

**Catspaw Property Owners Association
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes**

November 24, 2015

Note: NEW free conference call service! Call-in number is 1-302-202-1116. Sign-in code: 337746. The phone number and sign-in code will remain the same for each meeting.

Attending: Frank Lee, Randy Aderhold, Jack Lurie, Susie Henderson, Laurie Holmes, Billy Dasher,

Not Attending: Ron Meuldjik

Link to [minutes](#) from July 28, 2015 Executive Board Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Frank Lee. A quorum was in attendance. The meeting was conducted for the first time using **Free Conference Calling**, a free service, which saves the association money (www.freeconferencecalling.com)

Discussion: Hemlock Tree Cutting in the Right of Way and on Private Property. Billy Dasher was asked by President Lee to start the discussion about tree cutting. Billy Dasher began by saying that he has had a change of heart since Sid Long and Bill Sullivan hired Jesse Franks to cut and leave their felled, dead hemlocks on their property along the side of the road. It looks like a tornado hit the area. Jesse Franks is the same individual that Catspaw was considering hiring to do the same work. Mr. Lynch's quote for Catspaw included hauling off trees, but the quote was somewhat vague and more expensive than Jesse Frank's quote.

During the recent storm with high winds, a dead hemlock fell down. The hemlock trees fall piece by piece from the treetop. When Billy Dasher surveyed the community today, he noted that the main hemlock problem area has been addressed by Sid Long and Bill Sullivan's tree removal. There are also a number of dead Hemlock trees between Art Husband's driveway and Jack Lurie's old driveway on Walnut Gap Road. Laurie Holmes noted that we should leave the dead trees as long as possible for wildlife. It was agreed that the trees would be left alone for now.

Randy Aderhold believes that the association needs to cut the trees in the roadway because our insurance agent has told us that they pose a liability to the Association, and because they are a danger to passing traffic and pedestrians. Priority for Randy is to cut the trees in the right of way. Aesthetics and money are also considerations especially remembering when the utility

company cut trees under the powerlines. Billy will try to get Wayne Lynch back up to Catspaw to see what he can do within the estimated right of way. Survey is not necessary.

Susie Henderson asked Billy why he thought the Sullivan's chose to take down their dead hemlocks this fall? Billy said and Randy confirmed that Randy had talked with Sid Sullivan and told her that the association might be interested in taking down dead hemlocks that were on their property.

Frank Lee asked if we need to mark the remaining trees? Susie agreed to work with Billy to note the affected property owners and inform them in early December of the dead and/or dying Hemlock trees. Frank Lee asked whether trees are on lots with or without houses? No structures are involved according to Billy. No action has been taken yet on identifying and notifying homeowners of problem trees. Billy said that identifying trees near the margins is a challenge so having contiguous lot owners sign a notification. Frank suggested that a general letter with a place for people to sign and return their permission to hold the association harmless. Once the dead hemlock survey is completed, Frank gave permission to Billy and Susie to draft a letter to send to homeowners. No deadline, but do when convenient.

Roadwork

Billy Dasher

Quote of \$7,300 for roadwork was subtracting out the work that Jack Lurie agreed to do to remove rocks. Billy moved that we accept the Wayne Lynch proposal for \$7,300 which is within our budget. Jack Lurie seconded the motion. Motion accepted by board.

Billy Dasher wanted to authorize reimbursement for Jack Lurie's expenses to remove rocks. Motion made and approved.

Update on current check signers

Jack Lurie

Every Officer of the Board, except for Randy, is now a bank check signer. We currently have four signers. Jack would like to have Randy as a signer to ensure that there are always two check signers at Catspaw. Randy's last trip to close up will be in early December. Any other signer can accompany Randy to the bank to add him.

New Road Issues Noted

Susie Henderson

- Blocked culverts and ditches causing overflow and erosion of roads
 - Cats Paw Road and Chips Lane
 - Cats Paw Road above Mitchell's house and below Mechling's home
 - Rusty Ridge Road washing down McCollister driveway
- Buckhead Road is part of Catspaw subdivision down to the bottom of the hill. Water is coming down a rudimentary driveway below a culvert on Sean Smith's property and

eroding a portion of the road. Susie commented that Buckhead is one of the more heavily used roads and the main route into Catspaw on Google maps. Jack confirmed that he uses Buckhead quite a bit, too. It was agreed that we need to check on repair options.

- Lack of ditches causing erosion
- Lack of culvert caused erosion and damage to road into Walnut Gap

Treasurer

Jack Lurie

- Jack Lurie asked everyone receiving his invoice email to reply to it to eliminate the cost of a mailout.
- In one day, Jack received 15 responses out of 42 owners which is very good. Only bounce back was Ron Meuldijk's email address which has been updated to his commercial email.
- Currently in the bank, there is a \$22,000 reserve and \$8,000 unspent from 2015 road maintenance.

2014 and 2015 Minutes

Susie Henderson

- Debbie Mackie, previous Catspaw secretary, told Susie Henderson that she has lost her entire Catspaw computer folder which includes among other things the draft 2015 annual meeting minutes and the 2014 approved minutes. Frank will call Debbie to discuss and will attempt to reconstruct minutes as will Susie.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Henderson, Secretary

Resources:

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2016 Meeting Date [Doodle Poll](#)

[2017 Meeting Date Doodle Poll](#)