



SCOTT LAKEMAINTENANCE COMPANY
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 10, 2023
4pm – 6pm
Zoom and in Community Center

Call to Order 4:01pm

ROLL CALL – BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT

☐ Eric Riffe ☐ Judy Zygar ☐ Theresa Parsons ☐ Ben Snyder ☐ Mike Pierce
Tom Culleton ☐ Marci Simmons ☐ Dane Johnston ☐ Jim Hawkes

Marci Simmons stated for the record that the Special Board of Trustees meeting should have been at 6pm.

Eric Riffe suggested moving the Community Comments to the beginning of the meeting.

Community Comments:

- Dena Egan – Every Board Member that was part of the problems at the park on the 4th of July should be removed from the Board, removed from committees, and banned from the park.
- Marci – As a homeowner she walked over to watch the fireworks. Found kids underage drinking, on mushrooms and lighting fireworks under the kitchen shelter as well as roman candle fights between kids. Marci was informed about kids lighting off fireworks to the play structure. Kids were shooting fireworks at Marci and her face. A kid confronted Marci and called her names. The mother of the kid pulled Marci's daughter into an altercation. Police were called. Mike was on the ground through another altercation. Theresa asked if Marci knows the name of the mother and if assault charges were filed and Marci confirmed that yes, they were.
- Cindy Hoey - Mentioned that how people are approached could depend on their reaction.
- Rebecca Corpus – Banned the fireworks from the park.
- Eric Riffe asked if we ban the fireworks in Scott Lake, then people will light off fireworks in the street. How do you enforce it?
- Theresa Parsons – Mentioned that the County Commissioners discussed banning fireworks in the County but didn't take action. However, it is likely that they may be banned in a few years.
- Jim Hawkes - Mentioned that there is a difference between banning in the park or banning throughout the neighborhood.
- Marci Simmons – Suggested people combine fireworks and have individuals light them off instead of everyone doing it. Hire security to manage the park and how individuals are working within the park.
- Wendy Malloy 113th – Didn't go to the park due to an earlier experience with Kids in the park. If there is a way to ban fireworks in the park that might be a good idea. Due to the red flag warning people were lighting them off over houses other than their own homes. Wendy thinks it would be a good idea to go back to music or movies in the park instead of fireworks.
- Monica Granison – Was not at the park on the 4th of July but did have a question. We have the Scott Lake Patrol, what is their role?
- Eric Riffe – We don't have a Scott Lake Patrol in the community. The Scott Lake Patrol is a community member that does it on his own and is not affiliated with the Board.
- Kathy Cameron – Read on the Facebook page that kids were drinking in the park. Why didn't the cops call the parents to take responsibility?
- Dane Johnston – Cops cannot question the kids without their attorney present. The Board needs to seriously look at the options available.
- Kathy Cameron – This was, in her opinion, the worst year than any past year's celebration.

- Samantha Riffe – Saw the follow-up comment about coming together and banning fireworks at the park. Looking for solutions to move forward. We can try to enforce it.
- Tracy Miller – Lives by the park and it is a war zone for the 4th of July. Do we know how many residents' verses non-residents were at the park?
- Dane Johnston – There are a large portion of people there that don't live in the community. Went to the park 4 times on the 4th.
- Kathy Taylor – Can the Board do a "No Trespass" to the kids, so the police have more options? Have we thought of fencing off the park?
- Eric Riffe - Talked with the attorney and confirmed that we can do a restraining order and that does give the police and Board more options.
- Dane Johnston – It would be roughly \$150k to install a fence. Started looking into professional security options that can do security and looking at different avenues to see what other options might be available for us.
- Marci Simmons – Kids are shooting off bottle rocket at the park, inside the play structure.
- Wendy Mallory – Question regarding trespassing. If we do this on a regular day instead of the 4th of July, we might get the officers out sooner rather than later. Was terrified in her house due to neighbors lighting off fireworks next to her house.
- Sherry Stacy – Has pushed for a fence, but like what Dane mentioned as a solution. What can we do and do those things. A real estate photographer was chased out of the park by the kids.
- Dane - Is not speaking on behalf of the Board. We are not stating we would not step up. We are gathering all the information. Let us work on this, we all want to protect the community.
- Jim Hawkes – Likes the security and no fireworks in the park but also mentioned the restraining order. Do we have anything in the Bylaws to fine the homeowners if their kids are causing the problem. Sometime kids are looking for a purpose.
- Kathy Cameron – It takes something like this to bring the community together. Kathy works with 3 to 5 years old and sees the different attention they are getting. Some are getting the bad attention and not the good attention.
- Jennifer Shelley – Talk about changing the Bylaws and what is the process on that?
- Mike Pierce – The Bylaws can be changed by a majority vote of the community. It is up to the community to vote for them. The only items that don't need a vote would be the Policies and Rules.
- Theresa Parsons – The Governance Committee has been working on the new Bylaws to bring to the community for their review.
- Sherry Gemic – Came here from Boseman, Montana where they had a strong HOA. The HOA stated there would not be fireworks in the community. The HOA decided to hit them in their pocketbooks. They went through the neighborhood and took down names and addresses. Then they included a fine in their next statement. If it wasn't paid there was a lien placed on the property.
- Cindy Hoey – Concerned that we might be dictating what she can and can't do, which does raise some concerns.
- Rebecca Corpus – Can we get the little stickers to put in the car windows that state we are residents?
- Suzanne Fromme – Hearing these ideas and how to help control the fireworks in the park is good. If we were to stipulate that if you plan to go to the park, then you are required to apply for a permit along with details of your plans. Then the Board could limit the number of permits that were issued. Then they would need to have the permit with them. Suggested sending out a survey to get their thoughts.
- Eric Riffe - This would then go to the policing of the park.
- Carrol Watson – The combination of alcohol and fireworks is a stupid combination. Likes the idea of security guards and getting rid of the fireworks.
- If you would like to email the compliance@scottlake.net on your thought about the fireworks.

The community thanked the Board for coming together to work on a solution.

The Board of Trustees moved into an Executive Session at 5:20 pm, for 45 minutes.

Resumed the Special Board of Trustees meeting at 6:05 pm.

The Board of Trustees moved back into an Executive Session at 6:09 for an additional 45 minutes.

Resumed the Special Board of Trustees meeting at 6:55 pm.

The Board of Trustees moved back into an Executive Session at 6:55 for an additional 45 minutes.

Resumed the Special Board of Trustees meeting at 7:25 pm.

President, Eric Riffe, stated that the Board of Trustees had assessed the situation on the 4th of July, and we agree that this could have been handled better. Moving forward, we will hire trained security.

- **The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.**