



## Annual Meeting Newsletter June 2019

***IT IS TIME TO PREPARE FOR ANOTHER SUMMER IN COBMOOSA SHORES!***

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Benona Township Hall. The meeting, as usual, will begin at 10 AM. Be sure to arrive early to register.

The Board will be presenting progress reports from each committee and you will be voting

1. To Approve or Reject the Budget *(details follow)*
2. To Approve or Reject a Roads Improvement Proposal *(details follow)*
3. For the Election of Trustees *(details and candidate bios follow)*

We encourage you to attend this meeting. If you cannot, please submit your proxy—included with this mailing.

If you vote by proxy, please mail your proxy ballot to:

Cobmoosa Shores Association  
PO Box 186  
New Era, Michigan, 49446

Proxies must be received no later than Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### Reminder: Dues Payments

You will receive an invoice from:

Cobmoosa Shores  
c/o Lyn Richardson  
11044 Harold Drive  
Luna Pier, MI 48157

on or before July 1 annually. Dues are \$45/year for each unimproved lot, \$130/year for each improved lot. Dues payments are due on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>. You may pay your dues at the annual meeting or by mail to Lyn at her Luna Pier address. Dues that are in arrears on November 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a late fee.

**IMPORTANT: Checks for dues payments must be made payable to Cobmoosa Shores Association not Lyn Richardson.**

### The Official CSA Address

The official CSA address is:

Cobmoosa Shores Association, Inc.  
PO BOX 186  
New Era, Michigan 49446-0186

This address is used only for correspondence to the board regarding official business such as relates to the annual meeting.

## Your Current Board of Trustees

Rich Campbell (Pres)	9356 Erie Trl	(231) 861-7259
Sara Collins* (Treas)	9324 Erie Trl	(231) 861-4905
Ed Dedic	9095 Shawbacoung Trl	(616) 893-9500
Rick Emerson (VP)	9316 Erie Trl	(517) 243-2649
Paul Jordan*	4286 S. Ottawa Trl	(231) 861-2472
Dennis McKelley	9414 Erie Trl	(248) 473-1380
Jan Morrison (Secy)	9002 Huron Trl	(231) 861-7042
Jerry Parise*	9131 Huron Trl	(616) 283-3809
Bill Raffail	8983 Shawbacoung Trl	(231) 861-5516

\* The terms of Trustees Sara Collins, Paul Jordan, and Jerry Parise expire this year. Sara and Paul are running for reelection while Jerry is retiring from the board. Thanks to Jerry for his dedicated service.

## Trustee Email Addresses

To facilitate communication with the membership the Board of Trustees have adopted standard email addresses. The general format for these email addresses is *firstname.lastname@cobmoosashores.com*

You may download a list of trustees with complete contact information (address, phone, email) from the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com>.

Lyn Richardson, the CSA accounts receivable clerk, though she is not a trustee, may also be reached via email at [lyn.richardson@cobmoosashores.com](mailto:lyn.richardson@cobmoosashores.com)

## Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes from Annual Meeting 2018
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Reports from Committees
6. Open Forum
7. Voting
8. Announce Voting Results
9. Adjournment

## Ballot Proposal: Road Improvements

Our steep sloped roads in Cobmoosa—Erie Trail, Apache Trail, and Tahoe Trail—are paved to control water flow and prevent erosion. These paved areas have been in place for 20 or more years and require a 1½" top coat to preserve the integrity of the road bed. Resurfacing will protect them for another 20 plus years. We are asking the membership to vote to utilize funds saved over the years mainly from cost saving measures to:

Resurface parts of Erie Trail, all of Apache Trail, and all of Tahoe Trail. While we have most of the funds in our reserve, the amount required exceeds 10% of the roads budget and therefore requires a membership vote to utilize the total amount of \$35,000 for this project.

## Proposed Budget

### COBMOOSA SHORES ASSOCIATION, INC. — PROPOSED BUDGET, 2019 - 2020

Roads.....	\$20,000.00
Beach and Parks .....	2,600.00
Insurance.....	3,600.00
Administration	
Accounts Receivable Clerk .....	900.00
Communication .....	1,000.00
Postage & Supplies .....	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Administration .....	1,050.00
Legal and Professional.....	250.00
Taxes .....	750.00
Contingencies.....	420.00
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TOTAL.....	\$31,570.00

## Casting Your Ballot

Article Five of the By-Laws states that

1. **Trustees** are elected by the membership; spouses owning property each have one vote.
2. **Business Affairs** of the Association, in other words all other business, is conducted on a per lot basis with two votes eligible to be cast from each lot.

## The Ballot

You will find a biographical statement from each trustee candidate at the end of this newsletter; your ballot is enclosed. If you cannot attend the meeting, your proxy must be received no later than Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to be counted.

