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# WOODLAND TRAILS ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Randall W. Mann (DBA) Great Lakes Land Company whose address is P.O. Box 941 Traverse City, Mi. 49685 owner and developer of:

Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 Part of Section 31, T27N, R9W, Whitewater Township, Grand Traverse County, Michigan. Parcels being part of the "Woodland Trail" development:

I, on <u>09/12/2020</u>, do hereby establish this agreement for the improvement, maintenance and use of road(s) and road rights of way(s) as identified below:

PRIVATE ROAD A 66 foot wide easement for ingress, egress, and utilities that terminates with a 52- foot cul de sac in part of section 31, T27N, R9W, Whitewater Township, Grand Traverse County Michigan. Further described by certificate of survey by Mansfield Land Use Consultants dated 9-1-2020, and recorded at 2020S-00120 Grand Traverse County Register of Deeds.

### PARCELS IDENTIFIED HEREIN ARE HEREBY SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT.

#### INTENT:

It is the intent of this maintenance agreement to provide an effective, yet convenient mechanism for the above described owners to maintain roads and road right of ways in a reasonably safe condition suitable for efficient travel by, yet not to maintain the roads at that level of care or condition that would be required by the county road commission standards for maintained roads. To that end, the undersigned agree that the roads should, from time to time be maintained. In that, general upkeep should be performed to maintain or improve the condition of the physical access to provide ingress and egress as needed. This agreement shall be in addition to any and all governmental requirements and/or private restrictions that may be now or hereafter applicable to the described parcels or maintenance and repair of said roads.

## COST:

The cost of improving, maintaining and repairing roads/easements such as, by way of illustration, and not necessarily by way of limitation, the construction, improvement, snow plowing, surfacing and re-surfacing, brining and/or chloriding, grading, mowing of shoulder/right of ways and other like or similar improvements, maintenance or repairs, shall be shared equally by owners of parcels herein described, their successors and assigns. Unless otherwise indicated, the initial total maintenance cost is estimated at \$12,600. Dues per lot to be \$600.00 annually.

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#### **DEVELOPER RIGHTS:**

The owner Randall W. Mann (DBA) Great Lakes Land Company their heirs and assigns are exempt from paying the dues of unsold parcels. In the event the dues received from sold parcels are insufficient to fund the required maintenance, the developers will pay the deficiency balance.

# **GENERAL MAINTENANCE:**

Maintain road and right of way in good condition, with repairs and upkeep on a yearly basis as needed.

#### **DETERMINING MAINTENANCE NEEDS:**

Should repairs or additional maintenance be necessary, a simple majority of the owners shall be required to authorize the work. Owners will be notified and have 15 days to respond in writing of their vote. If they do not respond within 15 days then they shall be deemed to have waived their vote for that proceeding. The persons undertaking such construction, maintenance, or repairs, shall contract for and initially pay all reasonable cost associated with them. The person(s) incurring such expenses shall bill, or require pre-payment from, the other owner(s) for their share. If any Owner shall fail to pay any statement tendered by another owner(s) to him, or to his successors and assigns, within 30 days after receipt thereof, the amount of such statement, together with interest thereon up to the maximum legal rate, plus all fees necessary for collection, shall automatically become a lien upon the parcel of the owner billed. The owner incurring the expense may also, at his/her option, pursue any legal remedy he/she may deem necessary to collect the unpaid bill, including foreclosure of the lien.

## **STANDARD YEARLY DUES:**

An initial administrator will be designated by the developer/owner. The administrator shall prepare an estimated road maintenance budget, for each year, and send it to the parcel owners along with their yearly dues bill. Owners must provide said administrator with any address or ownership changes. Dues will be billed in September of each year. Payment will be due at the time of billing. The Administrator shall collect said dues and deposit this money in a separate account to be opened in a bank of his choice. Said account to be open for review by any parcel owner upon request. If the dues bill is not paid by 30 days from the date billed a \$25.00 delinquent fee will be incurred. If said bill is not paid by November of the billed year a \$100.00 fee will be added, and if not paid by the following year, a Lien will be placed on the owners parcel. The administrator shall cause the road to be maintained in accordance with the budget amount. The owners, by a majority vote, may at any time replace the administrator. Said vote may be taken by mail, in writing, or in a meeting assembled for such purpose.

## **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:**

- A) No heavy equipment will be permitted on or across roads during the time that the Grand Traverse County Michigan "frost laws" are in effect. The type and weight of the equipment not permitted, and the "frost laws" beginning and ending dates will be according to the established county guidelines
- B) All owners shall be required to be members of an unincorporated association to accomplish the purposes intended in this agreement. Nothing herein shall prevent the incorporation of a non-profit corporation to assume the rights and obligations of the association in the event that circumstances warrant it.
- C) At any time, the owners may establish a road committee to deal with future issues as they may occur. If any action is to be taken that affects the roads, such as, but not limited to paving, attachments of secondary roads, culverts, etc., then the procedure for voting herein established should be followed. All private driveways connecting to easements/roadways shall be installed and maintained at the sole expense of the owner whose property is serviced by that driveway, without any obligation to contribute or defray those costs by any other owners.

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D) An absent owner may vote upon matters to be decided by the giving of a written proxy to another person, or by the giving of a clearly and unambiguously written statement of the owner's position on those matters that have been previously scheduled for a vote. The Vendee(s) under a land contract may be given the proxy of the fee owner if the contract so provides. Such a vendee(s) shall be and become full voting participants and responsible parties under this agreement.

## **AMENDMENTS:**

The rights and responsibilities set forth in this agreement shall be perpetual, and shall run with the land. They shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, and assigns. The provisions of this agreement may be amended or terminated but only with the consent of a majority of an owners vote.

Signed by		
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Randall W Mann		

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>23 rd</u> day of <u>Soptember</u> 2020, by Randall W Mann

Rosemary Franco-Bell Kalkaska County Michigan Notary Republic Acting in the County of Grand Traverse, Mi My Commission Expires 5/13/2026

Drafted by and return to: Randall W. Mann, whose address is P O. Box 941 Traverse City, Mi 49685

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