

**LITC Property Owners
2016 Summer Newsletter**

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President: Charles Schaffer V. President: Michael Foran
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Committee Chair

Greenspace: Mary Henzi Social: Stacey Guthrie
Jan Olsommer



Other Notes:

Don't put garbage out until day of pickup. Bears will have picnic with it. Vinegar applied to the bag on pick up day acts as a deterrent.



**SLOW THE ATV'S DOWN: -
PEOPLE BACKING OUT OF
DRIVEWAYS CANNOT SEE THEM.**



Trees have been trimmed so that the branches do not interfere with wires. The limbs have been shredded and added to our mulch pile in the parking lot. Help yourself to as much mulch as you want.

With fall approaching be reminded that it is important to **clean out the culverts and drainage ditches** between your property and the road. When these don't drain well, the ice and snow build up and this contributes to the degradation of our roads.

Fishing license: A MUST:

A pond or lake that is wholly within land owned by a homeowners association or a private club does not exempt the individual homeowners or club members from having a fishing license.



PA Fish & Boat Commission

The law provides that no person 16 years of age or older shall fish in any of the waters of Pennsylvania or in any boundary waters without first procuring a license.

THANKS to all who notified Google Maps. Butternut Court is no longer the destination for the Pocono Mountains! It was a long process to have it deleted, but finally successful. For those that had to endure the bother of the "tourism" on private property, thank you for your patience.

ANOTHER DAY OF SUN! THANKS to all those who worked to make our picnic yet again a terrific opportunity to gather with friends and welcome new neighbors to our wonderful community. (Pictures can be found on the web!) In order for this to be the success that it is each year there is much planning, preparation, shopping, setting up and cleaning up. The committee works hard!

THANKS to the Garden Club ladies who maintain the area in front of the clubhouse. They have planted flowers, added a decorative birdhouse and keep the area weeded. All of this presents a welcoming appearance to our community.



BOAT OWNERS: If your boat is docked at LITC, it **MUST** have your lot number on it. There are several that need attention. If not addressed by

Labor Day these boats will be taken from the boat dock to the parking

Ladies of the Lake invite you to join us monthly at an area restaurant for breakfast or lunch. For info or to be placed on the notification list. Contact Margaret (margcaf@gmail.com)

LITC Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the clubhouse. Occasionally we have lunch meeting, so check with the office. Everyone is welcome.

Garden Group meets monthly from through October. For info or to be on notification list contact

Stacey via e-mail .. staceyguthrie@yahoo.com



April

GREENSPACE PRESENTATION

OCTOBER 15 –

Walk the **TANNERSVILLE CRANBERRY BOG** during an exclusive tour for LITC members led by a representative of the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center. Meet at the Bog parking lot at 2pm (about 1-1/2 miles behind Tannersville Inn). Call 570 629-3061 for directions. Cost: Adults - \$5.00, under 12 \$3.00.

JANUARY 14 –

Learn all about **“WOODPECKERS OF THE POCONOS”** at 10 am in the club house. Presented by the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center.

Any additional **Greenspace** events will be posted on the website as they are scheduled.

Board of Directors CANDIDATES: 2016-2017

ELECTIONS:

The Annual Board of Directors Elections will be held at the October General Membership meeting. There are 4 seats open, with seven community members running. Bios are provided. Please fill out the enclosed ballots and return them to the office by October 1 or bring them to the general meeting to be held October 8, 2016.

Each lot that you have paid dues in full on qualifies for two votes: If you have paid dues in full on Z-01 you get two votes; if you have paid dues in full on Z-01 and Z-03 you get four votes. Co-joined lots that have paid dues in full on as a single lot get two votes. Please copy the ballot if you need an additional one.

Please realize there are Seven statements. Please read them all. We have a difficult choice because all candidates would be a great addition to our Board of Directors.

Mike Foran (A-21): I am retired and living full time at Lake in the Clouds. My wife and I moved here from Southern Maryland in March, 2004 to be closer to our children and grandchildren. Our home in Maryland was on a small private road shared by 12 lot owners and I was President of that Road Association for 10 years. I have served on the LITCPOA Board for many years. I am the web master for the LITC website. On the board I have been responsible for Lake Ecology and was the Board's primary point of contact for both Lake in the Clouds and Lake in the Woods Dam repairs. I am active in my church, serving as Lector, web master and Knights of Columbus Recording Secretary and past Treasurer and Past Grand Knight. I am currently the President of the Board of Trustees for Family Promise of Monroe County.

