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POCONO MOUNTAIN LAKE FOREST

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Resident:

As of this writing, the community continues to be in a 'hold pattern' due to the Judge's order on injunction as well as an appeal filed on decision which literally tied everyone's hands from doing anything effectively shutting down all community operations. Although the

IBOD is bound by the Judge's order and will not violate any judgement entered, this short newsletter is written more to keep residents apprised and aware of what is happening in our community. The existing website created as well as the email previously created will remain intact for the same purposes.

You are probably all wondering what is going on, what is next. We are also. The COVID-19 epidemic has put the process into a temporary "black hole" and no one has any idea how long the appeal will take. This presents a problem. That leaves us all in a quandary. Is the IBOD dissolved, as the court order said, or is it resurrected while the stay is in place? And if we revive our efforts to hold an election will the court invalidate the results, since the original court order is still valid? The situation does not have strict rules, as it is based on equitable relief rather than a specific law. So, we are as unsure as everyone else. At this time, NO board exists per the judgment.

The decision we have cautiously come to is that PMLF still exists and the basics have to be taken care of. To that end, since there is still money left from last year's dues (how's that for a pleasant surprise?) certain bills need to be paid and some action on the more dangerous road problems is necessary for safety reasons. So we have decided to act, but as minimally as necessary. This will not put us back on the course we were pursuing before the stay was issued. It will just take care of the basic essentials, paying heat and electric bills, paying the snow/ice contractor's final bill, trying to get some of the worst potholes filled before someone gets hurt. Probably some people will object, perhaps even try to prevent us. So be it. *Sometimes you just gotta do what you gotta do!*

On other notes:

There has been a fair amount of complaints from our residents of people irresponsibly tearing around on quads and other prohibited vehicles. There is little we can do with this but calls have been made to the State Police and request for enforcement by the State Police has been made. The State Police said if called they would come. If you are one of

the residents constantly subjected to this abuse, please try and get photos or some kind of license ID etc. since this can be given to aid the State Police. Eventually there will be an election. The new BoD, once elected, will clearly have the authority to issue fines and address the use of ATV's and off site vehicles. As all are aware, ATV's in community are prohibited.

Also:

There are logging trucks using the Gate 1 entrance, even though the bridge has not yet been certified for the weight. Prior meetings with the operators required them to supply verification on bridge weight as well as bonding to insure same as well as other documents NOT received. We will attempt to address this situation.

To get the roads worked on we need volunteers. We have the material already purchased in the maintenance yard. We have no authority to hire a contractor but again will look towards our residents to assist in doing some of these pothole repairs. If you are willing to help make your life a bit safer, please send an email to office@pmlfcommunity.com and someone will get in touch with you. Hopefully we will see some nice weather and this virus will be over so better to get all in place earlier than later.

And to all our members, be safe, be well and we will get through this at some point. To quote a song from an old Broadway musical, "When you walk through a storm hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark. At the end of a storm there's a golden sky and the sweet silver song of a lark."

Hang Tight all ... Please stay safe and continue with social distancing with this terrible pandemic affecting all. If there are residents in our community that need any help because of this pandemic, please feel free to send an email to office@pmlfcommunity.com and we will try and coordinate a task force to help.