### Special Note for the Board of Trustees Election:

1. There are four (4) persons running for the three (3) open seats. Reminder: board positions are for a three-year term.
2. Trustees Sara Collins and Paul Jordan are running for re-election. Members Tom Boersma and Bruce Kelly are also running for the board.
3. The results will be ranked from most to least votes. The top three vote getters will be seated as trustees.

## Beach Parking

Anyone wishing to park at either the North or South beach access must have a parking sticker. This applies to guests as well as members. If you need a parking sticker, please contact any board member by phone, email, or via the Contact Form on the CSA website.

As is our custom, we plan to actively monitor parking at both the North and South Beach accesses over holiday weekends. Any car found without a parking sticker is subject to be towed.

**NOTE:** New parking stickers were issued last year. If you did not receive yours, or if you need an additional sticker, please contact any trustee.

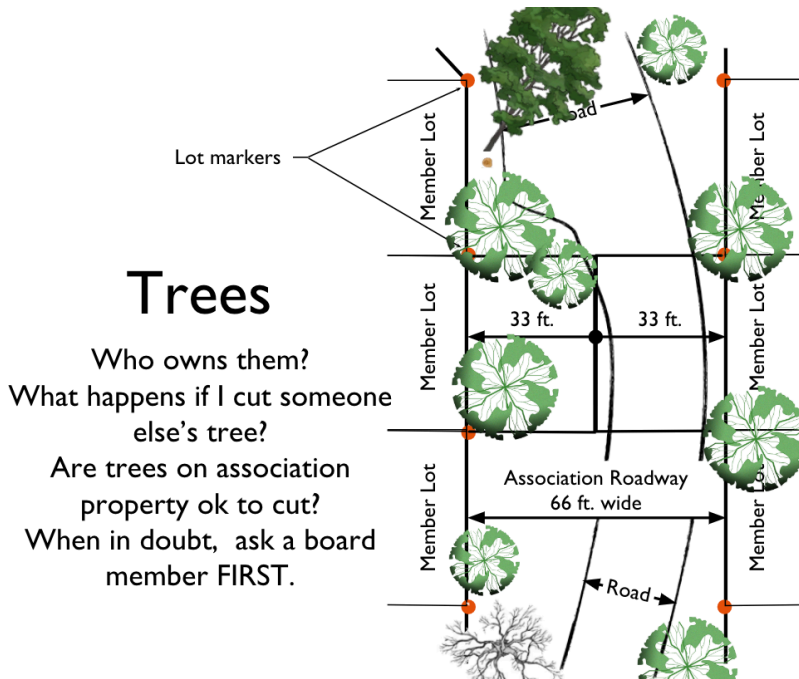
## Visit the Cobmoosa Shores Website

This newsletter, a calendar of events, along with other useful and relevant information, is available at the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com>.

You may use the CONTACT US form on the website to make suggestions, ask questions, and offer comments regarding our association to your Board of Trustees. The data from the contact form is electronically delivered **to each board member.**

## Reminders, Reminders, Reminders

- **Speed Limits:** please obey the posted speed limits (15 MPH). Our roads are not motorized bike trails, raceways, nor are they test tracks for dirt bikes, go-carts, ATVs, or snowmobiles.
- **FIRE:** If you rent, please convey to your renters your concern regarding this important issue.
- **Rental Registration:** If you rent, you must register this fact with the Board. The Rental Registration Program is **mandatory** for all owners who elect to rent their property. The completed Rental Registration Form must be submitted **annually** by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/rental-registration-program.html> for further information.
- **Board Meetings:** The Board meets regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from April through October at 10 AM until adjournment at the Stony Lake Inn. Board meetings are open to the membership. The Board encourages you to attend to listen, to express a concern, or to make a comment.
- **Parking Issues:** Parking on the roadways is prohibited. Blocking driveways or parking on other people's property without permission is also prohibited. Any car parked within CSA property must display a valid CSA parking decal.
- **Public Areas:** All property in CSA is owned by someone. Only the Beach, the North and South accesses, and the Park across from the North Access are considered public areas and are for the exclusive use of CSA members and their guests.
- **The Beach:** The beach belongs to us all. Please review "Sharing Our Beach" on the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/sharing-our-beach.html> .
- **Trees and the Road Right-of-Way:**
  - The Road Right-of-Way is owned by the association and managed by the Board of Trustees. Anyone wishing to cut or trim trees within the road right-of-way must first receive permission from the board. Fallen trees that are blocking the road right-of-way would be treated as an emergency exception.
  - Please ask first before cutting. Contact information for your board of trustees is posted on the South Beach Access message board and also on the CSA website.
  - The graphic below illustrates how the road right-of-way is determined and is a reminder that the road may not follow a property line exactly.



