

SLIA Meeting Minutes - 6/19/2024

Countryside Fire Dept

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm.

Board members in attendance: Dan Trahan, Alyssa Casey, Laurie MacKay, Peter Lind, Ed Meltzer, Cliff Gartner

Approval of the May minutes did not occur as there was no board meeting.

Member Forum

- Janice Powell asked whether Juneau Terrace was on the mowing schedule, since the grass there is high. Dan said he would ask Sarah and get back to Janice.
- Al Grandt asked if the July 4th Picnic would occur at the beach now that the lake is not being lowered until after the fourth. Dan responded and Laurie confirmed that the Garden Club plans to have the event at the beach now.

Vice President's Report - C. Gartner

- Will be reaching out to our insurance broker for renewals soon, since he's expecting it to take longer than normal since we have five carriers instead of one.

Treasurer's Report - E. Meltzer

- We have approximately \$304K in our account balance:
 - \$94K in our operating account
 - \$210K in our reserve account
- Account Receivable is ~\$2,100
 - 5 homeowners still owe, with one now on a payment plan and one off Midlothian Rd where the house no longer exists. Letters have gone out.
- Dan mentioned that our 10 year loan hasn't been secured yet with Fremont Township as we're waiting to see if interest rates drop. Alicia said we didn't need to secure it until later this year.
- Discussed whether we should accept pre-payments for the 10 year special assessment.
 - Ed prefers not to incur the extra administration to allow it and isn't even sure how to manage the accounting.
 - Dan mentioned there may be advantages to paying additional principal to lower our total cost of the loan, but we can revisit later. He also suggested that we consider taking additional money from reserves each year (\$5-10K) to help keep the annual special assessment lower for members.

Lake Management Report - A. Casey

- Hot weather and minimal rain has increased weeds and algae in the lake.
 - Sent pictures of our existing algae to the Lake County Health Dept and they said it's not blue-green algae. The algae is a nuisance, but not harmful.
 - The board agreed not to apply a lake treatment prior to the lake lowering, since most of the weeds/lily pads are in the bays, which are expected to dry out.

- All four aerators are now working.
 - We have two motors for four aerator heads and one motor was broken.
 - Lee Dickinson and Roger Halvorsen ordered the parts and repaired the broken motor. They will be reimbursed from SLIA. A big thanks to both of them.
- A small lake committee has been formed including members that have applicable degrees in this area.
 - Discussed a possible fish shock in the fall to remove unwanted carp

Recreation Report - L. MacKay

- Volleyball has kicked off and there have already been three games.
- A high of 13 teams are in the league this year.
- Laurie will talk with local pickleball experts on purchasing a pickleball net for Schwerman Park.

Beach Report - P. Lind / E. Meltzer

- Ed has been helping out with the beach, since Pete has a leg injury
 - Volunteers helped remove weeds from the water at the beach in preparation for the July 4th picnic. Refreshments were donated by Sheri Liss. After the weeds dry out, neighbors will take them to their gardens.
 - Beach signs
 - The Emergency Phone sign needs repair. Ed will work on it.
 - Pete is fixing and repairing the Rules sign
 - A new bin is being donated by Sarah Owen
 - Josh and Lizzy Erickson are donating a life saver ring, buoys and ropes to replace our dilapidated ones.
 - Repairs to the shed shingles will be fixed soon
 - SLIA will be purchasing a roto-tiller for the beach to be used multiple times per month and stored in the shed
 - The paddle boat pier needs some welds repaired. They can't be scheduled until those sections are brought in to the beach.
 - It was decided to put one raft out for July 4th, but then it needs to come back in before the lake is lowered
 - Ordering beach sand is being considered while the lake is lowered. There are signs of muck at the shoreline.
 - A Committee of Beach Beautification (CBB) is being considered to help maintain the beach throughout the summer.
- Parks and Easements Report - S. Owen & K. Del Bene
- Not present

Unfinished Business

- Speed Humps
 - The board decided the locations for the two new speed humps will be at Briar Terrace along the W Sylvan Dr fence line and the Beach.

- Dan will measure those locations and work with Alicia Dodd to get them ordered.
- Dan will also ask Alicia when our next rotation is for the digital speed limit sign. Possible location would be along the W Sylvan Dr fence line.

- Al asked if we could get a police car to monitor speed and Pete said it's unlikely since only two squad cars support a large portion of Lake County.
- Ed to get dumpster estimates for material removed while the lake is lowered

New Business

- Dan and Ed will take pictures of possible abandoned boats at the beach, so we can communicate to members and locate the owners.

Closing of meeting: Motioned by Cliff, seconded by Ed

Next monthly board meeting will be Wed, Jul 17

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Trahan, President