

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 Charlie Macsata to approve the April 2, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Linda Ostapoff. All in favor motion passed.

Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Members

Correspondence –

Email from Michael Lapointe regarding rules for kayak launching. Information is available on the website.

Treasurer Report – Jeremy Stefanik –

April 2024

Checking Account	\$ 8,723.61
Capital Account	\$ 131,327.49
Reserve Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Settlement Interest	\$ 5,329.36
Spillway Reimbursement	\$ 20,134.99
Total Cash on Hand	\$175,515.45

Restricted Funds	\$ 275,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 450,515.45

Activity Account	\$ 3,398.11
Budget \$ remaining	\$ 154,093.09 (which includes the \$133,000 budgeted for spillway repair)

Noted that that interest on the \$275k dropped to \$360.72 for April from \$1,067.91 for March 2024. When the bank account was originally opened, we were guaranteed a higher interest rate for 6 months, the 6 months is now over. Sharon Ledger made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Jaime Macsata. All in favor. Motion carried.

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2024-2025 Budget was presented to board. Charlie Macsata made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Betsy Nourse.

Discussion:

Discussion to remove interest from restricted account as only the \$275,000 is restricted. The settlement interest will now be reported as a separate line item.

The spillway reimbursement account will be reported as a separate line item to allow us to easily track how much was reimbursed and remains outstanding.

The spillway repair amount for 2024-2025 will now be reported as a capital improvement item.

These changes will appear in the 2024-2025 Proposed budget. We will not be reclassifying for this year’s budget.

An executive meeting on May 13th was held to review changes presented above and approve the budget.

Charlie Macsata made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Dan Smith. All in favor. Budget was approved.

Jaime Macsata made the motion to increase the tax rate from \$167.50 to \$192.50 for lake front properties and from \$125.63 to \$144.38 for back lot properties. Seconded by George Temple.

Discussion: There is one taxpayer that was receiving an elderly tax break as they were receiving a tax break from the Town of Enfield. However, it has been determined that the homeowner has not reapplied for this benefit with the Town, therefore, we will not be honoring either and they will see an increase to \$144.38 since they are a backlot owner.

Vote - All in favor. Motion passes.

Jeremy Stefanik and Sharon Ledger reconciled the invoices sent to the Town of Enfield for reimbursement.

Total Paid to Wright and Pierce as of 4.30.2024	\$30,251.38
Reimbursed from Town of Enfield (ARPA Funds)	\$20,134.99

Invoice copies were needed for the following –

Invoice #	Amount
216895	\$ 599.56
217404	\$ 587.09
215720	\$ 5,049.88
216521	\$ 457.84
219871	\$ 886.43
220450	\$ 333.47
226378	\$ 371.30
Sub-Total	\$ 8,285.57
Additional Copies Requested	
229725	\$ 1,312.29
232962	\$ 518.53
Sub-Total	\$ 1,830.82
Total	\$10,116.39

All invoice copies have been received from Wright and Pierces and will be submitted to the Town of Enfield for reimbursement.

Tax Collector Report – Jaime Macsata

April 2024

Total Collected 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 - \$35,114.06

Total Collected for March 2024 - \$ 288.94

Total Outstanding through 03/31/24 - \$ 8,147.18

41 Open Liens- 17 new liens issued in April – 1 lien released.

Edgar Langlois property 43 Wheeler Drive has been sold. Jaime was unable to get an answer on the status of impact to SPLA. We will wait to be notified when resolved.

Committee Reports -

- **Ecology** - Leslie Cunningham, Randy Daigle

Lake:

Leslie took a kayak ride on the lake and the lake clarity is good. Algae levels appear to be fine. Carp are working as intended. Treatments appear to be working.

Leslie called Nick to let him know what she saw. Based on that conversation the treatment date is being changed to the last week of May, based on the condition of the lake and the predicted rain.

A goose egg was seen however, no nest has been located.

Last house on West Shore – 2 Geese and 14 babies.

Two otters have been seen. They are digging up claims which are resulting in clam shells everywhere.

Small snails have been seen as well.

The boom has been put into the lake. However, there appears to be a gap between the 2 sections. Concern this may cause damage, concern this may turn. Leslie to call Eddie at SP Fire Department.

Jaime Macsata sent updated email addresses to Pond and Lake to notify residents of lake treatments.

Memorial Lot:

The frontage is spongy and needs to be addressed prior to dam inspection.

Retaining wall by pump station, which is not owned by SPLA. The wall is rotted out and could be a danger. Linda will add to the newsletter – warning to be careful.

- **Spillway Committee** – Randy Daigle
Leslie Cunningham, Dan Hart, Dan Smith
No update for this month
- **Property Committee** – George Temple
Leslie Cunningham, Linda Ostapoff, Cheryl Cote, Paul Cote, Dave Olson, Dan Smith
Address signs for the lake owned properties have been installed and look great.
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.

Looking into removing the plastic at 121 Cottage Road. George Temple will contact a few additional companies for quotes.

