

SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION
08/02/2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order:
Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Attendance:

Leslie Cunningham, Dan Hart, Lorraine Creedon, Sharon Ledger, George Temple, Linda Ostapoff, Jeremy Stefanik, Allison Cushing
Jaime Macsata – Tax Collector

Absent

Jaime Macsata

Reading of Minutes –

July 5th, 2022 SPLA Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Dan Hart to approve minutes with changes. Seconded by Lorraine Creedon. All in favor, motion moves.

Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Members

Malcolm Bosma, 1 Bridges Road, expressed a concern regarding fishing on the Bridges Memorial Lot. It seems the kids are trying to fish very close to his dock and lures are landing on his dock and in his yard. They are quite large and could be serious if stepped on. Not sure what we can do about it, but I told him I would bring it up to the board for him. He has two lures in his house that he nearly stepped on.

- People cast towards docks as there are normally fish there.
- If we see the kid's, we will talk to them.
- Fishing allowed at Lower Cottage beach and Memorial Lot. Please be courteous of swimmers when fishing.

Paul Cote is not happy with Bill's Landscaping

- Spillway is overgrown
- Flowers not planted at sign beginning of Cottage Road – Bill's Landscaping was supposed to plant.
- Not all areas are being maintained
- Allison will look into. Also, she is still looking into other options for landscaping maintenance.

Jaime received a note with a tax payment from Chris Silver, 6 & 8 West Shore Drive, asking that we be sure to send the appropriate amount of ballots for the amount of properties they own. She said she only received one ballot this year. She also said that she previously received the right number of ballots (2) as she owns 2 properties. Technically, she is listed on both properties and her husband owns the vacant lot only. Perhaps it would be a good idea to explain in the next newsletter, the voting rules and procedures for people who own multiple properties.

- Website update: Meeting with Jeremy and Curtis to work out the technical aspect with GoDaddy. Trying to nail down a date for next week.

Correspondence –

Treasurer Report - Lorraine Creedon

July 2022

Cert of Deposit 1	\$0.00
Cert of Deposit 2	\$0.00
Capital Account	\$153,557.47
Total Savings	\$153,557.47
Checking Account -	\$20,979.45
Activity Account -	\$ 3,190.73

Tax and Treasurer deposit amounts are in balance. Bank is changing ownership again effective September 1, 2022

NOTE: Treasurer Report was received after meeting

Tax Collector Report – Jaime Macsata

Total Taxes Collected July 2022	\$21,525.33
Manual Payments	\$18,085.01
Online Payments	\$3,440.32

Outstanding \$20,412.63

Committee Reports -

Ecology - Leslie Cunningham

- Happy with Pond and Lake Management. Last treatment they spent 2-3 hours with airboat completing review of lake and treatment.
Appears to be large amount of algae by boom
- Leslie will request a written report be provided after each treatment (treatments used and review of lake condition)
- Leslie will also follow up with Pond and Lake management regarding water testing.
- Lake Treatment water use precautions -
Check posted signs before swimming – They are located 8-9 telephone pole throughout the lake area
Some homeowners use lake for irrigation. Add to newsletter if this is happening it is at their own risk
- Lake testing e coli, water foul –
Geese defecating on beach area/in water is causing issues to lake quality
Please do not feed the Geese
Sharon Ledger will follow up on treatments used to control/eliminate by landscaping company.
- Dan to write up and put in Newsletter
Overfishing in the lake. Fishing guidelines need to be followed.
Review by-laws as well
- Water Testing
Linda Ostapoff would like to have a conversation with Save the Lakes attorney, Joel Green, looking for a recommendation of a firm to use for water testing. His charge is \$450 per hour, and she would like to have approval for SPLA to pay any fees incurred.
- DEP is requesting an engineering review of lake
Previously Baystate Environmental completed a report of the lake in 2007
Tabled until September to gather information
Leslie will contact Baystate Environmental and Pond and Lake Management
Allison will contact UCONN
- Linda Ostapoff reported an oil slug in front of her house. Board feels this is similar to the issue that Janice LaBroad was having in front of her home a few years back.

