

SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION
04/04/2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Attendance:

Dan Hart, Lorraine Creedon, Jeremy Stefanik, Linda Ostapoff, George Temple

Absent – Leslie Cunningham, Jamie Macstata, Sharon Ledger, Allison Cushing

Reading of Minutes –

Tabled to next month

Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Members_

Lori Parker via email, Charles Armand is opening a recycling center that could effect our lake waters. There is a Public Hearing of the East Longmeadow Planning Board on April 18th . Lori is asking for Board members and residents to attend.

Charlie Macsata (present) comments that the Board is doing a great job. Mentions in regard to upcoming East Longmeadow Public Hearing that in the past hearing for Mayfield Apartments, the Town of Enfield did not allow Longmeadow residents to speak. It is possible that we will not be able to speak at the East Longmeadow hearing.

Correspondence –

Linda Ostapoff received some information passed along by resident Anne Collins regarding lake management. Information included another lake management company, a catalog of water and sediment products, and information on the army corp of engineers. Lorraine now has the information.

Treasurer Report - Lorraine Creedon

Capital Account \$ 145,840.09

Checking Account \$ 11,117.90

Activity Account \$ 2,576.19

Budget \$ remaining \$ 52,758.57

Spillway engineering set aside was moved into the account.

The town says that we have to apply for reimbursement after paying bills for the Spillway, however, the ARPA contract says we will be paid up front.

Tax Collector Report – Jaime Macsata

Taxes collected for March 2023 \$ 2707.11

Total July 2022 – March 2023 \$ 33,780.25

Manual Payments \$ 23,678.40

Online Payments \$ 10,101.85

Total Outstanding Taxes – \$ 9385.05

Currently open liens 31. 6 liens were released in March 2023. Jamie will be placing liens on 25 properties this week.

Committee Reports -

Ecology - Leslie Cunningham

Reported by Danny Hart: An eagle was seen again on the lake. Permits are in order and treatments are on target.

Property Committee –Allison Cushing

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

Reported by George Temple: The new fence bordering Williams looks great. Allison will contact Bill's Landscaping to do Spring clean up.

Did Hastee Fence look at the Memorial Lot? Caps are missing and the gate needs adjusting.

Danny says he will adjust the gate.

Leslie says that the Fire Department will put the Boom in.

Lorraine would like an auto close put on the gate at dam.

There is a tree down in the water at the pumping station. There was debate regarding sending a letter to the back lot owners regarding the tree removal. Possibly the town might pick it up.

Charlie Macsata says that the water pollution person at DPW might handle this.

Jeff Gentes is having a tree removed near the Spillway. He will leave the stump in so as not to damage the spillway. DEEP would like all trees on the spillway removed. Some are not on our property.

Communications- Elaine Olson

Leslie says that we will no longer have the virtual "Go to meeting" as it needs to be renewed and is very expensive.

The newsletter is out. Next newsletter needs to go out for the annual meeting, which is June 10th. Copy is due by May 9th. Newsletter must be out by May 30th at the latest. We will need the ballot, the warning, the budget and any additional approvals for additional expenses. The budget should be approved before May 2 meeting.

Activity Committee –Linda Ostapoff

Leslie Cunningham, Jaime Macsata, Lori Parker, Carrie Temple, Stacy Daigle, Lisa Strom, Jasmine Curry, Kellie Dixon

No meeting was held in March. We had one event, the Easter Egg Hunt. The event was well attended with about 45 children participating. Next Events: Plant Sale: Saturday May 13th from 9 until 1 at the Old Firehouse. Father's Day Ice Cream Social: Sunday June 18th, 1:30 at Memorial Lot. The date for the 4th of July parade will be July 1st, featuring the Shriners. We are very excited to welcome two new members, Jasmine Curry and Kellie Dixon.

Old Business

Spillway Updates- Leslie Cunningham, Randy Daigle, Dan Hart, Dan Smith: The committee met. Dan Hart and Dan Smith had a lot of questions regarding the plan. Dan Smith called Wright and Pierce. The issues were discussed and both parties were in agreement regarding the issue. Leslie is waiting for a phone call with DEEP, Wright and Pierce and Dan Hart.

Fish Gate/ Magill: no update

Directors and Officers Insurance: purchased, item can be removed from old business.

119 Cottage Road: fence issue is resolved and no longer needs to be reported in old business.

Update WinStanley Truck Diversion from Cottage Road – none.

Update on Water Testing – Linda received a letter from HRP, the environmental consultant company hired by Winstanley to investigate the pesticide contamination at 25/35 Bacon Rd. The letter answers questions submitted by local residents. This letter includes the levels and types of pesticides found at the site when the testing was done in 2019. The letter is attached to the minutes. Leslie has received a response from Pond and Lake management that it would be too expensive to have them handle to collection and deliveries of samples to Phoenix Environmental Labs. (email attached to minutes) Other solutions were discussed: having a board member or a Marshall to collect and deliver the samples. The other option is to hire an environmental scientist to complete the work. Discussion with Steve Trinkhaus, Environmental Engineer, Steve says that “Metals and fine particles will attach to the sediment. The drainage basins that Winstanley are not, in his professional opinion, sufficient to stop these substances from running off into the lake. Concerns he mentioned were petroleum hydrocarbons, nitrogen and phosphorous. Both Steve and Pond and Lake Management suggested to test as close as possible to the entry point of runoff- on or near and pipe running into the lake. Pond and Lake suggests that the testing be done during the first minutes of a rain storm. Question was raised whether with the addition of the proposed recycling plant, do we need to hire an environmental scientist to determine what and where we need to test to have an appropriate base line, as well as handle the samples.

East Longmeadow construction near Jawbrook Reservoir- No changes have been made; no silt fence has been installed. Public Hearing on April 18th.

Contact Pond and Lake Management to have them attend the annual meeting: Nick cannot make the meeting. He could meet between 3:30 to 4:30 on a weekday.

Seek new people to run for the board:

Rescue Board on Upper Cottage: George Temple made a motion to put the rescue sign back near the Williams side of the fence between 2nd and third post running east/west. Seconded by Lorraine. Motion carried.

New Business –

Leslie will hold an executive board meeting regarding the taxation method.

Closing Remarks/Round Table

Meeting adjourned

Lorraine Creedon made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Jeremy Stefanik. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ostapoff