

EFAC BoD Meeting

03-07-2017

6:00-7:15pm

Attendees: Sharon Anson, Kara Lusby, Dick Presser, Suzi Montovani

Location: Teleconference

Topics:

Minutes

10-3-16 – Reviewed. Update was needed to acknowledge that we interviewed Tom and selected him as our 5th EFAC board member. Minutes approved pending the update.

10-17-16 – Reviewed. Update was needed to include that 2017 EFAC draft budget was created for the General Fund. Minutes approved pending the update.

Sue asked that minutes be sent out to the Board in a more timely manner.

Administrative

Website – Dick posted the updated and previously approved EFAC meeting minutes, including the 2016 Annual EFAC Members Meeting. Dick will post the various court/legal documents and letters related to EFAC, the easement, and EF piers to the website as well.

Legal

- EFAC/Stine case scheduled for May 18th
- EFAC Appeal of the Powell/Miller court decision was extended again per Miller's attorney request
- Assessment of Snyder court costs – attorneys will meet May 18th before Stine hearing

Officer Concerns

Dick raised concerns about the integrity of members of the EFAC Board. Specifically his concerns were about accusations made the morning of the Stine/EFAC hearing by Matt Shipman, EFAC's legal representation. Matt Shipman stated that he believed there is/was a conflict of interest between Sharon Anson and Steve Synder, Stine's attorney. Dick will contact Matt to further understand the specifics/root of Matt's concern and ask for any documentation to support it.

Sharon shared the nature of their relationship and stated there have been no conversations with Synder related to the Stine lawsuit. Steve Synder has been the Epworth Forest Offshore Association's legal representation since the 1980's and was directly involved in the Epworth Forest 2014 legal proceedings.

Community Pier Status

Notices for the 2nd Trail application were sent to the community. A paper copy of a letter from a resident to DNR was sent to EFAC as well. There were several questions. Suzi will share the letter with the board electronically. Kara is meeting with DNR on Friday to submit the N-4 form and understand additional details on the status and timeline of the application.

Suzi asked about next steps with the existing community pier structure currently in storage and in need of repairs. Without knowing if DNR will be approving the new location, EFAC does not feel any new financial decisions regarding the structure can be made at this time.

Finance

Suzi discussed a breakdown of the legal expenses in 2016 and 2017 to-date. She also provided a breakdown of the total to-date for each court case.

The board had a discussion about whether or not every invoice needed approval by the entire board. The question was raised that if the expense/line item falls within the annual amount budgeted in that expense category, is it necessary for the board to vote to pay the expense. Suzi, the EFAC Treasurer, also asked about the desired format of financial reporting for 2017. Once a month, Sue can go through a breakdown on a spreadsheet. as long as it was a line item on the budget, we didn't need a hard copy. Report it vs. discuss and vote. If it appears that we will exceed budget, they will be brought to board.

2017 Budget

EFAC revisited the 2017 budget drafted in the 10/17/16 meeting to make further adjustments. EFAC reduced the number of General Fund members contributing to the budget due to the uncertainty of the Community Pier member assignments. EFAC unanimously voted on the General Fund/Shoreline fees to be \$100 for 2017. Dick volunteered to send the same invoices (wording, etc.) as were sent last year via email. EFAC agreed that they would not yet bill community pier assignees any fees (General or Community Pier) at this time.

Next Meeting

The next EFAC Board conference call is scheduled for 6pm on Thursday, March 23, 2017.