#### THE BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE CLUB

# Board of Directors – Meeting Highlights Date: November 14, 2015 Shawnee Inn & Conference Center 10:00AM

# 1. Call to Order - by Gary Smith at 10:02AM

**a.** Attendance: Gary Smith, Vince Ricci, Steve Melnick, Lynn Ball, Chip Callori, Ernie Hayfield, John Gumina

Others: Pat Briegel, Mary Ann Freeby, SARP Chief Parrish, Officer Kenny Palmer

#### 2. Introductions:

## 3. Management & Committee Reports:

- **a.** Pat spoke about the work completed in 2015:
- Road work to prolong the life of our roads was completed this year and we have additional roads scheduled for next year.
- Speed hump replacement and uniform signage installed.
- Upgraded both of the upper tennis courts and installed new nets.
- Fence repairs at the tennis courts.
- Re-surfaced the lap pool.
- Replaced some of the pool furniture.
- Added security cameras and upgraded the recording equipment.
- Clean-up of the boat area.
- Upgrade of the recreation field area including replacement of the playground equipment.
  - **b.** Mary Ann thanked all volunteers that helped to make this year's Fall Festival a success. We had over 300 attendees.
  - **c.** Mary Ann introduced the following Committee and club members in the audience and asked them to say a few words.
- Ed Cron Garden Club
- Michelle Harper Kids Club
- Mark Sowers Communications Committee

### 4. SARP Chief Parish

Chief Parish spoke about private communities and that they have the right to

the same police services as communities on public roads. He discussed the history of the relationship between the BMLC and SARP and his commitment to continue this tight relationship. Chief Parish spoke about how important two-way communication is and introduced our BMLC police liaison – Officer Kenny Palmer.

## 5. SARP Officer Kenny Palmer

Officer Palmer discussed his role as liaison to the BMLC.

#### 6. Election Results

Lynn Ball – 117 Steve Melnick – 114 Gary Smith – 112 Jennifer Dougherty – 105 Eddie Hampton – 95 Tom Perry – 92

### 5. Questions / Answers

- Q. What can be done about traffic infractions including speeding and running stop signs?
- A. PA law states that roads inside of private communities are actually "traffic ways" and SARP can only patrol roads and highways.
- Q. Can a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Brushy Mountain Road and 447?
- A. The Board and PMA have made attempts and suggest that homeowners contact Penn Dot and local officials to request this as well.
- Q. Is there a difference between Public Safety (like at Saw Creek) and Security personnel at BML?
- A. The Public Safety Officers at Saw Creek are a step below Police in what they can legally do but above BML Security.
- Q. How can traffic be slowed on Pocahontas Road along the recreation field?
- A. The BMLC can request the speed trailer from SARP in the spring.
- Q. Are school buses allowed to back up?
- A. There is no law that prohibits a school bus from backing up.
- Q. Why do we not pave our roads instead of using tar and chip?
- A. All road work over the past two years used methods that are used by Penn Dot and local municipalities. It is the intention of the Board and Management to review these methods and decide how to proceed prior to the next batch of road work.

- Q. Will the Board and Management look at reunion ridge as there are issues with the road at the low areas?
- A. The proposed 2016 capital plan has this area listed for road work.
- Q. Can a yellow stripe be painted down the center of main roads?
- A. This request will be placed onto the Board's agenda for review.
- Q. How will the transition of management companies be handled and will PMA be put on retainer for future needs?
- A. When a management transition occurs there is typically a two to three month transition process. Preferred Management and PMA have been in touch and are working out the details to transfer information. The Board will look into the retainer idea at the December board meeting.
- Q. Is PMA still handling other services like snow removal and landscaping?
- A. No. Both services were put out to bids. PMA did not win the snow contract and elected not to bid on the landscaping service bid.
- Q. Was price the only factor in awarding service contracts?
- A. No. Price and service were evaluated to determine who the contracts were awarded to.
- Q. Going forward, can we try to get more participation from community members in debating and decision making?
- A. Yes. We will continue to try to get participation from community members through committees and feedback where possible.
- 6. Management and 3 Board Members (Chip Callori, Ernie Hayfield and John Gumina) left at 12:12pm.
- 7. Adjournment: Gary Smith called for adjournment of meeting at 12:59pm.