

# SIERRA PARK SERVICES, INC.

## Annual Shareholder Meeting Minutes May 29, 2016

Shareholder Registration from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Michael Lechner, President, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Wanda Lenhardt, Secretary confirmed a quorum of shareholders (106) represented in person or by proxy out of 185 shareholders.

Michael Lechner welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced and thanked the Board of Directors, along with website manager Marianne Gennis.

### **President's Message -**

This has been a successful year, as SPSC has continued to provide the same services as in years past. Litigation status: The SPSC has been named a co-defendant in a cross-complaint filed as part of the Recreation Association's lawsuit against those who did not pay their bills prior to 2013-14. This will mean the eventual ruling in the Rec Association's suit will apply to SPSC also. However, this litigation is dragging on.

The SPSC has customers who have not paid their bills from years past. California has a statute of limitations regarding these matters. That statute is for three years + 60 days, which means that SPSC must file litigation against those who did not pay SPSC for 2013-14 and are not part of the cross-complaint. Therefore, Michael Lechner will step down from the Board of Directors and will instead focus on filing claims against those non-payers in Small Claims Court.

### **Director Reports -**

#### **Vice President, Heidi Ordwein:**

The voting procedures for the meeting were reviewed.

#### **Secretary, Wanda Lenhardt:**

Susie Lechner has helped with preparing the newsletters this year and Wanda expressed her gratitude for the excellent job Susie has done. The Services Company does have a modest budget for mailing of hard copy newsletters to those who don't receive them via email.

#### **Caretaker Report, Heidi Ordwein, H.R. Director:**

John Marshall is the caretaker for both the Water Company and the Services Company. John's hours are carefully tracked by using two timecards, and SPSC is charged for each hour he spends on Services tasks. On occasions when John is very busy or tackling large tasks such as the bar ditch cleaning, a part-time worker is sometimes brought in to assist him.

#### **Roads, Heidi Ordwein:**

Last year's road work came in within budget. The final ¼ of the Park's roads will be resurfaced this year, and the rest of the roads crack-sealed, continuing the rotating schedule. Where access to residences will be temporarily limited by the work, notices will be posted on each house stating clearly that no one is allowed to drive on the freshly-surfaced roads. Work will likely take place during the week

and will start after school resumes in the fall. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption by providing ample notice via signage, email and newsletters.

**Gate, Bill Ordwein:**

The gate is in good repair. Remote device “clickers” require approaching cars to be in close proximity and moving slowly before the gate will open; this allows the camera to capture license plate information of gate users.

**Equipment/Buildings/Common Areas, Heidi Ordwein:**

The sand shed was re-roofed this year so sand could stay dry enough for use on icy roads. There is a plenty of wood available in the old campground, free for any property owner to cut up and use. The swimming floats are in place in the lake, and the beach and volleyball court have been rototilled.

Volunteers have offered to help repair the Park’s 19 aged picnic tables. \$1000 will be requested from the Board to buy materials (\$100/table for pine, which ages rapidly, or \$530 for long-lasting IPE which is a much more durable hardwood. Benches with highest use will get IPE boards).

Families are also invited to sponsor the cost of refurbishing a table or bench and can have a dedication plaque attached.

**Recreation, Michael Lechner:**

Last year the Board sponsored a kids’ Game Day and the Holiday Party. This replaced the annual Fishing Derby as there were no fish available to stock the lake. Unfortunately, there will be no Fishing Derby again this year, as fish are again not available for purchase due to ongoing effects of the drought.

**Health/Safety, Mark Logan:**

Fire safety is a very real concern here in the mountains. Once started by a spark, fire spreads more quickly than responders can control. For this reason please do not burn yard debris here in the Park, but use the needle dump provided. For charcoal or fireplace ashes, use the metal can only, and avoid placing actively burning coals in the can.

Geese continue to share the lake with us. We have to remember we are in the national forest and that means we share our environment with many wild species. The geese cannot be removed or harmed. The caretaker will rake the beach before weekends so sand is as clean as possible. The lake’s water is tested monthly for water quality. No unsafe levels of bacteria have occurred, but the goose droppings can cause itchy skin in some people. It is advisable to rinse off thoroughly after swimming in the lake.

**Bridge Replacement Update, Susie Lechner:**

The bridge on the southeast side of the lake is complete except for upgrading the path around the lake. SPSC agreed to upgrade the path around the lake as part of the project to make it more accessible to everyone. This upgrade was a requirement of the project. The path budget is limited and work will therefore need to be done by volunteers. Work days will be scheduled for this summer. An all-weather path from the parking lot to the spillway has already provided thanks to donations from Mark & Nancy Logan and Simunaci Construction.

**Little Bridge Safety Report by Philip Barthman, Building Inspector:**

The Board has received requests to replace the little bridge at the creek tributary, as well. Phil has an extensive background in construction and agreed to examine the bridge. The pipes under the bridge were found to have wires that were not being used and have since been removed. Phil believes the bridge is sound enough for repair to be a good solution.

The next step would be a thorough evaluation of the bridge by a structural engineer to further determine its safety and potential for repair. Repairs or replacement would require prior approval from Fish & Wildlife and the County. Discussion followed.

Phil Barthman made a motion regarding the bridge that was seconded. Some discussion followed and a decision was made to postpone any motion and vote until after the budget was discussed.

#### **Treasurer's Report, Mark Logan**

This Board has done a great job of implementing fiscal controls and conservative spending. In spite of reduced income, SPSC functioned within the allotted budget for 2015/2016.

The 2016/2017 Budget was reviewed. Annual bills will increase slightly from last year to \$655, but will include all services traditionally provided.

The bridge discussion resumed and Philip Barthman modified his motion to the following: "I make the motion to assess \$50 per parcel for the 2016/2017 fiscal year to fund evaluation of the bridge located on the west side of the lake as to the structural safety and the potential need for repair or replacement. Any money not spent on this project will be held until the 2017 annual meeting for determination by the shareholders as to how those funds are to be handled." Ray Coyle seconded the motion and discussion continued until closed. With discussion on the bridge study fee and the budget closed, the vote was called on both issues. Ballots were collected, along with proxy votes received on the budget, and were passed to the Inspectors of Election Maryann Gennis, Doris Selman and Mitch Gabriel.

Results of the voting:

- The 2016/2017 annual bill of \$655 passed, 100 in favor, 1 against and one abstaining.
- The 2016/2017 Bridge Study fee of \$50 per lot passed with 81 in favor, 18 against and one abstaining.

#### **Election of Board of Directors -**

With Michael Lechner and Mark Logan stepping down from the Board, nominations for candidates were opened. Mitch Gabriel and Susie Lechner were nominated from the floor and agreed to serve if elected. No other candidates were nominated and the vote for Board of Director positions was called. Those present were instructed to fill out their ballots and these, along with proxies already received, were passed to the Inspectors of Election. Michael Lechner again thanked all for coming and participating and adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm to allow for vote counting.

After a short period, Inspectors of Election Maryann Gennis, Doris Selman and Nancy Hawke presented the results. (Mitch Gabriel recused himself from inspecting the Board of Directors votes after he was nominated to the board.)

Results of the voting:

- Bill Ordwein, Heidi Ordwein, Wanda Lenhardt, Mitch Gabriel and Susie Lechner were all voted onto the Board of Directors.

The new board was scheduled to meet at the conclusion of the meeting to elect officers for fiscal year 2016/2017. Officers for 2016/2017 will be announced in the August 2016 Newsletter.