

**Galena Oaks Property Owners Association  
Regular Board Meeting – Minutes  
Saturday, June 29, 2024**

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Called to order at 9:05 am

Location: Pond

Board members present: Rob Miller, John Herza, Linda Day, John Jackson, John Beyer,  
Margaret Jasinski

Board members absent: none

Other attendees: Morgan Haun, Dorathy Haun, Linda Lord, Jill Jackson, Linda Rega, Skip Day,  
Wally Mika, Dave Andersen, Dennis Both, Chris Claus, Teri Palermini

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

- The minutes from the May 4, 2024 Board meeting were read. A motion was made (Herza) and seconded (Day) to approve the minutes; all voted in favor.
- In response to our emailed questions, a plat of survey from County records was provided by Jo Daviess County. (Side note: The full legal description they provided was: “Lots 1 through 67 in Galena Oaks Subdivision as shown on Plat of Subdivision dated April 20, 1977 and recorded May 25, 1977 as Document No. 142434 located in Plan Hold 2 of Plats No. 55a & 55B.”) The plat of survey has been posted in the Members’ section of the GOPOA website.
- We received a “Notification of Premium Increase and Reductions in Coverage” from Grinnell Mutual. They predict that our annual premium will increase by 15% or more this fall.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

End-of-fiscal year reports were provided to the Board; they have also been posted in the Members’ section of the website. The information has been sent to our accountant to prepare our annual 1120H tax filing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Questionnaire - A questionnaire was sent by email to owners (with US mail to 10 owners without a supplied email address) to determine interest in potential Board projects. 28 replies were received (representing 31 properties). A split vote on the question of limiting Short Term Rentals in the community indicated that there is no groundswell of support for a re-vote on an Amendment, so a new vote will not be taken in the near future, and there will continue to be no limit on the number of STR's in the community. On the question of building a picnic shelter in the pond area, 60% of the responses expressed some support for this idea. The Board will communicate with Owners as ideas develop.

Mowing update - Work continues on getting quotes from lawn maintenance people outside of the community who meet our basic criteria. It has been difficult to find interested lawncare companies midseason; one verbal quote has been given. Wally Mika has been providing service in the interim.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board vacancy – Linda Rega was appointed by Board vote to fill the current vacancy until the annual fall meeting. At that time an election will be held to fill the remaining year of Bob Rega’s term.

Fall elections – There will be 5 seats to be elected this fall: 3 three-year terms and 2 one-year terms.

The annual meeting and picnic will happen August 31. The same general format and activities can be expected including the fundraising Poker Run and raffles. More information will be coming. Donations for picnic food and raffle items will be most welcome.

Pond – Tremendous thank-yous are due to Jill and John Jackson and to Wally Mika for all their hours of work in repairing and improving the recent pond leak and bank problems. There could be additional costs for materials as more work is planned; more volunteers are always welcome. Please help if you can.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am

Submitted by M. Jasinski

Approved: August 31, 2024

