

**SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES 11/5/19**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:30 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Leslie Cunningham, Dan Hart, Lorraine Creedon, Dan Bugli, Jaime Macsata, Steve Harz  
Janice LaBroad – Tax Collector

**Absent** – Sharon Ledger, Travis Buck, Christina Buck

**Association Members in attendance** – Charlie Macsata, Darlene Duga, Carrie Temple, Paul Cote, Cheryl Cote, Kassie Huhtanen

**Special notice** – Congratulations to Travis & Christina Buck on the birth of their new daughter!

**Reading of Minutes** – two corrections were identified – the spelling of Charlie Macsata’s name and Kassie Huhtanen’s name. Lorraine brought up a question about an activity fund deposit of \$280 noted in the Activity Committee report which wasn’t actually deposited. Kassie took action to investigate. Danny H. moved to accept minutes with changes and open item – seconded by Steve – motion carried.

**Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Members**

Carrie Temple – discussed the fund raiser at Buona Vita’s starting at 5:30 on 11/27. Dennis and Scott will be playing -gave St. Martha’s \$100 check for deposit for hall December 14<sup>th</sup> for the Children’s Christmas Party.

Carrie brought the calendar fund raiser idea to the board. Due to limited funds, currently available in the activity committee account, she will request pre-orders, this will eliminate the need for upfront money. The calendars will be advertised on FB. Carrie will send Kassie the link. The calendars will feature various pictures of our lake community taken by our neighbors.

Cheryl Cote asked if there were other potential exits off of Cottage Road. She brought this up due to the recent storms we have been experiencing. Danny H. indicated the empty lot owned by SPLA has no egress and there is no other area of egress. Charlie Macsata indicated that there is a gate at the end of the street that the Fire Department has a key for.

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Danny H. indicated he believes we have mink in the lake – he saw one at the spillway.

Danny H. also reported an issue with the water way across Cottage Road – he believes the rocks that have accumulated in the stream are blocking and preventing water flow from the lake. He recommended hiring an excavator to move the rocks back to their original locations on the side of the stream. Charlie M. brought up the fact that the area in discussion may be owned by the Town of Enfield as they own 75 feet from the road. Danny will discuss this issue with the Mayor to see if the Town will perform the work. Jaime moved and Dan B. seconded to allow Danny to spend up to \$500 on an excavator to remove the rocks to allow water flow – if the Town of Enfield does not agree to do it. Motion carries.

### **Property Committee – In addition to below - see attached report.**

Danny provided update on the drawdown of the lake. Due to the weather and amount of rain, the pumping of water to allow inspection of the pipe has taken longer than planned. He indicated he has spent ~\$700 of the ~1,000 authorized on equipment and fuel.

Jaime thanked those association members in attendance who worked hard to clean the Cottage Road beach for preparation of adding sand, and for their hard work installing the sand. The group discussed protecting the area to let the sand set, as people are walking their dogs. Discussion about adding a sign pursued. The Property Committee will continue this discussion at the next meeting and bring recommendations to the Board.

### **Communications –**

Next Newsletter – January 2020

### **Activity Committee –**

See attached report. Discussion about borrowing funds from the Association ensued, however, no decisions were made. The Activity Committee will review their financial status and determine funding required to support events.

### **Old Business -**

- Update on Solitude contract/Permit – Leslie – in progress of reaching out to other companies. Crescent Lake has new company.
- Welcome Book – Leslie has to review revision made by Jaime
- Relocation of File Cabinets – Leslie to meet with Nelson to see what he has. Charlie will help to Consolidate into one and move the cabinet into the shed at the fire house.
- Locate Prior Year Ballots – Leslie indicated we must keep for two years then can be discarded. Lorraine reported we have all record retention information required.
- Town of Enfield Tax Collection – discussed in Tax Collector section.
- Process to add additional to the association – Lorraine – in progress
- Dam inspection results – Leslie has a report from Wright & Pearse – she has to get back in touch – they recommend removal a few trees – big willow and leaning trees on the dam lot. Wright & Pearse – has wrong address – Leslie is correcting.
- Fish Count Results – Leslie – still no word. She will reach out.
- Insurance Policy Review – Lorraine - Open

### **New Business -**

### **Closing Remarks/Round Table**

#### **SPLA Member Comments –**

Cheryl Cote made recommendation to change time of Board meeting to 6:30. Dan made motion Danny H. seconded – 5 voted for – 1 voted against, motion carried. Lorraine stated the community needs to be notified of time change 2 weeks in advance of next meeting. Leslie to talk to Sharon about writing a letter to all members – Janice to create labels and stamps.

Meeting adjourned – Lorraine moved Dan seconded – 9:15

Respectfully Submitted: Jaime Macsata

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### **Property Committee Report 11/5/19**

#### **Recent Activities:**

**Spillway Management** – Dam inspection - reviewing results. Danny Hart has been working diligently to lower the lake to allow inspection of the pipe. Danny received quote for inspection from Rotor Rooter. Pump was also secured for one week.