Property Committee –

Allison Cushing, George Temple, Leslie Cunningham, Linda Ostapoff, Cheryl Cote, Paul Cote, Dave Olson, Lisa Strom, Dan Smith, Jeremy Stefanik

July 7th, 2022 notes

Location: Lower Sandy Cottage Road Beach

Maintenance

Landscaping

Spillway needs weed cleanup on rip rap. BL quoted **\$187.50** for removal of debris.

Action items:

1. **Proceed with spillway debris removal when insurance confirmed**

Fencing

GMH Fence Co. for **\$1725** to relocate fencing at 121 Cottage Road. Board approved use up to **\$1725** to relocate fencing. Project begin once letter from attorney is signed.

Stump Removal for All Sites

George obtained quote for **\$775** from Sean to remove from properties. Planned stump removal to take place in September. Need board approval?

Upper “Pet-friendly” Beach – 121 Cottage Road

Property Sign from West Shore Drive

Dave Olson has sign from pump station and will hold on until we need them refurbished

Pine tree removal from stump grinding quote

Dave, Allison, Jeremy, Jamie, Charley, Wayne, Anne, Jeremy Stefanik, and Linda completed cut down of 9 dead pine trees and cleaned up vines and weeds on July 16th. Henry and Brian Wanczyk and Paul Cote provided debris removal. Thank you all for your help!

First Aid sign relocation

Dave Olson has the old sign, but posts are still on the lot. Refurbishing the sign and will resurrect in the fall to the north side by the pine trees. Keeping posts on the lot and try to use once the pine trees are taken down.

Existing Signage

Thank you, Jaime Macsata for the great job refurbishing the sign!

Action items:

1. Message to go into the newsletter
2. Allison pricing additional signage to promote pet-friendly use.
3. Comments by neighbors not in favor of promoting beach as “pet friendly”. At Annual meeting suggestion to add sand to the beach as well.
 - o **How will this impact water’s edge?**

Waste

Additional brown barrel may be needed in Fall.

Fencing

Action items:

1. Get quote from service provider of 119 Cottage Road fence relocations for additional fencing near the north side pine trees and utilize left-over fencing from project. Value may require budgeting.

Lower “Sandy” Beach – 45 Cottage Road

Additional Brown Barrel

Additional brown barrel may be needed in Fall.

Signage

Dave will remove redundant signage as the main sign covers most important topics. The “Swim at your own risk” sign will be moved below the No Dogs on Beach sign which is closer to the water.

Dave added a painted plank of wood to the bottom of the main sign with which include the address of the property for easier identification of the property.

Added Recycling Bin

Lisa Strom will grab 1 additional blue barrel for recycling. Thank you, Lisa!

Addition of buoys to deter beach visitors from accessing neighboring private property

Leslie suggested considering ability to remove buoy from water during treatment and boat launching. Jeremy also suggests using noodles that are dark or green in color as they get mucky over time. Buoys to be placed as far out as neighbor’s dock and into the waterway.

Action items:

1. Allison collect costs for three lines, concrete blocks, chains, and pool noodles as a solution. Installation occurs when water temperatures improve. Suggestion to get dark colored noodles due to algae.
2. Find out what is the requirement for the distance from the beach the buoy must meet.
3. Due to lake condition may hold off until next year.

Memorial Lot 5 Bridges Road

Fundraising Brick Sale

Welcome any volunteers to head this project.

Flagpole Lighting and Flag

George is gifting an extra solar light. Thank you, George! He also provided a temporary flag as the old one was worn. Leslie will provide a larger flag to replace Georges.

Picnic Tables

Two tables at the Memorial lot are broken and need repair/replacement. Danny will repair one table with wood he has. Costs to buy wood is more than replacement.

Action items:

1. **George disposed of wood from badly damaged table to prevent hazard**
2. Allison gets pricing for potential replacement in the spring

3. Dave painted the unfinished table. Thank you, Dave

Erosion of shoreline

Need a note in the newsletter addressing why people should not launch boats or swim off the shoreline. Proper signage should also help. Allison added signage (\$62) to the fence at both entry points. Need group feedback on adding a low fence that will also aid in keeping the geese off the lot.

Communications –

Elaine Olson

Newsletter will need to be distributed in September.

