

SLIA Meeting Minutes - 7/15/2020

Countryside Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Board members present: Gary Goldblatt, Dan Trahan, Jeanne Peterson, Ed Meltzer
Brian Wawrzyniak, Jeri Swanson, Dave Kruse

Homeowners present: Debbie Wawrzyniak, Tom Powell, Nick Tonkery

Approval of the June minutes, motion by J. Swanson, seconded by J. Peterson

President's Report - G. Goldblatt

Tony Rodkey from Fire Dept

- There's a Boater Safety Course on Aug 15 with spots still available
 - Course applicable if your born after 1998 and operating a motorized boat
- Burn ban has been extended
 - Fire pits allowed with dry firewood
 - Board will send an eBlast and post on bulletin board
- CPR classes are available for registration online
- The fire department can check child safety seats during this time
- No open house on Oct 4
- Would appreciate members liking their Facebook page to get updates

Board members

- Gary thanked board members for their dedication and volunteer hours

Income Idea

- Sylvan Lake sells 3-4 homes per year
- New buyers request:
 - Bylaws
 - Rules and Regulations
 - Up to 12 months of SLIA Meeting Minutes
 - Occasionally updated Income Statements and/or Balance Sheet
 - Occasionally Waiver of Assessments
 - Occasionally 2.21 Condo Form
- Require materials three weeks prior to closing
- Suggested invoicing requestor for this material for ~\$100 and collecting before material is given
- Dan stated that the bylaws, rules and regs, and meeting minutes are publicly available on the SLIA website. Sending a link to these website sections would suffice. Might be more time to set up invoicing and collection than what it's worth.
- No decision was made.

Vice President's Report - J. Peterson

- Will add Burn Ban extension to bulletin boards around the lake
- Dan will verify on the IL Dept of Health website if they are now requiring face masks at all times outside or just when they cannot social distance.

Treasurer's Report - E. Meltzer

- P&L balance sheet are in good shape particularly in receivables
- All members have paid 2020 dues except one.
- Some late fees are still outstanding.
- Budgeting due. Must be sent to members by Aug 10 (3-4 weeks prior to annual meeting)
- The Annual Meeting notice may be able to be electronically sent with some exceptions that need to be mailed.
- Ed will send 2019/20 actuals and 2019/20 budget to board members for input for 2020/21 budget
- Surplus money from previous years need to be transferred to reserve account by Aug 2020

Lake Management Report - T. Truffer

- Tom sent updates via email:
 - Aerators
 - Tom has deferred to John Hynds on this since he installed the system. One of the pumps is shot. The other is functional, but isn't able to power multiple heads. His advice is that we should plan on purchasing new pumps and possibly new heads. I'm trying to get a ballpark estimate for the pump and/or heads for next year's budget. The good news is that with the abundant plant life in the lake now the need for auxiliary oxygenation is not as necessary as it was when the system was installed.
 - Maple Park pier(s)
 - Tom installed a 10' section using existing parts at no cost.
 - Jeri got estimates for an additional pier along the shore near the boat storage area for loading/unloading boats
 - 5' x 10' estimate = \$1650
 - 16' T section with benches = \$5450
 - Jeri will work with Tom Truffer and Adam Washburn on ideal pier location and T section. This project will be added to the budget for next year.

Recreation Report - D. Kruse

- Dave received an email that an outside team is using our park for external basketball practice. Asked for the board's position.
 - The Board's position is that as long as a member is there, it's OK. Our insurance covers anyone using our parks and common areas.
- Brown bees are at Bjorkland Park court and have impacted one match of volleyball. Will consider treatment if continuing to be a problem.
- Can't start up bags tournament due to COVID, but will start up next year.

Beach Report - C. Gartner

- Cliff sent updates via email:
 - The Beach is officially open with social distancing guidelines in place.
 - The swim pier, safety lines and single raft are in place. Thanks to the large group of volunteers.
 - The Beach area has had aquatic vegetation removed.
 - The old raft will be dismantled.
 - Beach budget will be submitted within the next week.

Parks and Easements Report - J. Swanson

- The Ravinia Park project will start at the end of summer or beginning of fall with ILM.
 - ILM did agree to two payments of \$15K; one for this budget year, and one for next budget year.
- Jeri met with a new tree company and was happy with them. She got estimates for everything we could possibly do.
 - Need to remove trees upstream prior to Ravinia project, which will start next week
 - Remove dead tree at beach
 - Remove trees growing out at banks at dead man's curve
- Scott Hanson got back to Jeri and doesn't think the original estimate to fix the playgrounds is enough now. Jeri will also talk with Sam Ford about working on the playgrounds and fixing the Point Comfort Park swing.
- Juneau Terrace - Doug DeBruin has begun work on addressing drainage in this easement.
- Nick and Bunny Molsen tree at beach - We're going with a 2" red oak from Country Bumpkin with no warranty.

Boat Management Report - B. Wawrzyniak

- Temporary boat signs seem to be working.
- Updated boats and regs for review - Dan will send his edits to Brian.
 - Discussed square footage for piers since rule language has been interpreted as a maximum per lot. Board agreed that we should set a maximum square footage for two categories: single lot and double lot or above.
 - Discussed floating raft distance requirements. Currently they're set to just six feet beyond the maximum pier length, which is short. Suggestion was to move this to a larger distance.
 - Additional updates to cleanup the language and contradictions will be considered.

New Business

- Guest privileges
 - There have been multiple instances of guests using our common areas without a member present.
 - Visitors must be accompanied by a member in common area parks and easements.
 - Board will send an eBlast reminding members of this guest privilege and that visitors can be asked to leave if a member is not present.

Existing Business

- Basketball Court drainage issue: Gary received two estimates from a contractor, SWS Home Solutions, that was recommended by the township.
 - Gary recommended going with the lower cost option for \$4650 that would include multiple drain boxes and french drains running to the main sewer west of the volleyball court.
 - Money for this project was to be requested for next year's budget as previously discussed. There is a possibility that this work could begin in the fall, but if not then it would be next year.

- Ed confirmed that money is not available in the Parks and Easements budget for this year, but will look at other departments to see if money is available.

Members Forum

- Tom Powell:
 - Asked about work being done in Juneau Terrace. Two or three trees were cut down to do the work.
 - Jeri had already left the meeting, so Gary responded that the work was planned.
- Nick Tonkery:
 - Requested a status on the dam project. Asked if anyone goes to the Township meetings to get a report.
 - Gary gave an update on status based on his communications with Alicia Dodd that the township will be focused on the Midlothian Rd trail project in 2021 and may not revisit our dam project for 2-3 years.
 - Nick stated that historically the lake had been at spillway level in the 70's. Two boards were added and the lake was raised to help with access to the bays before excavation was done.
 - Asked if we could remove two boards from the dam in the first week in October, so members can work on shorelines in fall and put the boards back in spring.
 - Gary said he would ask Alicia Dodd, since the township now controls the water level at Sylvan Lake.

Closing of meeting: Motioned by D. Kruse, seconded by B. Wawrzyniak

Next board meeting will be Wed, Aug 19

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Trahan, Secretary