

Squire's Grove Pond Committee

The Squire's Grove Pond Committee is being formed under the by-laws of the Squire's Grove Management Association Article IV-Officers, Section 3-President reading: ... "he shall have the all the general powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of the President of a corporation, including but not , limited to the power to appoint committees from among the owners from time to time as he may in his discretion decide is appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the corporation."

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of the Volunteer Committee shall be called the "Squire's Grove Pond Committee", hereinafter referred to as the "Committee."

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

The Committee is being formed to promote the protection and enhancement of the water quality and of the common grounds of the Squire's Grove Pond in order to protect and preserve its ecological and aesthetic value.

The purpose of this Committee will be to gather information relative to Pond restoration and maintenance, report its findings to the Management Association for review, and to make specific recommendations to be approved by the Management Association.

If the "Findings and Recommendations" of the Committee would require funding beyond our reserves there would be a special meeting called to discuss and approve specific measures. Special Assessments for further development and maintenance of the Pond may be levied by the rules and by-laws of the Squire's Grove Management Association guidelines.

The Committee will coordinate its activities through the Squire's Grove Management Association and as necessary with the Village of Elm Grove and the Regulatory Agencies, such as the DNR, as required by law.

The Committee will have authority to request minimal funding through the Squire's Grove Management Association in order to obtain information relevant to their information inquiries and used towards final recommendations. Funding is subject to review and Management Association Board approval.

The Committee will have no special authority to authorize or contract any recommendations on behalf of the Management Association.

ARTICLE 3 – OBJECTIVES

The Committee is to facilitate a partnership for the mutual benefit of individual Members, the Village of Elm Grove and the Regulatory Agencies involved with pond and watershed restoration and maintenance.

The Committee is to promote and provide a forum for sharing of information and experiences on scientific, administrative and financial aspects of pond improvement and watershed management.

The Committee is to assist in the development and plan the execution of pond restoration and protection programs in accordance with appropriate Management Association approval, using

proper communication to educate Association Members, to coordinate the activities of Member Volunteers and to coordinate the use of resources from the Village of Elm Grove and the Regulatory Agencies.

The Committee is to encourage support and development of local, state and national programs promoting pond and watershed management.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of those individuals included in the Squire's Grove Homeowner and Condominium Owner Associations, the Village of Elm Grove, the necessary Regulatory Agencies and those with a legal "right of way" the common areas whose interests are consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Committee.

ARTICLE 5 – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee Members will be appointed by the President of the Management Association and approved by the Management Association Board. The Committee will take responsibility on September 1, 2007 and will exist until such time as their findings are final and submitted to the Management Association for review.

A Pond Monitoring Committee may be established for the long-term future of Pond oversight and will be included in the Association Member vote of "Findings and Recommendations" if necessary. The Pond Monitoring Committee would continue to collect and maintain data to monitor the short-term and long-term health of the Pond and surrounding grounds adjoining the water body.

The Committee will be governed by five committee members, two homeowners and two condominium owners and an environmental "expert." The Committee Members shall have full power to manage the affairs of the Committee to accomplish its purpose and objectives, subject to the specific conditions of the management Association Bylaws and in coordination with the Management Association, Village and Regulatory Authorities.

The President of the Management Association shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Committee. He shall preside at the initial meeting of the Committee to facilitate the election of a Committee Chair and may serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee. He shall see that all recommendations and any rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Committee and approved by the Management Association are communicated to all Members and enforced. He shall execute all contracts and other instruments by the authority and consent of the Management Association, which shall have been first approved by the Committee Members.

The environmental committee member, or third party expert, shall be the technical expert on the biology and chemistry of Squire's Grove Pond and ponds in general. He will use his scientific understanding of the ponds to assist the other Committee Members and Committees to better conduct their respective activities. If by Committee Chair approval, he will also act as the liaison with other individuals and organizations concerned with pond improvement and protection.

The Management Association Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Committee meetings and shall maintain all permanent records of the Committee. He will also play an active role in the communication of information to the Members of the Associations. The Management Association Treasurer shall manage the necessary funds needed to support the requisition of information to support the Committee findings to present to the Board and the Member Associations. All inquisition funding shall be approved by the President under the authority of the Management Association.

If a Committee Member can no longer fulfill their duties, a replacement may be assigned by the President and approved by the Management Association Board for the remainder of the term of the Committee.

An inquiry to all Members shall determine the list of Committee Member candidates with an interest in serving on the Committee. Nominations will also be accepted to insure expertise in area of need. All appointments will be made by the President and approved by the Management Association Board.

The Committee Members shall strive to achieve the objectives of the Committee. Each member shall be responsible for preparation and presentation of pertinent pond and watershed management topics for Committee consideration, and shall act upon the business of the Committee in a thoughtful and conscientious manner.

Committee Members are expected to take an active role in the promotion and development of the Committee. They should engage in planning and carefully consider the long-run future, purpose and objectives of the Committee.

No two members of the same household shall serve as Committee Members during the same term of office.

No Committee Member may expend Association funds without authorization by the President of the Management Association.

ARTICLE 6 – COMMITTEE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

During the “findings and recommendations” process, additional responsibilities of the Committee shall be: updating Association Members on the Committee’s progress with the intention of informing and educating the membership about water quality issues of the pond, pond maintenance and issues related to the surrounding common areas. This “information” is not intended to create a public forum for debate an opinion, but to inform the Association Members of the issues the Committee is dealing with on their behalf and what might be the subject of a future vote by Association Members.

Methods of communication would be the combination of a “Pond Committee” page on our website, hosting an informal Pond Education session for all Association Members and creating a newsletter or special mailing as an additional source of information on progress and major issues.

ARTICLE 7 – COMPENSATION

The Committee Members shall serve without pay, but may be reimbursed actual expenses while conducting Committee business, providing that these expenses receive prior authorization from the President of the Management Association.

ARTICLE 8 – MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Meetings of the Committee as a Committee and with the Association Board shall be scheduled through the Secretary of the Management Association and will include the Pond Committee and the Management Association Secretary, Treasurer and President.

All meeting minutes and Committee progress will be posted to the Squires Grove website @www.squiresgrove.com