**Beaches** – Lower Cottage Rd. Beach enhancement completed on 10/26. Much thanks to Paul & Cheryl Cote & a great team of neighbors who prepped the area prior to the project. Also BIG thank you to Fred Fieldhouse and Steve Grassetto for installation of sand at no cost to SPLA!.

**Memorial Park** – Thanks to Dave Olsen, Cheryl & Paul Cote and others who helped clean up the area for the Halloween Happenings!

## **Open Activities:**

**Beaches** –Additional items will be reviewed over the next few months for possible spring incorporation: Beach Maintenance Program - Muck Mats -Beautification Enhancements – benches – fence – porta-potty – buoys.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Beach** – Obtain surveyor quotes – determine if needed

**Memorial Park** – Electricity on beach- still being investigated for opportunities.

**Flag Pole area** -Identify options to enhance area

## **New Activities Identified:**

**Spillway Management** – Investigating opportunities for professional seal coatings. Also identified need to repair spillway gate as it is getting extremely hard to open.

## **Board Requests:**

**No requests this month.**

**Members:** Jaime Macsata, Dan Bugli, Travis Buck, Cheryl Cote, Paul Cote, Leslie Cunningham, Darlene Duga, Danny Hart, Jamie Joslyn, Dave Olson, Linda Ostapoff, Lori Parker, Lisa Strom, George Temple

## **Activity Committee Report 11/5/19**

**Activity Committee Members** – Kassie Huhtanen, Leslie Cunningham, Elaine Olson, Karen Harz, Steve Harz, Lori Macsata, Jaime Macsata, Stacy Sperrazza, Randy Daigle, Carrie Temple, Cynthia Rodriguez

## **Update on Halloween Happenings – 10/26/19**

The Halloween Happenings Day was a success. While we didn't have as many participants as we would have hoped due to conflicts with soccer tournaments and camping, the weather was great and those who attended helped to make the day a success! In addition, the Activity Committee would like to thank the SPLA Board, Property Committee and the SPFD for the energy they invested in making this event happen!

The pumpkins looked awesome and were lit again on Halloween night. Winners of the pumpkin carving contest were: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Rachel from Cottage Road; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lori D.; 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kassie!

The apple pie contest was a close call (by 1 vote), Elaine Olson won! Thanks to Christina Nieves for submitting her pie as well, both were delicious!! The cart parade was well attended and many people came out to watch! First prize went to Randy and Stacey – "BOO" Cart. Second prize went to Joe on her trike and the Little Ninja Turtles won 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

Thanks to Kassie who donated a number of items for the raffle which raised \$60.00. Thanks to Owen Jarmoc for donating the pumpkins! Kassie will send him a personalized thank you note with a picture of all the lit pumpkins.

## **Upcoming Events:**

11/27 - Buona Vita Fund Raiser – Carrie is chairing this event in support of Children’s Christmas Party. Remaining proceeds will be deposited in Activity Fund. Kelly from Buona Vita Kelly will donate 10% of their proceeds to this particular event. Carrie is also planning on doing a raffle at the restaurant during that event. All donated raffle items are welcome!

11/30 - Wreath & Ornament Sell with Coffee & Donuts – 9:00 a.m. – Thanks to Anne Buck for securing the wreaths and making the bows! Thanks to Elaine Olson for securing the ornaments. Wreaths will be sold for \$22 each and Ornaments are being sold for \$20 each. To date we have sold 12 ornaments.

11/30 - Wine & Cheese Fund Raiser – 115 Cottage Road – Tickets limited and sell out fast.

12/7 - Santa run/ Food Drive – (SPFD).

12/8 - Tree Lighting - & Holiday Cart Parade

12/14 - Kids Christmas Party – Carrie – Chair - 1:00 p.m. at St. Martha’s.

Carrie estimates that she will need about \$650 dollars - She requested a \$100 deposit to secure the hall.

**Other Fund Raiser Activities:**

*Daily Raffle* - Karen – will chair - Process: We sell 100 tickets then pull a ticket each day. The Tickets would cost \$20 and the daily winner would receive \$25. Remaining funds would go to Activity Fund. This type of fund raiser was held last summer and raised ~\$800.

**Future Activities:**

**Fund Raising:**

Ideas to pursue: Reusable Shopping Bags with Shaker Pines Logo. Shaker Pines Lake Calendar with pictures taken by residents. Business Sponsors.

**2020 Activities in Planning:**

February 8 - Pasta dinner - K of C and DJ have been secured. - Lake Lovers theme to tie into Valentine’s Day.

April 4 - Easter egg hunt

July/August - Fishing derby - Stephanie will chair.

July - S’mores and Bonfire, boat parade right before fireworks, golf cart parade in the morning.

September 26 - Block Party

October 24\* - Halloween Happenings

November 28 - Tree lighting

December - Kids Christmas party