

# SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION

## 09/5/2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Attendance:

George Temple, Jeremy Stefanik, Charlie Macsata, Jaime Macsata, Betsy Nourse, Linda Ostapoff, Dan Smith

Tax Collector – Jaime Macsata

Absent – Randy Daigle and Sharon Ledger

Reading of Minutes – Aug 1st, 2023 – SPLA Monthly Meeting

- Motion made by Jaime Macsata to accept the meeting minutes of Aug 1st, 2023 with change to remove line stating Linda will write something up for the newsletter to discourage geese. Seconded by Dan Smith. Amended – This information was not in the August 2023 meeting minutes therefore, it was not removed.
- All in favor.

Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Member

- Nothing to Report

Correspondence –

Invasive Plant in waterways

- Jaime Macsata mentioned there is an invasive plant in waterways of CT, carried from boat to boat. The invasive plant is in the CT river and is on the news “Hydrilla or water Thyme”
- Dan Smith and Charlie Macsata noted that it is a part of the boating license that one should wash their boat before taking it to new waterways.

Request to park woodchipper on 106 lot

- Linda asked if it is okay to park woodchipper on 106 lot for her Tree removal by Monster Tree company.
- Motion made by Charlie Macsata to allow Monster Tree Company to stage equipment on 106 Cottage Lot, Seconded by Betsy Nourse. Nobody opposed or abstained.

Treasurer Report – Jeremy Stefani

- Capital Account \$ 140,868.93
- Checking Account \$ 24,235.34
- Activity Account \$ 2,170.75
- Budget \$ remaining \$180,253.98
- Jeremy to look into if QDS systems (Online Tax pay platform) was paid prior to approved budget.
- Treasurer and Tax collector deposits match for Aug, 2023.

Tax Collector Report – Jaime Macsata

- Taxes collected for Aug 2023 \$2,491.64
- Total Manual Payments \$ 19,306.68
- Online Payments \$ 5,166.78
- Total Outstanding Taxes – \$ 19,779.10
- 47 – Open liens as of Aug 31, 2023
- 0 - Liens Released Aug 31, 2023
- 13 - Warrants as of Aug 31,2023

#### Discussion on Lake Taxes, foreclosure property, & 78 Cottage

- Jamie explained those who paid late were charged interest.
- Jaime has not contacted Tax Warden on garnishing wages on those who are not paying.
- Property in foreclosure has no beneficiaries, questioned raised on if the town or bank ends up owning the property, will they pay the outstanding lake taxes.
- 78 Cottage is a rental, Jaime will look into where notices have been being sent to. Jaime will send George the mailing address and George may contact the owner to ensure he is getting notices.

#### Committee Reports –

##### Ecology - Leslie Cunningham (absent)

- Nothing to report, however unanimously agreed lake does not look the best some “Muck” recently.

##### Spillway Repair – Randy Daigle

- Jaime and Randy met someone who offered to look at Write & Pierce documents.
- Randy explained in email that ARPA funds to be spent 1st, Town Grant to be spent 2nd, and any WinStanley funds to be spent last. Jaime and George were verbally told by Randy that the town grant is to be spent 1st. Will clarify when Randy D. returns.
- Jeremy will send all Wright Pierce invoices to the board via email.
- Dan smith spoke to the original engineer and explained how they are ineffective and that we will look into new engineers.
- Dan explained some progress like surveys and DEEP filings has been made by original engineer.

#### Property Committee – George Temple

- Boom will be removed anywhere from 12th-16th of October.
- Geoge messaged the landscaper (New England Landscaping), and he will come before the block party this year. Also, that they will mow during the fall cleanup. Agreed that they have been doing a better job than Bill’s Landscaping.
- Property meeting will be held after mulch is received from Freddy.
- Linda got quotes for signs for fences.
  - Motion made by George Temple to spend up to \$30 per sign for 11 total signs for Lake owned fences. Seconded by Charlie Macsata. Nobody opposed or abstained.
- George will continue to look for quotes to remove tree on border of Sherry Jackson and Upper Cottage Road beach.

#### Communications –

- Newsletter needs to go out before lowering the lake, and Jasmine needs ample time to produce the newsletter. September 20th is a soft deadline to get information to Jasmine.
- Will begin to lower the lake on October 17<sup>th</sup> and have completed by October 20th.

Activity Committee –Linda Ostapoff

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

- 80 tie dye shirts were made at tie dye event.
- Fishing Derby to be held on 9/19
- Adults only Dance to be held Nov 3rd at Knights of Columbus, DJ is reserved.

Old Business

Update on Water Testing – Linda Ostapoff

- Lake was looked over by Apex water testing, they offered information on where to test, contact at Apex is preparing a proposal with complete chain of custody. Apex will mimic DEEP testing; Apex handles situations like this often and they offer the testing. Testing will take place when lake is lowered. DEEP requires wet testing twice yearly.
- Apex will isolate contaminants by location.
- Winn Stanley will be held to test their draining systems as well.

Dam Emergency Plan – Charlie Macsata

- The emergency action plan document needs to be converted from PDF to Word, Charlie will edit the document, board will approve, should be updated every 5 years and inspection is done every 10 years.

Records Retention – Jaime Macsata, Leslie Cunningham, and Lorraine Creedon

- No Update – Fall project.

New Business

- Nothing to report.

Closing Remarks/Round Table

- Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned

- Jaime Macsata made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Seconded by George Temple. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Stefanik

Treasurer, Shaker Pines Lake Association