

Nominees for the October 29, 2019 Election

The Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC) has authorized five Members to stand for election to the Board of Directors. There are four openings. The NEC is comprised of Jean Allen, Harry Miles, James Steinbach and board liaison Howard Bellman.

This year's nominees are:

Sharon Genthe – 92 Oak Creek Trail

Bob Jacobs – 59 Oak Creek Trail

Amy Kell – 15 Oak Creek Trail

Dean Ryerson – 17 Hemlock Trail

Larry White – 71 Oak Creek Trail

Following is a brief biography for each nominee.

Sharon Genthe – 92 Oak Creek Trail

I am Sharon Genthe and running for the Tamarack Trails Board of Directors. Since moving here seven years ago I've observed and educated myself on the TT by-laws, operations and the Board of Directors obligations. My observation from speaking with Tamarack residents, attending BOD, Maintenance and Financial Committee meetings for the last 7 months is that the residents have three primary requests... maintain the integrity of the property, keep the finances in line and keep our property values at a high level.

For the past 25 years my husband, Ric, and I have developed two successful businesses. We own, manage, maintain and finance 6 rental properties. I've experienced working with banks, tenants and property cost effective maintenance. We also own an advertising and marketing business. My part in that business is as a free lance photo stylist. I've worked with over 50 diverse companies, negotiating rates and working with many business personalities. The business climate and "Amazon" world in recent years allowed me to experience current business practices as well as the electronic and social world. I currently serve on Tamarack's Resident Activities Committee.

It is the Board of Directors "responsibility to exercise their powers in good faith with a view to the interests of the Association and to this end, adopt appropriate guidelines for action." (BOD By-Laws) I believe in an open door policy, obligated to listen to all concerned residents, strive to get the facts and do the work. My intention is to help develop a policy for strong communication with residents and work with committee and other BOD members to act as rapidly as possible to move our association in a positive direction.

I ask for your vote to the Tamarack Board of Directors and thank those many people who supported me by signing my nomination papers.

Bob Jacobs – 59 Oak Creek Trail

My wife Cristie and I have lived on Oak Creek Trail for three years. I'm currently employed at Lands' End as Editorial Director and serve Tamarack as chair of the Architectural Review Board. For 20 years prior to working at Lands' End, I led several volunteer organizations where I gained experience in budget building, facilities maintenance, future planning and staffing/personnel matters.

I believe that Tamarack is entering a vitally important period for its future. The decisions we make in the next few years will have long-lasting impact on the continued health and prosperity of our community. We need to discuss these issues together, welcoming new ideas and taking new steps to ensure our longevity and well-being as a great place to live.

Amy Kell – 15 Oak Creek Trail

I am running for the Tamarack Trails Board of Directors and ask for your vote. I have been proud to call this community my home for the past five years. I am presently on the BOD – appointed in February 2019 – and have also served on TT's Finance Committee. I have an MBA from the University of Chicago and have been in the housing field for more than 40 years. For the past 19 years, I have had my own business working for housing authorities across the country. In that capacity, I have been instrumental in obtaining 90 competitive federal grant awards totaling more than \$160 million for my clients – from Washington State to Washington, D.C. Grant funds have helped to revitalize distressed neighborhoods and supported families in becoming economically self-sufficient. I am a trained mediator and conduct volunteer mediations at the courthouse through the Tenant Resource Center. I am also active in my faith community, First Unitarian Society, where I served as a lay minister for many years. Giving to my community is important to me, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue to serve Tamarack for the next two years. Thank you for your support.

Dean Ryerson – 17 Hemlock Trail

Dean Ryerson has enjoyed living in Tamarack Trails since 2008 and appreciates the friendliness of his many neighbors, the park-like setting, the garden plots, and the recreational opportunities that living at Tamarack provides. He currently serves on Tamarack's Board of Directors and previously served on the Architectural Review Board.

Dean feels that when one lives in a community that person should give back to helping improve life in that community. Thus, in previous communities in which he has lived, he was called on and served as Chamber of Commerce Board president, library board member, technical college board member, United Way Board Chair, church council president, and park and recreation commission member. In his role as a school administrator he served as president of several educational organizations in Wisconsin including chair of the Wisconsin Urban School Superintendents Association.

He served Rotary International as a District Governor and currently coordinates regional Rotary Training and Education/Leadership Development. In 2017 he was honored to receive Rotary's highest award, the "Service Above Self" recognition.

Dean, now retired, was a school superintendent, human resources director, and associate principal. He also works as a school consultant serving on school accreditation teams for school improvement in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois.

Larry White –71 Oak Creek Trail

I have a BS in engineering science from West Point and an MS in industrial engineering from UW-Madison. My work experience includes 5 years as an army engineer in Iran and Panama and 30 years at Alliant Energy as a financial analyst and manager of the pricing and regulatory areas. For 15 years, my wife and I owned and managed four apartment buildings in our spare time. Since moving to Tamarack, I've been on the Finance and Amenities Committees and ad hoc Appfolio and stormwater run-off committees. I think that this is a critical time for Tamarack as we manage our finances for the future and I am interested in making a positive impact as a board member

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