## Opt In eNewsletter

Be sure to sign up to receive electronic communications from the Board. The eNewsletter will be transmitted whenever there is news or information for the membership.

*This eNewsletter will be an “opt in” communication, that is, you must elect to receive it. It will not be sent to you unless you opt in.*

To “opt in” please visit the Contact Us form on the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/contact-us.html> and select “Opt-In for the e-Newsletter” from the “Purpose of this contact?” drop-down list.

Information sent via the eNewsletter will also be added to the News & Notes page of the CSA website.

## Update Your Contact Information

Do we have your correct mailing address? What lot(s) do you own? Do we have your email address(es)? Phone number(s)?

The Board requests that each member takes a moment to update his/her contact information. You may do so by mailing this information to the CSA post office box:

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PO BOX 186  
New Era, Michigan 49446-0186

Or by using the Contact Us form on the CSA website <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/contact-us.html>. If you use the website be sure to select “Update My Contact Information” from the “Purpose of this contact?” drop-down list. You may use the Comment/Question box to include lot number(s), additional phone numbers, etc.

## Social Activities

Mark Your Calendars for the following events:

- ❖ Thursday, July 4, 2019: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Ice Cream Social
  - Parade starts at 10:00 AM m at the north access
  - Ice Cream Social follows in the “park” across from the north access
  - Rain date is July 5<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Saturday, August 31, 2019: Labor Day Weekend Events
  - Coffee/Donuts in the “park” across from the north access at 10 AM
  - Beach cleanup after coffee/donuts
  - Rain? If it is raining, this event may be moved to the Stony Depot (formerly Keehne’s). Signs will be posted at the appropriate time.

And don’t forget the Book Lending Library at the South Access.

## Cobmoosa Shores Apparel

Jill Dedic, who has over 25 years of fashion and buying experience, volunteers her time to provide Cobmoosa Shores Association apparel to the membership. CSA apparel will be available to purchase at the Annual Meeting as well as other membership gatherings such as the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend coffees. The apparel is provided to the membership at cost, there is no markup.

Please visit the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/csa-apparel--more.html> to see some examples of what is available and to get Jill's contact information. Please note that minimum orders are required which may delay your order until Jill can meet those minimums.

## Candidate Bios

### BIO FOR TOM BOERSMA, SEEKING COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD SEAT, 2019-2022

I have been coming up to this area since my parents bought a cottage in Driftwood when I was a teenager. Brenda and I bought our place in Cobmoosa in 1999. We are at the north end of Ottawa Trail on Lake Michigan. Our primary residence is in Grand Rapids, where I work as a mechanical engineer. Since our children have moved on we are now able to enjoy more time up here in the fall and spring. I believe the current board of directors does a fine job of preserving the unique nature of Cobmoosa Association and I have no agenda other than maintaining the status quo.

### BIO FOR SARA COLLINS, INCUMBENT SEEKING REELECTION TO COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD, 2019-2022

My family has been at Cobmoosa Shores since its founding. We built first on Huron, then on Erie Trail in 1970-71, coming each summer from Fort Wayne IN. My husband and I became permanent residents in 1996. I am a retired music teacher, now directing choirs at First Congregational UCC in Shelby. Over the years It has been a pleasure to meet and greet the membership through my contacts as your treasurer. CSA has come a long way because the members are 'community' working together. You can be proud of your Board for its long-range planning.

### BIO FOR PAUL JORDAN, INCUMBENT SEEKING A COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD SEAT, 2019 – 2022

My family and I first visited Cobmoosa Shores over 20 years ago. We rented for the first 6 years for increasing amounts of time, and then bought a lot and built our home on Ottawa Trail. We remain enchanted by our beautiful lake and treasure the neighbors and friends with whom we share it. We have a very special community here and it is important that we preserve it.

I am now completing my first term on the board. My particular areas of interest have been fiscal prudence, maintaining our excellent roads, the beach, protecting the Association's legal rights, and implementing our rental registration policy in a way that helps renters fit in while minimizing adversarial relationships (and the chance of expensive lawsuits!)

Before being elected to the board, I served on a variety of non-profit boards and as an elected school board member. In the latter capacity, I shared responsibility for a budget of over \$200 million. None of the organizations that I've served has ever run a deficit, and I have always done my best to leave those organizations more effective and better organized than I found them.

I am hoping very much that my fellow members will see fit to elect me to another term.

### BIO FOR BRUCE KELLY, SEEKING A COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD SEAT, 2019 – 2022

*Mr. Kelly did not submit a biographical statement*