

SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION
05/07/2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order:
Pledge of Allegiance

Randy Daigle, George Temple, Jeremy Stefanik, Sharon Ledger, Charlie Macsata, Jaime Macsata, Betsy Nourse, Linda Ostapoff, Dan Smith

Jaime Mascata – Tax Collector

Absent – Randy Daigle, Dan Smith

Approval of Minutes April SPLA Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Jaime Macsata to approve the March 5, 2023 meeting minutes with minor changes, seconded by Linda Ostapoff. All in favor motion passed.

Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Members

Cheryl Cote – 92 Cottage Road

Asking what the Winstanley Conservation Agreement was referring to.

Conservation easement from WE 35 Bacon Rd, LLC that approximately 22.18-acre parcel of land in Enfield, CT on the west side of Spruceland Road and east side of the rail line owned by Connecticut Department of Transportation which has been filed and recorded with the Town of Enfield.

Brian Wanczyk –

Purchased the old firehouse and the lot next to it. He has graciously offered SPLA the use of his building and/or property.

Correspondence –

No correspondence to be reported.

Treasurer Report – Jeremy Stefanik –
March 2024

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| Capital Account | \$ 141,293.62 |
| Restricted Funds | \$ 279,968.64 |
| Total Savings | \$ 421,293.62 |

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| Checking Account | \$ 9,304.04 |
| Activity Account | \$ 3,398.11 |

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| Budget \$ remaining | \$ 154,972.61 (which includes the \$133,000 budgeted for spillway repair) |
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Received a check from the Town of Enfield in the amount of \$20,134.99 for reimbursement for monies paid to Wright and Piece regarding spillway repairs. This money will be deposited into the new account ending in 2970. We are being charged a fee of \$5 per month due to low balance. Jeremy will be contacting the bank to see if the fee can be waived.

Charlie made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. However, based on budget meetings we would like additional time to discuss at the next meeting. We are proposing that we handle the treasurer’s report like the minutes and approved in the following month which allows time to review treasurers report.

Charlie made a motion to table treasurer’s report approval to next month. Seconded by George. All in favor.

Tax Collector Report – Jaime Macsata
March 2024

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| Total Collected 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 - | \$34,825.12 |
| Total Collected for March 2024 - | \$1,294.18 |
| Total Outstanding through 03/31/24 - | \$7,948.60 |

Edgar Langlois property 43 Wheeler Drive has been sold. Jaime would like approval to reach out to Carl Landolina for advice.

Sharon Ledger made a motion for Jaime Mascata to reach out to Carl Landolina for advice on the sale of the 43 Wheeler Drive property and the impact to SPLA.

Seconded by George Temple.

Revised motion

Sharon Ledger made a motion for Jaime Mascata to reach out to Carl Landolina for advice on the sale of the 43 Wheeler Drive property and the impact to SPLA, not to exceed \$500.

Seconded by George Temple. All in favor.

When Jaime reaches out to Carl she will also ask if he would consider being a retainer for SPLA and if not, who would he recommend.

Committee Reports -

- **Ecology** - Leslie Cunningham, Randy Daigle
Pond and Lake have received the Permit required to treat lake.
Last year the lake was treated May 25th. Nick and Pond and Lake would like to treat earlier this year.
A few common mergansers have been seen (male and females – could have babies)
Concerning the erosion of the dam lot that will need to be addressed prior to dam inspection.
SP Fire Department is waiting to put the Boom into lake until it gets a little warmer.
- **Spillway Committee** – Randy Daigle
Leslie Cunningham, Dan Hart, Dan Smith
Randy has had several phone calls with Wright-Pierce and DEEP and at first DEEP was digging in their heels and saying we needed to file for the Individual Permit. → Randy stated to them that this is NOT a traditional Spillway where the outlet is an intricate part of the Spillway construction. Our pipeline is off to the side, so we really do not need to replace the entire Spillway to replace the pipeline and only need to do some minor repairs to the apron. Wright-Pierce agreed and presented DEEP with some photos and drawings. They started to agree and ended the last meeting with they willing to reconsider the Individual Permit requirement and will get back to me by the end of this week.

Randy received a check from The Town of Enfield in the amount of \$20,134.99 for reimbursement for monies paid to Wright and Piece regarding spillway repairs.

Still some confusion on the allocation of which source the funds were received from – Town budgeted monies and/or the ARPA funds.

The legal explanation applies to both the town budgeted funds and the ARPA funds. However, there is still some confusion about whether both amounts will be distributed to SPLA. There is also concern that other organizations received all the ARPA monies up front, and we have not.

George will follow up with Tom Tyler for additional clarity.

- **Property Committee** – George Temple
Leslie Cunningham, Linda Ostapoff, Cheryl Cote, Paul Cote, Dave Olson, Dan Smith
Address signs for the lake owned properties are all in. The signs will be installed in the next week or so.
The Memorial lot has holes that will need to be looked at and filled. Last year they were filled with stone and the plan is to do the same this year.
We have one quote for a solar light (approx. \$600) to light the flag. Still discussion to install electricity at the memorial lot.
Sharon Ledger asked if the people on the property are causing damage to the dam. It is mainly the kids playing and removing rock, suggested that we move functions to the lot next to fire station which would eliminate the

kids removing the rocks/stones and the need for electricity. The board feels this is too much liability for Brian to take on.

