

Swiss Village East Property Owners Association
2019 End of Year Letter

Dear SVE property owners,

It is my privilege to write to you for the first time as your board president. The board is collection of property owners like yourselves dedicated to maintaining and improving the SVE community. The board meets formally four times per year but is active throughout the year in coordinating projects and activities for the maintenance and enhancement of SVE. Board elections are held in October. I would like to thank and recognize our outgoing board members of Mike Sherman and Doug Meyers. This year we are welcoming new board members Julie Musial-Woods and Stephanie Koppe. Both Julie and Stephanie bring a new skill set to the board and we are looking forward working with them in the coming year.

During the annual meeting held in October, the board with consensus of the attending property owners agreed to implement a committee-based structure for the coming year. In the past, most issues, ideas, or concerns were raised directly to the board. Under the committee structure, we envision the committees playing a more active role identifying opportunities, leading activities, and implementing change with the board still maintaining its approval and fiduciary responsibilities as it does today. The committees will allow for more participation plus better responsiveness. Listed below are the four committees with their leader.

Social and communication	Aleta Berghoef
Architectural	Rob Poupard
Maintenance	Brad Whaley
Finance	Lonne Petroskey

These standing committees are currently being organized so if you are interested in participating in a committee please reach out to the committee leaders. We welcome broad participation.

Board members and property owners have been active in improving the community and the beauty of SVE. If you are a resident or regular visitor, I am sure you have noticed some of the positive changes. Thanks to all who have contributed their time and energy this past year.

Speed Limit signs – This past year the county has posted the speed limit in the SVE community to 25 MPH. In an active community with pedestrians and children, safety is critical. Please maintain safe speeds when driving through the community.

Assessment of tree removal – The board concluded an assessment to remove the maturing forest of SVE. In the end, it was deemed to complex. The forest could benefit from removal of mature trees, but we have many property lines with multiple owners. It would be costly to survey the lots and communicate to all. This issue has been tabled for now.

Easement on corner of Schuss Mountain road and Cedar River Drive- The SVE sign and garden located at this intersection is on Lone Petoskey's property. Lonnie has been kind enough to grant an easement to SVE to this property for the purpose on maintaining the sign and garden after property ownership changes. Thank you Lonnie.

Entry sign and garden- I hope you have noticed the sign has been refreshed with a new coat of paint plus the garden has soil amendment with fresh flowers. It has a much-needed improvement this past fall. The sign and garden create a positive impression for the broader community.

Riverside Park – In 2018, we incurred extensive storm damage in Riverside park. This has been cleaned up and the mulch from the trees has been used to enhance the trail. Also, some of the boards were replaced along the boardwalk. This is beautiful spot so we encourage you to enjoy the park. There are logs available for firewood so help yourself to the wood.

This past July, we had another successful summer picnic in the Children's' park. Thank you to all who were involved in organizing and attending. It is fun to meet the neighbors and enjoy a meal together. We plan to have another picnic this coming July.

Lastly, we have recently become aware that one of the power companies in the area intends to enhance their infrastructure running through the community. The project plans and specifics have not been shared with us yet. We will pass this on to you as more becomes known. We expect there will be tree removal along the easement this winter with the power poles changed later this year. More to come on this topic soon.

Include in this mailing is an opportunity to update your directory information (email, physical address, telephone number). Please send this to Lonnie Petoskey, petrock36@gmail.com and/or Aleta Berghoef aletaberghoef@yahoo.com. Lonnie is the association treasurer and sends out dues statements, annual meeting notices, election ballots, and most other communications. Aleta maintains the association website, <https://www.swissvillageeast.com/> and is currently updating our association directory. Help us to maintain effective communication by updating your contact information.

Best Regards

Mark Berghoef