Include warning for Special Meeting (end of September)

Newsletter updates will need to be sent to Elaine. Actual due date will follow.

New Website –

Update above

Activity Committee – Linda Ostapoff

Leslie Cunningham, Jaime Macsata, Lori Parker, Stacy Sparrazza, Carrie Temple, Allison Cushing, Lisa Strom

A meeting was held on July 26, 2022. Attending: Linda Ostapoff, Lori Parker, Leslie Cunningham, Stacy Daigle, Jamie Macsata, Carrie Temple.

1. We need to recruit new members as we have lost several members and others are very involved in additional projects at this time. Any ideas would be welcome. Allison will be stepping down due to work commitments. We thank Allison and Jeremy for all their hard work on events for our community.
2. Lorraine asks that members please attach the Activity Committee reimbursement form when submitting receipts. Kassie asks that we review dates before requesting Facebook posts!
3. July movie night with Pizza was well attended. Thanks to all who have helped with Spring events, all have gone very well.
4. **Upcoming events:**

August 20th (Saturday) Movie: Night: 9 PM Old Firehouse. Allison running.

August 28th (Sunday) Tie Dye Day: 2 PM Memorial Lot. Carrie running. Cotton Candy at 3 PM.

Sept 17th (Saturday) Fishing Derby: Sandy Beach, sign up at 9 AM, for under 16 years old. Stephanie running.

Sept 24th (Saturday) Block Party: 2 to 6. Rain Date: Sunday Sept 25th. Linda running. DJ Marc Valeilleux will play. The cost is \$350. Grill Master Guy Beck is set to man the grill. Nana's Ice Cream truck will visit at 4 PM. **Need raffle prizes., generator. Flyer will be printed and delivered to homes in September. We need more help on the day of to get setup, run the cotton candy and raffles etc.**

5: Fall /Holiday events:

Flower sale fundraiser: Carrie running. Carrie **is checking with Justin on a date for Justin to come with the Wagon to sell plants and pumpkins.**

Halloween event- we will not do one this year due to low attendance in recent years.

Calendar: Linda running. Pictures will be due September 30th. Calendar will be available for delivery on October 15th. Prepaid orders only. Pictures due by September 30th. Calendar available to be delivered October 15th. By prepayment only. Cost is \$10.60 including tax, sell for \$20.00 Calendar has no minimum and takes one day to print. Orders and pictures sent to pineractivities@gmail.com

Children's Christmas Party Fundraiser: November 23rd (Wednesday), 6 P.M. at Buona Vita! Carrie running. An evening of music and raffles to support the Children's Christmas Party. **Raffle baskets and Prizes needed.**

Old Business.

Spillway Report –Lorraine and Leslie met with John Cabbio, engineering director for town. John is not the correct contact, need to contact Inland/wetlands. Laurie a town hall took the information and will give to Georgie, who will review and contact Lorraine and Leslie.

Nick Hopkins is assisting with approaching Town to request assistance with the Spillway cost.

Insurance Policy – HUB Insurance working with another agent/company – Quote over \$6,000

With the cost being +\$6,000 a special meeting will be required to approve.

We need to ensure we have the correct coverage

Increase is due to the lake association being a Tax District vs Homeowners Association.

Also, we currently do not have Directors and Officers.

Lorraine will contact Insurance company for additional information.

Special Meeting to be scheduled end of September.

Fish Gate – McGill

No Update

119 Cottage Road -
Attorney has document in Draft form.

Update WinStanley Truck Diversion from Cottage Road –
No update Val is still working on

Add Water Testing for next month

New Business –
Grants for Spillway
Linda Ostapoff

Linda has prepared a power point document to be submitted to the town looking for financial assistance. Linda will send to all.
Nick Hopkins – Will be assisting with this request and meeting with Town Manager.
Note: Town is getting covid 19 money.

State required Dam Impact and Emergency plan was previously completed by engineer. However, this was not related to the spillway.

Closing Remarks/Round Table

George Temple wanted to acknowledge the recent passing of Paul Williams. Condolences to Jeremy Stefanik and family.

Meeting adjourned- George Temple/Lorraine Creedon 8:56 pm

Respectfully,

Sharon Ledger