

SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION
09/06/2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: 7:05PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Attendance:

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

Absent - Allison Cushing

Reading of Minutes –

August 2022 SPLA –

Motion made by Lorraine Creedon to approve August 2, 2022 SPLA meeting minutes with changes. Seconded by Linda Ostapoff. All in favor.

Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Members

Nick Hopkins and Matt Despard attended the meeting to provide an update. The material that Linda Ostapoff put together and forwarded to Nick regarding the spillway was presented to the town council. There are monies remaining from the American Relief Rescue plan that could be used to fund the spillway repairs. This would be a grant and the town council's supporting providing the \$151k that has been quoted to repair the spillway. This will be voted on at the October 3rd town council meeting.

Joe Bonassar – 84 West Shore Drive

The north side of the lake has a lot of algae and a raw sewage smell.

Leslie explained that we are seeing more algae due to the delay in the DEP permit and late start of treatments. Treatment was scheduled for today and rescheduled to end of week/beginning of next week.

The spillway issues have been the boards priority. We need new people to join the board committees.

Al Zippelle – 181 Cottage Road

Muck (sediment) at end of Cottage – which is bubbling up.

Al provided information on the hydro raking and the issue was the town would not accept the organic waste that came out of the lake.

Feels it would be best to dredge the lake near the boom.

Liz Werner – 74 West Shore Drive

Concerned with the materials used in the treatments. Copper sulfate kills weeds however, it also kills good things in the lake as well. She would like to see more natural substances used. She provided a handout Nutri-Life BAM (Beneficial Anaerobic Microbes),

Leslie to talk to Pond and Lake Management regarding natural chemicals.

Sharon Ledger suggested Pond and Lake Management attend meeting to address association members.

Lorraine Creedon updated Nick Hopkins and Matt Despard that the pump station on West Shore Drive is estimated to be completed in 2025

Cobblestones at Memorial Lot need to be reset.

Sandy Paufve – 86 West Shore Drive

Discussion regarding dredging lake. She will form/chair a committee to research dredging the lake. Include Leslie on committee. This topic will be tabled to next month. They will meet and bring back to board.

Jaime Macsata – 115 Cottage Road.

CARP Replacement

There seems to be debate regarding the CARP. What goes in, must come out. Is this causing issues?

Leslie will look into this issue (buying from supplier, permit, putting into lake)

Liz Werner – 74 West Shore Drive

Wanted to know if there are any households on the lake that still have septic systems?

Correspondence –

No Correspondence

Treasurer Report - Lorraine Creedon

Capital Account \$153,564.41

Checking Account \$ 25,227.56

Activity Account \$ 3,049.10

Banking issues

M&T Bank conversion over the weekend

There is an issue with our account

Could not get online today. There was a 3 hour wait on call.

Account fee is \$10 month

There is also a cash deposit fee

Lorraine will continue to follow up.

We may want to look into another bank.

Mr. Duga provided Lorraine with higher interest options. Lorraine will continue to look into.

Tax Collector Report – Jaime Macsata

Taxes collected for August 2022 \$5,273.90

No liens will be placed on properties with outstanding taxes until March 2023

There is communication with the state that they feel we should be charging a mill rate vs set fee. Leslie and Jaime will be looking into this. (email received special taxing district – fees versus mill rate

Jaime was contacted by an association of SPLA upset because a lien was put on their home. She will put something in the next newsletter.

Committee Reports -

Ecology - Leslie Cunningham

Lake Treatments Pond and Lake Management are hired to treat the entire lake.

Provided Leslie with feedback that last time they were treating lake that a homeowner was yelling at them to not treat a portion of the lake by their house.

Dredging – tabled until next month when the committee brings back findings.

Property Committee –

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

Sharon Ledger contacted Joey DeMauro 47 Cottage Road regarding the buoy's we were looking into putting near his dock. Joey has not had many issues recently and does not feel it is necessary at this time. However, if he has any issues in the future, he will bring it to the board's attention.

Stump removal – George to schedule to have completed in September.

Linda mentioned that the entry way to Winstanley (cul de sac) are overgrown. Leslie stated that the Fire Department gets in touch with town to clear when needed. Leslie will contact them again.

Trees in lake by the Parker's home. Leslie to contact Lori Parker.

Communications –

Elaine Olson

Thank you for the articles that were submitted. In the past it was hard to fill the newsletter. Now they are very wordie.

Newsletter with special meeting warning will be sent tomorrow.

Activity Committee – Linda Ostapoff

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

The Activity Committee did not meet this month. One activity, Movie Night, had to be cancelled because there was no one available to help Allison. The second event, Tie Dye, was very well attended. So many people came that we ran out of dye!

Carrie Temple has come up with a new event for Halloween. We will be having a Halloween Carnival for the kids and Costume Contest for everyone.

I am looking for help on the block party on Saturday September 24th. We need help setting up, taking down and on making popcorn, selling raffle tickets. We also need a generator. The party is 2 to 6.

We are in need of new members for this committee, please ask anyone who you think might be willing to help.

Old Business –

Spillway Report

Waiting for DEP meeting

Insurance Policy – Special Meeting Fire Additional Cost

Attend special meeting. Insurance cost increased.

New Website Updates

Jeremy, Lorraine and Curtis will be meeting with Jaime to discuss new website. Plan to roll out by end of month. Easy to use.

Discussed doing something for our appreciation all the hard work Webmaster, Bob Duga. Leslie, Jaime, Lorraine and Danny will get together to get a plaque for Bob.

Updates on 119 Cottage Road

Leslie following up with attorney as letter drafted requires changes

Leslie has spoken to Sherry keeping her updated.

Update WinStanley Truck Diversion from Cottage Road

No update – Sign approved

Update on Water Testing

Linda Ostapoff was looking for authorization to contact attorney for a recommendation of a company to be used to complete water testing.

Leslie did not follow up with Baystate. She will call before next meeting.

Allison was not at meeting to provide an update on contacting UConn.

New Business –

Special Meeting re: Insurance – Scheduled for September 27th @ 7pm SPLA Fire House – Addressed above

Taxation Discovery – Per State we should be using a mil rate vs flat rate – Addressed above
Lake will be lowered starting October 16th.

Closing Remarks/Round Table

Meeting adjourned

George Temple made a motion to adjourn meeting @ 8:33 Seconded by Jaime Macsata

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ledger