My desire to serve on the LITCPOA Board is to continue the work done by past board members in ensuring that LITC is an exceptional recreational lake community. To accomplish this I believe:

- 1) That rules need to be established to maintain our high standards, but that rules should be enforced in a relaxed manner (no harm, no foul), consistent with recreational living.
- 2) Maintenance of the lakes, roads and common areas is the highest priority task of the board.
- 3) We should increase our efforts to facilitate social gatherings such as pot lucks, picnics, winter carnival and other activities that make it fun for full time residents and weekenders to enjoy LITC and to get to know one another.

Kat Lauer (Lot H4A): Most people who live in our community have little desire to participate in its operation. As a lot owner since 2004, and a full-time homeowner since 2014, I feel personally motivated to share my time and talents as a member of the LITC board. I have great respect for our current board, and the many social committee/club leaders. Contributing my experience and diverse perspective to this group would be my privilege--my 33-year career was in administration and communications, specializing in the areas of finance, marketing, and risk management. For those that know me well, I try to understand opposing viewpoints; a better listener than talker. I can be impartial, rational, and objective (you would want me on your jury!). I have lived by the mantra "do the right thing," even if it isn't popular, and I have always been someone to welcome critique and a good debate. So if you want a conscientious and dedicated Board member, please vote for me.

Ryan Mooney (G-16D): My family and I have been members of the community only recently, enjoying just our second year at LITC. My wife

Kim and I have two 12- year old children, Lilly and Rowan as well as

Sloane, an adult son attending West Chester University. With nearly 20 years at the same company, I am SVP of Operations for a large healthcare consulting firm. My work experience has afforded me the opportunity to

manage a large global workforce, negotiate and execute very large-scale

contracts, and to manage a complex nine-figure P&L. These are skills that I

hope could be put to good use in serving the community.

My primary ambition as a member of the board would be to serve as a responsible and energetic steward of the best of what our community already offers. Additionally, I would like to drive our collective efforts to preserve our property values and make the best possible decisions for the investment and management of our expenses. As newcomers to the community, we have seen the best of our community in welcoming new residents and teaching our values, especially from those willing to warmly share the spirit of the community, and I see a wonderful opportunity to amplify that spirit even further. I hope to get the opportunity to serve.

Thank you,
Ryan Mooney

Richard Olsommer (D-58R): I grew up in Northern N.J. and graduated from Dwight Morrow H.S. and on to Magna Institute of Dental March, Technology in N.Y.C. For several years I worked in a Dental Laboratory. I then opened up my own Dental Studio in 1977. I then sold the business in 2009 and then devoted more time to my Constuction Business. Soon after, we decided to retire in 2011 to our vacation home in L.I.T.C. Lake in the

Clouds is a beautiful place to live and enjoy nature and all the great social activities we have. I would like to help keep L.I.T.C. as beautiful and serene in the future as it is now.

Being a businessman and still on the board at Kinnelon Professional Meidal Condo Assoc, in .N.J. I believe I would be able to help with some business and any construction and maintenance issues on the board of L.I.T.C.

Carol Shumway (G-99): My husband, Alan and I bought a home on Skyline Drive in the Lake In The Clouds community in August 2015. We are looking forward to becoming permanent residents in January 2017 when we are both retired! We were drawn to LITC by the sense of community that exists and openness to new folks.

I would like to offer my 30 years as a public school teacher, my organizational skills and collaborative leadership skills to the LITC Board of Directors. I served as chairperson of the local fund-raising committee for our high school's \$65 million renovation project, served on the building committee; served as music department chairperson overseeing district music program/curriculum/budget; taught part-time at the University of Maine, Farmington; and have been a successful grant writer.

I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully, Carol Shumway

Charles Schaffer (C-23R): My wife, Diane and I have been permanent residents of Lake in the Clouds since 1974. I have served on the Board as an officer for the past 12 years. I feel my experience as president and treasurer enable me to continue with the direction of stability and volunteerism that this community enjoys. Because I am retired I have the time necessary to devote to the logistics needed to operate this Association.

