

Minutes
LHV H&POA Annual Meeting
July 18, 2017 – 5:30 PM
LHVFD Station 2 Meeting Room

- **Presidents Report – Jim McCarthy**

Chipping & Fire Mitigation – Fire mitigation continues to be a high priority for Loughill Village. If you have guests or renters, it is important that they understand the fire danger and not have any outdoor burning.

There will be a chipping day again this fall. The date is tentatively set for 10/9 with a 10/2 cutoff for registering. West Region Wildfire Council will chip up to 5 piles at no charge. A pile is defined as being 5 feet wide by 5 feet high and 7 feet deep. The piles do not have to be stacked separately, so essentially you can have one pile that is 25 feet wide, 5 feet high and 7 feet deep if you prefer. If you have more than this amount, contact Jamie Gomez at WRWC to make special arrangements. His number is 970-615-7300 X-125.

Piles should be stacked so that the cut ends of the limbs all point to the road. The chipper can handle up to 8” diameter. In the past, some people have asked if they could cut firewood out of the piles. If you have slash with limbs thick enough to be cut for firewood, it is suggested that the be stacked on one end or on top so they are easy to get to.

Roads – Ouray County now has crack sealing equipment and they the sealed the cracks on all of the Loughill Village paved roads this last spring. It was noted, that eventually, all of the paved roads will need to be chip sealed. However, the funding of this will have to come from the property owners, just as the original paving project was funded. It is time to be thinking of this as it probably should be done in the next 3 to 5 years.

Water – The Association of Dallas Creek Water Users, Inc. (ADCWA) continues to monitor the activities of Dallas Creek Water. The represent the water users in front of the PUC and generally monitor the utility. They are funded by member dues and are in position to hire attorneys if necessary to protect the end users.

There are really two issues. The first is the fact that the water distribution system is owned by Dallas Creek Water, but the water rights to pump the water out of Dallas Creek is owned by a family member, but is a separate corporation. The Dallas Creek Water is regulated by the PUC, but the water supplier is not.

The second issue is that there is no backup water supply. Ideally, it would be good if Tri-Counties Water and Dallas Creek Water had a connection so that they could back each other up if there was an unexpected supply interruption. At one time, there were some discussions of Tri-Counties buying out Dallas Creek Water, but this fell through.

- **Treasurer’s Report – Larry Meyers**

It was reported that the following funds are available as of 7/18/2017:

HOA	26,009.47
Roads	11,588.17
ACC	13,096.26

The ACC number quoted above is the net amount after subtracting the refunds that will be due to property owners after completion of their projects.

The question was asked as to what percentage of the homeowners contribute to the HOA. Approximately one third of the property owners contribute. It should be noted that individuals that own multiple properties are only billed for one property, not for each individual property.

- **Park & Recreation District Report -Richard Niemeier**

See the attached report from the Park & Recreation District.

- **Pet Network – Ted Rector**

There were a number of Pet Network success stories this year where pets were reconnected with their humans. However, some never returned and were most likely victims of the local predators. We would like to encourage responsible ownership of keeping pets in protected areas and on leash so they aren’t vulnerable to attack.

Coming soon, there will be a new email address to notify the Pet Network of missing or found pets. This email address will be a distribution list so you can just use a single email address and the message will automatically go to all the board members. There will be an email notification when this is ready.

- **LHVFD – Tom Austin**

First of all, Loghill Volunteer Fire Department is looking for volunteer firefighters. There have been some retirements and they are a little short staffed. The firefighters train about 80 hours a year and on average respond to 5 incidents per year.

Everyone should have received a survey from West Region Wildfire Council. If you haven’t done so, please complete this survey. There will be a Wild Fire Risk Analysis for the LHV properties available soon. You will be able to go out to a private website and see how your property has been rated.

WRWC is considered one of the best managed wildfire councils and have receive \$150,000 in grant funds for Log Hill Volunteer Fire Dept. district. Out of these funds, refunds for up to 75% of the home owner’s expenses for fire mitigation will be available.

Tom was asked about the wildfire predictions for this year. He responded that this appears to be shaping up to be an average year. Since we had a wet winter and early spring there may be more risk from grass fires.

Jim McCarthy thanked LHVFD for the excellent job they have done for our community over the years.

- **ACC Report – Dennis**

- There have been 7 permits for new homes, 3 permits for new garages, plus addition approvals for fences, tree removal and etc.
- There were 9 home sales and 13 lots that changed ownership this year. The median home price was \$452k, and they averaged 24 years old.
- The amendment to Unit I covenants to prohibit short term rentals failed. However, the short-term rentals are now licensed by the county. This license must be renewed each year and may be revoked if there are complaints from the neighbors.

- **Topics from the Members**

- The road striping on CR 24, CR 24A and CR1 was a really poor job. John Peters was in attendance from the OCBOCC. He said that the striping job was subcontracted, and they withheld payment because of the poor job. The contractor went back out and tried to fix it, but really didn't do a good job the second time either. The county wants them to come back and black out the lines and redo them right, or they will not release payment.
- John Peters also discussed roads in general. The county is testing new materials to see if they can hold the surface better and require less maintenance. So far, they seem to be holding up much better and are cheaper to apply than chip seal. They have also added a new chemical to the mag-chloride which is very inexpensive and makes it hold up about 40% longer. Using the new mixture is pretty much a no-brainer and will be expanded to all county roads where mag-chloride is applied.

Loghill Village Park and Recreation District Annual Review – July 18, 2017

Since last year's meeting Park & Rec accomplished the following:

- Continued our annual efforts to control the invasive Mullen weeds in the Elk Run meadows.
- The new extension to the Red-tail Trail was completed this spring, connecting to the portion out to the point, which was completed last summer, and connecting it to the Elk Run Trail. Trail signs and tree blazes are also in place. We thought it appropriate to use red as the color designator for Red-tail Trail, and that is the color for the trail on the new map, as well as for the tree blazes.
- This necessitated changing the designator color on Oak Trail from red to a new color, which was decided to be green. Changing the color on Oak Trail has also been completed.
- An updated trail map is available on the Loghill Village website (loghillvillage.org) in the Park & Recreation District section. We hope everyone will enjoy the new trail.
- Earlier this year the Park & Recreation District acquired title to two parcels of land when the owners signed them over to us. There was no cost, other than registering the deeds with the county. Both are located in Unit IV. Access to one parcel is at the end of Pine Drive. This parcel is under consideration for a new trail. Access to the other parcel is on CR 24A. At this time, we aren't considering any trail development here.
- Additional new trail construction is under consideration, also.
- In addition to specific projects, a constant ongoing job for the Board is trail maintenance. Members volunteer their time at such tasks as trimming encroaching oak brush, cutting low tree branches, repainting trail blazes, rebuilding cairns, eliminating invasive weeds, etc.

The Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of even numbered months. The current Parks & Rec Board Members are:

Richard Niemeier – President	Michael Cassidy – Treasure
Yoland Miracle-Colburn – Secretary	Al Lowande – 'Trail Boss' Rob Ashmead

Feel free to contact a Board member with any questions or concerns about our park lands and trails