

SLIA Meeting Minutes - 8/16/2023

Countryside Fire Dept

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Board members in attendance: Dan Trahan, Tom Truffer, Sarah Owen, Laurie MacKay, Kimberly Del Bene, Peter Lind, Ed Meltzer

Approval of the July minutes, motion by Ed, seconded by Tom

Member Forum

- Electric Watercraft Rules were discussed now that the rules have been distributed for feedback from members.
 - Al Grandt asked how getting a permit would be handled and how would we handle people putting in trolling motors larger than what is allowed.
 - Dan replied that the current boat management process would be used to approve permit requests. There's another form for electric watercraft requests that requires a picture of the motor specifications, battery and motor. As with all our other rules, if someone sees someone out of compliance they should report it to the board for investigation.
 - Dan also noted that he received an email about horsepower. Our rule restricting trolling motors to 50lbs of thrust or less is equivalent to 0.75 horsepower or < 2 mph.
 - Dan reached out to Loch Lomond on whether they had to increase their insurance premiums when they implemented trolling motors. They didn't make any changes. Their insurance company stated that boat owners are expected to carry their own insurance either through their boat or through their homeowners policy.
- Dan provided an update on weed management based on the discussions from the July board meeting. He reached out to three companies for quotes based on a treatment map that was collaborated on by the board via email. The treatment map was shared with the member attendees. We received one formal quote and verbal numbers from another.
 - Formal quote:
 - \$1900 per lily pad treatment based on the treatment map provided
 - They also provided numbers for 2024 budgeting purposes:
 - \$ 2,662 algae control for the season.
 - \$ 450 per acre for aquatic weed control targeting curly-leaf pondweed
 - They do not provide manual cut/remove services
 - Verbal quote:
 - 2023 lily pad treatment for 7 acres @ \$895/acre = \$6,265
 - Annual program
 - \$1,500/acre for 7 acres ~\$10,500
 - Includes ~10 visits every two weeks
 - Includes algae, lily pad, and submerged weed treatments
 - Duckweed treatment \$495/acre - tough to treat as it floats around

- Workboats Cut & Remove service - \$2,000/day can cover ~1.5 acres per day. Does not remove root systems.

Vice President's Report - C. Gartner

- Not present, but did provide an email update that our current insurance carrier stopped covering HOA's. He's been in discussions with another carrier and has involved Ed.

Treasurer's Report - E. Meltzer

- Working with insurance broker and need to wrap it up in a few weeks
- Association Fees
 - 4 homeowners owe in full
 - 3 owe late fees

Lake Management Report - T. Truffer

- Tom reported we've been in a drought.
- There have been two algae treatments in July, one was for blue-green algae
- Tom has been trying to get the Lake County Health Dept out to assess our lake, but they may not come out until the end of August.
 - Tom strongly recommended not to move forward with the lily pad treatment plan without first talking with the Lake County Health Dept.
 - Kim asked how long we've been waiting for them to come out and Tom said about two years.
 - Dan stated that we've been waiting too long and we're still making the ultimate decision based on a balance of ecology and being a recreational lake.
 - Dan made a motion to move forward with the formal quote to apply the lily pad treatment based on the treatment map this year, and Ed seconded. The vote resulted in 6 Yes and 1 No. Motion passed.
- Aerators have been reported to not work for the third month in a row now with only one bubbling. Tom said he'll look into it.

Recreation Report - L. MacKay

- There were 11 teams this year.
- Volleyball playoffs were a success with Ben Ford's teaming winning the championship..

Beach Report - P. Lind

- Peter suggested we send out an eBlast asking if anyone took the Beach Rules sign for repair. The board agreed.
- Repairs to the shed shingles will be fixed soon.
- Based on feedback from the July meeting, the grill is in need of custom repair or replacement. We discussed options and settled on replacing the grill with at least five burners. Hope to place new/used grill on top of the existing trailer to save money.
- Beach grass is getting long and was asked to be roto-tilled. Sarah mentioned that there were no sand wasps this year at July 4th because the sand was not rototilled this year for the 4th. Pete agreed to rototill on Spring Cleanup Day, just after July 4th, and on Fall Cleanup Day.

Parks and Easements Report - S. Owen

- Sarah reported that we're under budget for easements, so she's going to apply some money (~\$100-200) on weeding along the W Sylvan Dr fence line. Even though we don't own that property, we look at it. Alicia Dodd of Fremont Township is still planning on planting up to 30 bushes along that stretch to fill in the area and hide the fence.
- Kim reported that Schwerman Park playground will still need boards and hardware replaced. It's been a bit slow, since Scott Hansen is still recovering from injury. The racecar and duck are being painted and the slides have been installed.
- It was reported that the Juneau Terrace bench is broken down by the lake. Sarah is aware of it and has plans to address it next year.

Unfinished Business

- Octoberfest is scheduled for October 7th
 - Kim stated the tent is booked and the hayride is still waiting confirmation
 - There isn't a band booked yet this year, so she's looking for recommendations or they may just go with a DJ
 - Looking for a volunteer to head up Kids Games
 - Asked how to handle the grill situation. Suggestion given that maybe getting a few volunteers to donate their propane grills for the event would work.

New Business

- Budget for 2024
 - Walked through each department and line item.
 - Decided to move special projects to below the line, since these may not get addressed during the year. All expenses that are normally incurred year to year will remain above the line and be budgeted based on income. If special projects can be covered by the year's income, then they will, otherwise, budget approval will allow them to be pulled from reserves.
 - Board agreed to include two additional sets of speed cushions and will ask membership to vote for a third. These may be pulled from reserves if necessary. Ideal locations discussed were the beach, along the W Sylvan Dr stretch (fence), and somewhere along Highland Dr. We still need to determine if we can store all the sets.
- Board terms are up for Peter, Laurie, Ed, and Jeremy. Laurie, Ed, and Jeremy have confirmed they'd like to re-run for another term. Peter will get back to the board.
- Annual meeting has been scheduled for September 10 @ 1pm with a rain date of September 16 @ 1pm at Schwerman Park. Notices will be mailed early next week containing the agenda and 2024 budget including operating and reserve account totals.

Closing of meeting: Motioned by Ed, seconded by Peter

Next monthly board meeting will be Wed, Oct 11

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Trahan, President