

SLIA Annual Meeting Minutes - 9/6/25

Schwerman Park

Meeting called to order at 3:08 pm by Dan Trahan

Board members present: Dan Trahan, Jeremy Vale, Peter Lind, Cliff Gartner, Laurie MacKay, Sarah Owen, Alyssa Casey

Approval of the 2024 minutes motion by Nicholas Tonkery, seconded by Dan Washburn

President's Report - Dan Trahan

- Opening remarks focused on what has been accomplished in the last year. The Dam project is complete! Thankful for the board and the work that has been done in 2024
- The first order of business is the \$500K responsibility of Sylvan Lake in the Dam project. To cover our portion, Fremont Township secured us a 10-year loan at 2%. To protect their taxpayers, Fremont Township has a clause that if Sylvan Lake defaults on the loan, the lake would become public. We have built in safeguards to protect against defaulting on the loan. The board recommends that we proceed with this agreement. Our bylaws state that the board does not have the authority to agree to a clause that would make the lake public in the event of default on the loan.
 - Dan motioned to vote on the clause to agree with the contract from Fremont Township
 - After open discussion and questions from the community members a vote was held.
 - Sam Ford motioned to move the vote forward as discussed. The vote passed with a majority.

Vice President's Report - Cliff Gartner

- Not Present
- Insurance premiums for next year have increased by around \$800

Treasurer's Report and Budget Review/Approval - E. Meltzer

- Ed spoke to how prepared we are as a community financially. We are healthy and working well within our financial bounds.
- Ed walked through the proposed 2026 budget, starting with the current balances of our accounts.
 - With the addition of the special assessment for Dam Funding, our standard dues are not changing.
 - Ed opened up the discussion for questions
 - Ed motioned to approve the proposed 2026 budget
 - Dan Washburn motioned, Bob Mihile seconded. The motion was approved with a majority

Lake Report - Alyssa Casey

- We had some harmful algae blooms this summer. This was partly due to the lake refilling and not overflowing the spillway. Thank you to all of the community members who sent in pictures to keep Alyssa informed. Higher nutrient content in the lake does contribute to algae blooms. We can all do our part to ensure we aren't putting fertilizers in the lake.
- We had a fish survey with the health department once the lake filled back up. We lost some fish, but have a healthy fish population
- We're starting to see the return of plant life
- Fremont Township had decided to lower our lake 4 years ago to limit its liability with the dam being at risk. The lake is back to its traditional height.
- The lake committee and Alyssa have a survey to get feedback from the community
 - There was a question on the lake level asking who decides the lake level. It is the township that makes that decision.

Recreation Report - L. MacKay

- We had 16 volleyball teams this year. This is the largest year we've had. Dylan Trahan's team won.

Beach Report - P. Lind

- The beach was graded this year. We have had issues with our piers that require repair.
 - The boat pier is OK, but the swim pier needs to be fixed
- The height of the lake has been low for the last 3 years. Now that it's back up to the traditional height, the beach seems a bit small
- Bob Mihile made a new beach sign
- There is no emergency phone at the beach
- The deck foundation was repaired

Parks and Easements Report - S. Owen & Kim Del Bene

- Sarah - Parks and Easements
 - Sarah outlined the projects done in 2024
 - Shorelines were focused on with the lake being lowered
 - Mowing was fine, there was weeding being done by our landscapers but we will not continue that in 2025.
 - We were under budget in 2024
 - Thank you to the Fords for repairing the pier at Juneau Terrace
- Kim - Playgrounds
 - Slides are back up. They have been refurbished, painted, and reinstalled
 - Kim is looking to create a committee for the parks to be able to get more accomplished in 2025
 - We need volunteers for Oktoberfest. Anyone 12 and up is invited to serve.
 - There will be an Oktoberfest sweatshirt this year, as it's our 50th year

Shoreline Newsletter

- We have been getting good submissions. Submissions are taken quarterly

Elections to the board

- Two board positions are up for election, and both board members (Dan and Cliff) have decided not to run again.
 - Nominations were accepted. Nicholas and Barb Tonkery nominated Josh Erickson. Josh accepted. Phil Moreton was nominated. Phil accepted
- Roles will be decided during the first board meeting of the next term in October

Member Forum

- Dan Washburn thanked Dan and his work on the board and the dam project

Closing of meeting: Motioned by Linda Mihile, seconded by Bob Mihile
Respectfully submitted, Jeremy Vale, Secretary