Paul Winters (F10): I work for Verizon Wireless as a Sr. Systems Technician and have been with the telecommunication industry for 30 years. I've discovered Lake-in-the-Clouds in the fall of 1992 and had a house built by summer 1993. I fell in love with the community and enjoy coming here every weekend with my wife Annie, daughter Natalie and son Paul. It's truly a great escape from everyday life. The great values that are found in Lake-in the Clouds are indeed a blessing and need to be preserved. As a member of the Board of Directors, I will strive to assure our community remains the place that we've all come to love and cherish.

Thank you,
Paul Winters

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016

No dues increase is necessary this year. This is the 9th year with no increase! Homes will remain at \$475 and lots at \$400.

Please mark appropriate line on enclosed ballot to approve this budget.

INCOME:

Dues:	186,000
Resale Certificates:	<u>1200</u>
Total:	187850
<u>Slow Payers</u>	<u>- 8,000</u>
Total Income:	179850

EXPENSES:

Board of Directors:	2,700
Capital Improvements:	9,000

Professional Fees:	16,000
Office Expenses:	8,000
Property:	20,000
Recreation:	5,000
Roads:	119,150
Total Expenses:	179,850

LITC SOCIAL CALENDAR

2016

- August 13 Noon – 4 pm, **Annual LITC Picnic**. Hamburgers, hotdogs, corn, beverage and desserts are furnished; you bring a side dish to share (grill closes at 3). Games, beach, music, friends – great way to spend the afternoon. Free to LITC members, \$5 for guests 10 y/o and over.
- August 20 10 am, **Hummingbirds and Butterflies** program will be presented by Kettle Creek Environmental Education at the clubhouse.
- September 3 1 pm, **End of Summer Raft Up** on the big lake – look for the anchor boat. Bring a nibble to pass and your own beverage. Should it dare to rain, we'll see you in the clubhouse.
- September 24 6 pm, **Bon Fire at the Beach**. Hot dogs, buns and condiments provided. Bring a side dish, your chairs and beverage.
- October 8 1 pm **General Membership Meeting**, club house. 2017-18 elections will be held.
- October 15 2 pm, **Tannersville Cranberry Bog Walk**. An exclusive tour for LITC Members and their families. Meet at the bog parking lot or the clubhouse at 1 pm for car pooling & directions. Fee: \$5, kids under 12, \$3.

- October 29 6 pm, **Halloween and Pizza Party**. Costumes optional but get applause. Bring a dessert or a salad. RSVP by October 26 so we don't run out of pizza – Marie, 676-4883. Cost \$5 per person.
- November 19 6 pm, **Thanksgiving Dinner**. Please bring a "side" to share. RSVP by Nov. 16 – Jan, 676-8320. Cost \$5 per person.
- December 10 7 pm **Wine, Cheese and Dice**. Join us for this fun after-dinner event. Bring your beverage of choice, favorite cheese and crackers to share, and three (3) \$1 bills per person per game.

2017

- January 14 10 am, **Woodpeckers of the Poconos**, a program presented by Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center. --And--
6 pm, **Winter Chill Dinner**. Bring a favorite soup or chili to share. There will be a post-dinner "Bingo" game. Desserts provided.
- February 18 7 pm, How sweet it is..... **"Sweet Desserts" night**. Bring a special dessert (cherry-related, possibly) and beverage of your choice. Coffee and tea provided. An after-dinner "oldie-wed" game is planned.
- March 11 6 pm, **St Paddy's Day Dinner**. Bring a covered dish to celebrate the Irish in you! Desserts provided.
- April 15 6 pm, **Indoor BBQ night**. Bring your best BBQ dish like slow cooked pulled pork, spare ribs, short ribs, sloppy joes and/or a side to share. Desserts will be furnished.
- May 27 1 pm, Ahoy there mates! **Spring Raft Up** on the big lake – look for the anchor boat. Bring a nibble to pass and your own beverage. Should it dare to rain, we'll see you in the clubhouse.

- June 24 6 pm, **Bon Fire at the Beach.** Hot dogs, buns and condiments provided. Bring a side dish, your chairs and beverage.
- July 1 10 am **Breakfast at the Clubhouse** – coffee, tea and juice provided. Bring a dish to pass.
- August 12 Noon – 4 pm, **Annual LITC Picnic.** LITC furnishes hamburgers, hotdogs, corn, beverages and desserts; you bring a side dish (grill closes at 3). Fill your day with Games, beach, music – friends. Free to LITC members, \$5 for guests 12 and over.

