

Correspondences

There have been 12 correspondences this month. Question on when the weight restriction was lifted, payment plans, rentals, 3 properties requesting relief due to Aqua. All property owners are required to pay dues as per the Covenants. The final request was to purchase a Masthope property to build on. We only sell Masthope property to the adjacent lot owner to merge.

President

The Rental Policy and Aqua update will be addressed at today's Board meeting. I would like to give you some history on both topics.

Karl Hope, who built our community, had a vision. In the Covenants, our most senior document, he describes what Masthope would become. In that Covenant he laid out how the community was going to run. On page 24, paragraph 8, he specified the land to be "sold, leased, conveyed, and rented". When we purchase our property, we agree to abide by this document. This community has grown and now we fast forward ahead on rentals. The PA Supreme Court passed down to the Municipalities to decide whether or not to allow short term rentals. Over several months, the Township created a rental ordinance. I, Gerhard, Tom Garrity, Randy, along with several other property owners attended the public hearing on the rental ordinance presented by the Lackawaxen Township Supervisors. Prior to the public hearing, the document was made available to the public and people could voice their opinions on the proposed rental ordinance. At that meeting, only six members of the audience spoke up, with voices from Tinkwig, Fawn Lake, Woodloch, and others speaking up including a Masthope owner who rents. As did ALL the other speakers, Randy thanked the township for their hard work and allowing the communities to make their own decision on having short term rentals. He as well as other business owners expressed the benefit of having renters for local businesses, referring to our Summit Restaurant and Ski Big Bear. Unlike us, Fawn Lake expressed they did not want short-term rentals, and since it was only in their rules and regulations, they could easily remove it. All said, there was no opposition heard from anyone in the audience. The ordinance was approved by the Township Supervisors.

Continuing with the covenant's section IV. Central Sewage System, Karl Hope specified how the sewage system would work under approval from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Throughout page 32, he discusses the use of all amenities and recreational facilities subject to payment of dues, including the mention that ski will be open to the public. The board must follow this document. Only 2/3 of the property owners can change it.

This past year has been unique, ever changing, and challenging. Despite all the turbulence that was handed our way, the board with management working together has kept our amenities open, financials stable, and most important our property owners, staff and guests safe. But despite all the hard work, we are berated by a few, using Facebook as their forum. Shame on all of you who sit behind a keyboard and complain. Meetings are monthly, and the information is available to everyone. You attack our management team and our board members, and this is unacceptable. I have known Ron and Randy for many years, we don't always agree but in my role as President these past 2 years, I commend their knowledge, skills and commitment to Masthope. Their job is to advise, and with their years of experience we would be foolish not to listen. The board and management work as a team. I hope the new homeowners listening today realize those same people complaining, are not building this community up. Do not go to Facebook for the answers they are on our website, in our documents and can be answered at our meetings.

We have great property owners who continue to volunteer endless hours to make this place a premiere community. Just last weekend, almost 40 property owner volunteers came together for our annual community clean up event. Thank you to all our volunteers and thank you Ron, Randy and Tom and your management team. All, do not listen to the minority, instead listen to the majority.