



Tuesday, March 27, 2023

A special meeting of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association Board of Managers was held on Monday evening, March 27, 2023, in person at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church and via Zoom Webinar, Pat Wilmsen presided.

A quorum was present including the following: (in person) Miles Bojanic, Joe Lamont, George Leyh, Marcie Lloyd, Esther Mefferd, Jeff Minnich, Kevin Wells, (and via Zoom) Kevin Burd, Don Dale, Ted Martin and Pat Wilmsen.

Two Members were represented in person, and eight Members attended via Zoom.

### 1) Call to Order, Pat Wilmsen

The President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### 2) President's Report

- a) A few comments were received in response to the first reading of the revised Rule 16. Two comments were received about the amount of the fine. Pat stated that the fine is supposed to be a deterrent to keep Members from taking down trees.

There were also questions about who will enforce the Rule. Pat responded that this Rule will be enforced the same way as all our other Rules and that the fine will be issued the same as other fines. If the fine is not paid, it will be turned over to our attorney for collection; the same process we use for collecting unpaid assessments.

There was also a request to review the By-Laws to make them more inclusive of the community. Pat responded that as stated at the last regular meeting, the earlier proposed revision to the By-Laws has been put on hold while we review our By-Laws with PA State law that our organization is subject to.

### 3) New Business

- a) Ted Martin gave a second reading of the proposed revision to Rule 16 and the Penalty section of the rulebook, that reading is attached to these minutes.  
Kevin Wells made a motion that Rule 16, as amended by the Board at its regular meeting on March 21, 2023 and as read tonight, be adopted, which was seconded by Don Dale.  
Ted Martin stated that he hopes this Rule acts as a deterrent and will never have to see any fines issued.  
Kevin Burd added that he had reviewed all the Member comments and he considers the fine, while a large increase, reflects the importance of the trees in our community.  
Miles Bojanic stated that if the Rule revision passes, it is imperative that the Board ensures that all Members are aware of the Rule change.  
After due deliberation, the motion was approved by majority vote of all Board Members present, as the resolution of the board, with one negative vote from George Leyh. Resolution #2023.03.27-01

NOTE: After the evening's meeting, the Board discovered a quorum was not present at the Special Meeting. The second reading of the proposed revision to Rule 16 and the Penalty section of the rulebook would be voted on at the April 18, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Managers.

### 4) Community Comment

- a) Doug Lorenzen, 503 1<sup>st</sup> Street.  
He agrees with the Rule but is concerned the penalty may not be enforceable. Pat Wilmsen stated she would look into it and that she appreciated the feedback.
- b) Linda Campbell, 402 Glossbrenner Avenue.



- Agrees with Doug and thinks it imperative that the MGCA attorney review the whole policy.
- c) Bill Linton, 211 7<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Seems that the question of enforcement is an example of how changing a Rule so quickly makes the process more difficult.

## 5) Adjournment

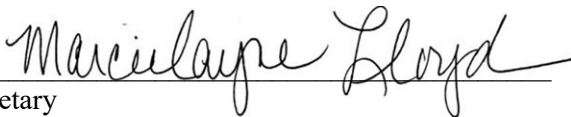
The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. on a motion by Marcie Lloyd, seconded by Kevin Burd and passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting was recorded and will be available on the MGCA website for one month.

Attachments:

Rule #16 Proposed Revisions – Second Reading

  
Secretary

  
Chairman