**Lake in the Clouds Property Owners Association
General Membership Meeting
May 14, 2016**

I. Present: Charlie Schaffer, Pat Hall, Adam Stahl, Rich Olsommer, Jerry Benincasa, Mike Foran **Absent:** None

II. Minutes of October 2015 General Membership Meeting

Motion to Accept: Jackie Spector F43 / John Cafarella D55 - Accepted Unanimously

III. Treasurer's Report Summary as of April 30, 2016

Reserve Fund (Savings)	\$ 19,829.09
Checking Account Balance	178,627.74
Capital Improvement Account	10,430.40
Reserve Fund (CD)	<u>34,198.79</u>
Total	\$243,086.11

3 Escrow Accounts @ \$500 Each

Note: Treasury's Report Attached.

Discussion: Previous Month Expenditures

Motion to Accept: Jan Olsommer D58 / Linda Foran A21 – Accepted Unanimously

IV. Committee Reports

A) Finance & Budget:

Discussion: General Community Financial Condition / 2015

Dues Collections (Collection Rate 94%) / 2016 Dues Collection /

Donations Made / Resale Certificates

B) Building & Grounds:

Discussion: Tree Removal Completed – Wood Clean Up

Completed / New Stone in Picnic Area Completed / Bathroom and

Kitchen was Cleaned Up by Community

Volunteers / East Side Sign Repaired / Community Clean Up Day Successful / New Tractor Purchased / Generator Maintenance Completed / Community Chips Available / Post on East Side and by Clubhouse / East Side Spillway Cleaned / Snow Fence Removal / Wing Walls on Dam Bridge / New Sand for Beach / Pavilion Roof Shingles Replacement to be Completed / (Kevin Cowley G14) Lot Owners to Remove Dead Trees

C) Construction:

Discussion: Lot B-67 Construction in Process

D) Dams:

Discussion: Quarterly State Reports Completed / DAM Insurance Update – Local State House Bill 1712 Regarding Potential Fee for Maintaining Required Lake

E) Lake Ecology:

Discussion: Fish Survey – Implementation of Recommendations from Survey /Permits Received Lake Treatments / Treatments to be Completed in Late Spring / (Jan Olsommer D58) Questions for Clarification of Lake Treatments / Testing of Beach Water for Swimming to Remove Dead Trees

F) Roads:

Discussion: Tree Limbs Removed from Road Sides / Culverts Maintenance on East and West Side / Plastic Barrels of Cinders Place Throughout Community / Tree Removal on Skyline Court / Snow Plowing Invoices / Potholes Maintenance to Begin in Mid-Spring / New Road Work Scheduled to begin in June / (Carolyn Cowley G14) Questions Regarding Roads to be Repaired / (John Cafarella D55) Gratitude to Volunteers of Road Work Crews

G) Social Committee / Greenspace / Picnic

Discussion: Raft Up May 28 1:00 PM / May 29 Community

Yard Sale / August 20 –In House Talk Hummingbirds & gardens /

Raft Up Sept 1:00 PM / Lake Talk July 2 /Bon Fires June 25 & Sept 24 / Gratitude to Volunteers of Social Committee / Annual Picnic August 13

V. Old Business:

Discussion: Reminder Boats Require Lot Number / Boats filled With Water / Boat Without Lot Numbers by Labor Day will be Removed / (Jan Olsommer D58) (Joe Lux E22) Question of Boat Types / Letters Sent to Owners for Unightly Lots

VI. New Business:

Discussion: Picnic Tables to be Moved / (Paul Winters F10, Jan Olsommer D58 & Irwin Spector F44) Visitors to the East Side Google Maps Showing

LITC as Pocono Default Location – How to File Complaints with Google on Website and Printed on Handouts - No Trespassing Signs Available / Bear Problems / Bridge Closure on Route 447 in the Proximity of Long Road to Summer of 2017 to Spring 2018 / (Jan Olsommer D58) Clarification of Use of Lake by Home Owners Guests / (Irwin Spector F44) Questions Regarding Painting and Spillway Repairs / (Ed Lux E22) Swing Set on east Side of Need of Repair

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Kevin Cowley / Janet Olsommer – Accepted Unanimously

Next General Membership Meeting: October 15, 2016

*Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Hall, LITCPOA Secretary*