

President's Message

May 24, 2020

With the CORVID-19 virus we have been in a "lock down" environment in an effort to stop the spread of the virus. Here at Berkshire Lakes our residents in addition to business closures, shortage of necessities and the effects of social distancing, had to endure the closure of our pools, tennis courts, suspension of clubhouse activities and its closure.

Thankfully we are now at the point of reverting back to normal; however with limiting restrictions. Face masks are a requirement to enter stores, doctor offices and much more. Social distancing will be with us for an undetermined period of time.

In keeping with the regulations condoning the re-opening of businesses and selected facilities we have re-opened the tennis courts and effective Tuesday May 26th the Master Association will re-open its pool. In both cases there are restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of the virus. The restriction notices are posted on the gates of these facilities. The one disappointment is the clubhouse will not re-open at this time since social distancing cannot be controlled and the constant need to sanitize furniture surfaces, kitchen and lavatory facilities. Thankfully we are moving some elements towards normalcy even though there are restrictions.

On May 20th the BLMA Board of Directors re-convened the 2020 annual meeting, which on February 24th was adjourned as an insufficient number of proxies related to changes to our governing documents were returned. As no additional proxies were returned during this period the results as determined by those received were announced.

1. The roll-over of surplus funds from the 2020 budget into the 2021 budget, Passed
2. Capital Contribution, Failed
3. Split Assessment, Failed
4. Lake Maintenance, Failed
5. Loan, Failed

The ballots cast for the election of Directors were 410, and while the exact number of proxies received is not available the participation in the election process was at the 25% level, a poor showing for a community of our size.

The annual meeting at this point was adjourned and the May29th BLMA Board meeting was called to order.

Your Board of Directors is made up of seven (7) individuals with unique skills, developed in the business world, which complement each other, creating an effective team. This is demonstrated in the effectiveness and directions taken by the Lakes and ARB committees, the members of these committees are to be complemented on their involvement and dedication.

Committees are essential in the administration of a community as large as Berkshire Lakes, as members age, move or no longer can participate there is an ongoing need for volunteers to serve on the various committees. If you can spend a few hours each month, I ask for your serious consideration to serve. If you can, please call the office at 239 353-7633.

Points of interest in the meeting were:

1. Lakes committee reports dealing with the pros and cons of the various remediation solutions, changes in vendor pricing and engineering involvement.
2. Appointing two new members to the Finance committee, Nancy Probst and Robert DeMarco

3. Re-alignment of lake responsibilities, The Lakes Remediation committee, now includes water analysis and floating islands.
4. ARB direction is to review and refine documentation, reports, communications. And liaison with compliance.
5. Discussion of the services and reports provided by the vendors servicing our lakes.

For a complete review of all activity regarding Lake Remediation please visit our website at www.berkshirelakes.org click on Lake Remediation in the header.

The Hurricane season is just around the corner, June 1 through November 30. Please take the time to review the Hurricane Preparedness information on our website www.berkshirelakes.org. This information will soon be complemented with information pertinent to single family homeowners regarding exterior plantings.

Keeping you informed.

Robert (Bob) Luparello