

**Amston Lake District  
Board of Directors  
Special Meeting  
MINUTES  
August 17th, 2013 6:00 p.m.  
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231  
[www.AmstonLake.org](http://www.AmstonLake.org)**

- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors  
Present: Dave O'Brien, Frank Hoisl, Mark Paul, Lou Lenti, Dave Moorcroft, Dave Martin, Sherri-Ann Martin

Absent: Ray Decormier, Steve Cormier

- B. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions regarding the proposed changes to the Amston Lake Use Rules and the Ordinances

Larry Zimmerman, 183 Deepwood, Hebron  
Provided a list of edits to Mark Paul; most concerned that (5) days is not long enough for someone to respond to a complaint from the Board if they live in Florida during the winter; need to reconsider time period for response when enforcing ordinances

Second bigger issue was in regards to the section of fish and how many/what length can be taken

Marge Nichols, 18 Spafford Drive, Lebanon  
2008.11 "on beach" should be changed to "District Properties" so ROWs are included

ROWs are beautiful now that they have been fixed up; boat trailers are parked on grass; they are not attractive and take away from the use of the ROW. She and others referenced in an email sent previously to the Board would like to see a ban on trailers being parked on ROWs both during the on and off seasons.

Paul Oliver, 342 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon  
He parks his trailer on the ROW because he has a small lot for his home and this would take up his parking spaces in his yard. He understands that people may not want the trailers on the ROWs so can't the Board specify another area which is District owned? We do own a few properties back in the woods on the Lebanon side and on St; Ronan on the Hebron side that can be considered.

Trailers should be tagged with Amston Lake Boat sticker, licensed and insured and his is; does not want to lose right to park on another area of District property

Nancy Slauenwhite, 8 Oakland Road, Hebron  
She wanted to know why boats that come in on top of cars are not inspected; Dave Arnold explained that invasive weeds usually hang on the boat trailers and not on kayaks or canoes which are smooth and can be carried by hand.

Concerned that lake will turn into a marina if anyone can just moor their boat where ever they want to; she thinks the Board should stipulate where moorings can be placed; should not interfere with swimming or boating.

She also wanted to know if the distance from a waterfront property to its mooring(s) would be defined and/or how far out a raft can be.

Larry Graf, Deepwood Drive, Lebanon

Swimming ropes should not be set up in front of properties like on 23 Sunset Dr. We all own the water and they have placed concrete blocks and ropes in the water. This is dangerous to boaters.

Barbara Sines, Catherine Street, Lebanon

How will the Board enforce no smoking on ROWs? We hope residents understand rules are for protection and safety of all of us; D. O'Brien stated that 98% of our residents follow all of the rules.; it is the 2% we are trying to protect everyone from.

Dave O'Brien then asked the residents for their comments in regards to the possible future increases in the use of party or pontoon boats on the lake owned by off lake residents.

Dave Arnold stated that the current docks supplied for off lake residents are not right for party/pontoon boats; they should be attached to a land based dock or taken in and out of the lake.

Lou Lenti stated his concern for the costs of taking the boats in and out repeatedly. Dave Arnold stated that the number of people going in and out of the lake is not high; if we increase the cost to the residents directly, they will find ways to sneak in and this is dangerous. Bolton Lake is spending \$250,000 this year to treat for milfoil and there is no guarantee that it is going to work. We need to keep inspections free to residents to protect the lake.

There was discussion around how many pontoon/party boats there are now. Decision was that total is (14) – up from (11) last year.

Some discussed limiting the number of pontoon/party boats to be allowed on the lake. Others felt that was not totally fair.

Paul Oliver stated that he did not understand the “anti-pontoon boat issues.” They are not a problem right now.

Frank Hoisl stated that moorings for all boats are a concern; not just for the party/pontoon boats.

Rich Disonna (?), 120 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon

Some pontoon boats are smaller than some of the catamarans; Mark Paul stated that the Board's concerns for pontoon/party boats is based on past issues with large number of catamarans. Luckily, the popularity of catamarans on the lake has waned so the problem has just kind of gone away. We don't expect pontoon boat use to decline; we do expect it to increase.

Dave O'Brien stated that the Board is trying to put rules in place before people simply start mooring anywhere so we avoid having issues.

Dave Arnold thought a mooring or two off of each or each appropriate ROW would be a good idea

Marge Nichols thought moorings on ROWs might block areas where people want to swim

Mark Paul discussed attempting to set speed limits; this is not realistic; we would need signs and enforcement; after research, the horsepower of any electric motor is not such that it can go very fast. We are trying to set safety limits by being thoughtful and not limiting the use of the lake by our residents. Jet skis are banned as well as personal watercraft. Frank Hoisl stated again that

our main goal is safety. If we set a maximum number of moorings, then that would determine the maximum number of pontoon/party boats that can be on the lake.

Mark Rubler, 231 Deepwood Drive, Hebron

Has anyone asked for a mooring? Should consider that before we do anything. Dave O'Brien responded that yes, a few have inquired about moorings.

Jack Girard, 233 Deepwood Drive, Hebron

Will need to address moorings in 4 or 5 years so good to address it now. Do like the ocean marinas do – there is a waiting list and you pay for your mooring for the season. Should moor a couple here and there-not all in one spot; lottery system works for them – we should consider the same

In regards to docks, Jack thought a 20 foot dock is too short; a 40 foot dock would allow water front owners to attach two boats.

Mark Paul: He will review all comments from this session and the August 23<sup>rd</sup> session, along with emails and will make edits as the Board agrees to. The Board will vote on the revisions to the Ordinances at the September 18 Regular Board Meeting.

Dave Arnold requested that the edits be published prior to the September 18 meeting so that residents may review. S. Martin agreed to get all notes out on Monday, August 19 to Board so can discuss on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Regular Board Meeting.

Dave O'Brien stated that the parameters are now being set to avoid future issues.

D. Adjournment.

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Mark Paul seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Sherri-Ann Martin, Clerk  
Amston Lake Tax District