

Winter Time Trailer Permits

ISSUE: The long standing rule that prevents the "wintering over" of recreational vehicles (travel trailers and motor homes) has been reinstated. Recreational vehicles are not allowed on undeveloped camping (recreational) lots from November 16 to April 1 of each year.

The intended purpose of this rule was to ensure that Lake Limerick would not become a trailer park with recreational vehicles becoming stationary structures and / or permanent residences.

In December 2006, a member requested special consideration due to illness to leave their recreational vehicle over the winter as a one-time event, which was granted. In 2007, several other members requested consideration. The Board enacted an experimental 1-year trial rule to allow recreational vehicles to remain on camping lots (undeveloped recreational lots without a home) over the 2007-2008 winter season, provided a permit was obtained and minimum and maximum usage requirements were satisfied.

In 2016 the Board added a requirement that users of permitted trailers had to sign in when at Lake Limerick (sign in lists were located in the Lounge, the Office and the Pro Shop).

Although some members signed in, none met the minimum use requirements. In 2017, the Architectural Committee recommended discontinuance of the permit process to the Board of Directors. The Board concurred in passage of the consent agenda at its July 2017 meeting.

Four members subsequently requested exemption from the reinstated requirement to remove their trailers from November 16 to April 1 each year.

At the October 2017 Board meeting, the Board agreed to accept permit (exception request) applications from those members who had, in prior years, been granted permits, stipulating that it would be for one year only, and usage must be documented by sign-in.

Subsequently, 6 members applied for and received over-winter permits for their trailers for the 2017-2018 winter season only. Sign in sheets were again available at the Pro Shop, the lounge and the main office. They were monitored throughout the winter and collected on April 1. Based on the Sign-in sheets, only 2 permittees met the minimum use requirements.

On December 14, 2017, LLCC security, in a cursory count, identified at least 10 non-permitted trailers left on lots. Trailers left on lots that have no apparent activity for weeks and months become unattractive nuisances. In 2016-2017 year, vandals and burglars broke into several travel trailers. In 2017-2018, one trailer was set on fire and destroyed. Trailers that don't move for years often become broken down eyesores, and incapable of being moved.

CONCLUSION

The results indicate the permit and exception processes do not provide a benefit for a significant number of LLCC members. Only two of the six members who applied for and were issued permits last winter met the use requirements. Therefore, as stated above, Recreational vehicles are not allowed on undeveloped camping (recreational) lots from November 16 to April 1 of each year.

For full narrative see Board of Director Minutes April 21, 2018 on line at the Lake Limerick website (<http://lakelimerick.com/>) or request a copy through the office.