Several years ago, it was estimated that it would cost around \$5,000 to install electricity, and then there would be a monthly cost as well. If it is determined that we want to look into adding electricity to the Memorial lot we should start the entire process from the start as too much time has passed.

Looking into removing the plastic at 121 Cottage Road. Will contact a few companies for quotes and look into gathering volunteers to complete to keep cost down.

Once this is done consider using 121 Cottage Road for residents to store/launch kayaks, canoe's etc.

- **Communications –**

Newsletter – Jasmine Curry/Linda Ostapoff –

Special Meeting

We will be having a special meeting to discuss the Winstanley settlement on May 19th.

This will also require a warning to be sent out by May 9th.

Annual Meeting/Warning

Annual meeting is set for June 8th.

The deadline to submit information is May 10th.

Website Updates – Jaime Macsata, Jeremy Stefanik –

No Updates

- **Activity Committee** – Linda Ostapoff

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

Easter Bunny Parade was a success – 64 children received goodie bags.

Upcoming:

Flower Sale- May 11th from 9 to 12 from 1 to 3

Ice Cream Social -Sunday June 16th from 1 to 3

Old Business –

- Update on Water Testing – Linda Ostapoff

Linda reviewed the attached water testing analysis –

Reasons for water testing:

1. This report was initiated by a direct request by a resident.
2. Concerns from residents about increasing muck and sedimentation of the lake.
3. Concerns regarding understanding the effectiveness of lake treatments and monitoring phosphorous levels to document results.
4. Toxic Pesticides at levels above those approved for residential use are found in nearby agricultural fields.
5. To provide a current baseline of the lake due to concerns about potential future pollution from :

- Storm drains on our streets that empty into the lake carrying gas, oil, salts, and fertilizers.
- An unusual storm event with substantial soil runoff into the lake in July 2023.
- Warehouse construction with potential runoff into the lake during construction.
- Inadequate storm water management system (drainage basins are too shallow) planned at the Warehouse according to Steve Trinkhaus, the Engineer retained by Save the Lakes. Once construction is completed follow c on DEEP to
- Large number of tractor trailers at nearby warehouse with potential oil and diesel runoff.
- Recycling Facility approved by East Longmeadow at our headwaters, handling construction waste.
- The possibility of train track being used in East Longmeadow with potential for additional diesel fuel leakage.

Testing needs to be done when raining at the 3 locations identified, which are 121 Cottage – Upper Cottage Beach, Northern point of lake by boom, 45 Cottage – Lower Cottage Beach.

Linda reviewed the 4 options that are available and what we would be testing for.

This information was very informative, and much detail was provided.

Jaime Mascata made a motion to authorize Linda to move forward with option 4 testing algae ID and water quality plus bundle and including the 4 DEEP tests totaling \$2,765, which will be paid with the remaining monies for lake treatments, prior to the May Lake treatment.

Discussion:

This is the option that Pond and Lake management recommend.

Would we be able to split the testing? Yes, however we would then be required to pay for the service call to collect water samples each time tested. Which is a cost of \$225.

What would be the impact if we followed through with dredging? The muck at the Boom is very deep and dredging would give us a different result once the sediment is distributed. Linda will follow up with Pond and Management.

Vote was taken – All in favor Motion passes.

- Dam Emergency Plan – Charlie Macsata –
This is almost completed. Waiting for additional information from the fire service and emergency manager. Once completed will need to complete a tabletop review exercise, which will be sometime in the fall.
- Record Retention – Jaime Macsata –
Jaime will be setting up a time for this to meet and continue the cleanup.
- Outstanding Taxes (Edward Langlois) – Jaime Macsata
Discussed above under treasury report.
- Dam Inspection Required prior to 12.31.2024
Need to hire an engineer and submit to DEEP prior to 12.31.2024.
Randy has requested quotes from Wright and Pierce and Design Professionals – No update.
- Insurance Refund – Jaime Macsata
\$1,150 credit received is correct, should be applied to the outstanding amount due.
They cannot provide renew premium amount due.
D&O Insurance Policy – Jaime Macsata
The invoice has been received and paid.
- Zoom Meeting – Randy Daigle/Charlie Macsata
Randy needs the Shaker Pines email address to set up Teams – Jaime to provide Randy with information.
- Plan for Upper Lake Issues – Dredging/Hydro raking.
No update

New Business –

- Budget Review – Sharon Ledger
Reviewed budget for past several years. Determined that we are budgeting more than 100% tax assessment. Budget will need to be completed for May SPLA meeting as it will need to be approved at that meeting. Board members will review the information and be ready to discuss at next meeting if we think a tax increase is necessary.
Next budget meeting scheduled for April 10th – 6:30 at Randy's house.
- Board Members 2024-2025
George Temple, Sharon Ledger, Jaime Macsata, Linda Ostapoff
Linda Ostapoff is not planning to return. Which means we will have at least one opening.

Remarks/Round Table

Charlie made a motion that we should purchase a laptop for the Treasurer to store all financial information.

Seconded by Jaime Mascata.

Discussion –

Where would the funds come from?
How much would the cost be?

Charlie changed the motion read: Move to investigate cost for purchasing a laptop for the Treasurer to store all financial information.
Seconded by George

Meeting adjourned. Linda Ostapoff made motion to adjourn – Jaime Mascata seconded – 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ledger
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SPLA Secretary