff*
3. Recognition of Guests: *Chris Butchko, Gary and Jan James, and Sherry Mascari*
4. President’s Report, Dr. Bartosh: *Amount of time required to get to properties on North side of bridge is approximately 9 minutes. That amount could increase significantly depending on time of day, familiarity of road, road conditions, and weather.*
5. Vice-president’s Report & Health and Safety – Pat Bennett
  - a. Property Rental: *A house on Falcon Crest was listed for rent. Pat will call owners.*
  - b. Animal Control Issue: *Received report of unleashed dogs chasing people. Talked with owner and owner pledged to comply with rules/*
  - c. Potholes: *For Sherry – Sherry talked with Better Paving (BP). BP gave bid of \$3375 to fix worst spots.*  
*Motion by bob Neff: I moved to accept the bid of \$3375 by BP to fix the potholes. Second: Butchko. Dr. Bartosh called for the vote and declared it passed without objection. Dr. Bartosh asked Pat to call Sherry to inform BP.*
6. Treasurer’s Report, John Hines
  - a. Monthly Report: *John and Rich presented the Sept. end-of-the-month report. Total of all funds is \$86,048.42. On Sept. 30, 2020, \$71,154.16 was remaining in the FY20 Budget. 257 assessments have been collected for a total of \$116,124. 13 assessments, totaling \$5,290, are outstanding.*
    - i. Audits: *Mr. George completed the FY18 audit. He is working on the FY19 and FY20 audits and asked for additional information.*
7. Secretary’s Report
  - a. Death Announcements: *None reported.*
  - b. Minutes
    - i. 082620
    - ii. 092320: *The minutes were examined, and no changes were requested. Hines moved and Neff seconded a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Bartosh declared the motion passed by a voice vote.*
8. Committee Reports
  - a. John Butchko – Nominations: *None*
  - b. Sherry Cole – Roads: *None*
  - c. Rich Stipp – Gates: *Thanked Kevin Gerrard and Randy Nasser for working on the gates. Keys increased over \$2/key. Talked with ATT about charges. ATT Rep said we have been overbilled and will credit our account. Ameren requested 7 keys; they have lost 21. Rich would like to charge for the keys; Pat feels we should not charge Ameren for the keys. Doc asked for a motion; Rich moved, and Bob Neff seconded a motion have Ameren pay \$10 for the 21 keys the lost before we give them 6 more. Dr. Bartosh declared the motion passed after a show of hands. John Hines suggested that after giving them the 6 keys, Rich send a letter saying that in the future the keys will be the going rate.*
  - d. Brian McQueen – Building Codes: *None.*

- e. George Peterson – Water: *Talked with a different vendor and received the vendor's quotes today. He has not had a chance to review the quotes. The Oct. 1 treatment was for different weeds than the Aug. 26 treatment.*
  - f. Bob Neff – Wildlife: *Bob and Ryan Huddleston stocked all the ponds. FS called Bob and said he could purchase additional fish at significant savings. He took all they had and regretfully conveys that he overspent his budget by 85 cents.*
9. Old Business
- a. Bus Lane – Bob Neff: *Kayla and Justin Blundy's son has raised almost the required amount (money) to start working on the bus shelter. He has raised approximately 75% of the \$1000 estimated for the project. He asked that the Board continue to raise the money without assistance.*
  - b. Political Signs (information only) – Rich and Don: *Both read that the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment does not apply to HOAs. Illinois has a law limiting political signage. Rich said the New Jersey Supreme Court recently ruled that HOAs could prohibit political signs. Illinois has yet to determine its stance. Rich, as well as other board members, was extremely disturbed by hateful comments on NextDoor. Considerable discussion followed with comments on both sides of the issue; conflicting statements about what LTEA has done in the past regarding political signage; and Rich Stipp read a statement describing the impact of malicious comments.*
  - c. Bridge Update – Dr. Bartosh: *None.*
  - d. Other (Board Members and/or Audience): *George asked about the Bulletin Boards. Don said he has been busy farming and just hasn't had time to finish them.*
10. New Business
- a. Other (Board Members and/or Audience): *Sherry Mascari asked about liens. John Hines said he and the attorney have been working on them.*
11. Next Meetings
- a. Board Planning Sessions – Nov. 11 and January 13
  - b. Regular Board Meeting – January 27, 2021 Tentative – no location yet: *Will check with Oakwood schools and go from there.*
12. Executive session: *None*
13. Adjournment (requires a motion, second, and a vote): *Bennett moved and Butchko seconded a motion to adjourn. After calling for a voice vote, Dr. Bartosh declared the motion adjourned at 7:52 PM.*