It was also discussed that lake members could complete by cover with topsoil (that would be donated). Once this is done consider using 121 Cottage Road for residents to store/launch kayaks, canoes etc.

Eagle Scout sign needs to be installed at 121 Cottage Road. This sign was removed and needs to be replaced at its original location.

Spring cleanup was not completed at 106 Cottage Road however, it will be completed by Memorial Day.

Freddie will be delivering 5 yards of sand to 45 Cottage Road this week and will then need to be spread.

Waiting for additional estimates for tree removal. Linda Ostapoff will forward Taylor Tree information to George Temple to reach out.

Communications –

Newsletter – Jasmine Curry/Linda Ostapoff –

A letter to residents regarding the Winstanley Settlement and upcoming Special meeting has been mailed today. The Summer Newsletter and WARNING of Annual meeting information is due by Friday May 10th. I will need the Treasurer's Report, and articles from the Tax Collector, Property Committee, and Ecology. If you are not submitting a report, please let me know. Also, please send any thank you or other information you would like to have included in the Newsletter.

After this, the next Newsletter is typically at the end of September or beginning of October in time to inform residents of dates for lowering the Lake and removing boats.

Linda will also include the following:

There will be open board positions. Volunteers are always welcome.

Pontoon Boats should be launched from Sandy Beach Lot. When launching, please be considerate of people who are using the beach and rake the sand after you are done launching to remove tire marks.

Please NO DOGS allowed at 45 Cottage Road Beach! Dogs are allowed at 121 Cottage Road.

Website Updates – Jaime Macsata, Jeremy Stefanik –

Jaime updated the website today. Website management transferred to Jeremy.

- **Activity Committee** – Linda Ostapoff

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

The Activity Committee met on April 29th, 2024. The Treasure’s Report and Budget were presented. We are in good shape at this time.

We will be holding a flower sale on Saturday, May 11 from 9 to 12 at the Old Firehouse. Plants are provided by Johnny’s. All prices are the same as at Johnny’s location. Johnny’s donates a portion of the proceeds to SPLA Activity Committee. We will also be giving out carnations for Mom’s at the sale.

Ice Cream Social Sunday June 16th from 1 to 3 on Memorial Lot. This event is for everyone!

Events through September were planned for the Newsletter deadline of May 10th.

Independence Day Parade with Shriners: July 7th at 12 pm, rain date July 13th same time. Parade lines up at Memorial.

Tie Dye: August 4th 1 to 3 on Memorial.

Two events are not confirmed:

Block Party – September 7th from 12 to 4, rain date Sunday September 8th., on Memorial . We do not currently have anyone to run this event. We will not be putting the Block Party in the Newsletter unless there are people willing to run it.

Fishing Derby and Cookout: currently no date will be advertised in the Newsletter if I have a date confirmed by May 10th.

Fall Plant Sale – date will not be published in the newsletter, just a reminder that the sale will be coming.

I will be leaving the Activity Committee after the June 8th annual meeting. Jamie Macsata is a Board member and will still be on the Activity Committee.

Old Business –

- Update on Water Testing – Linda Ostapoff

Linda reviewed the attached water testing analysis –

Last month we voted to spend \$2,765 on water testing to be completed by Pond and Lake. Three of the tests are best performed on sediment (per both Pond and Lake and Steve Trinkhaus) : VOCS, Pesticides and Metals. We were testing the sediment in 2 places- upper cottage beach outlet pipe and at the headwaters. The remaining location, the center, would be water testing as Pond and Lake says it is too deep for them to retrieve the sediment.

The question arose regarding the viability of the sediment testing after dredging (if/when.) As some sediment will be removed in dredging, the sediment tests would not be an accurate comparison after dredging according to Pond and Lake.

The decision we need to make is what to test on the 2 locations.

1. Continue to test sediment only on the two locations as it is the best test but risk tests not being useful after dredging. No change in price.
2. Test water only on the two sites because it will still be useful after dredging but risk not actually capturing the best data. No change in price.
3. Test both water and sediment in these two locations for the most comprehensive test, but the price will be +950 for a total of \$3715.

If option 3 is desired, how can we fund this total?

Fund \$850 from Lake Treatment

Raise the approved funding from \$2765 to \$2865.

The Algae ID and Water Quality Plus Bundle (\$625) and the cost to take samples (\$225) can be considered Lake treatment as this is the test that benefits Pond and Lake in determining appropriate water treatment plus the cost of taking a sample. The Board may want to continue that testing if it proves helpful in improving the water quality. The remaining amount would then be \$2865. We would need to raise this approved amount from \$2765 to \$2865.

Motion was made by Jaime Macsata to go forward with water testing to include sediment and water testing at both locations for an additional \$950. Seconded by Betsy Nourse.

Discussion should we be completing the Algae ID and Water Quality plus bundle yearly. Leslie will follow up with Pond and Lake management.

Vote was taken – 6 – Yes 1- Abstain - Motion passes.

- Dam Emergency Plan – Charlie Macsata –
Waiting for additional information. Should be completed by the Annual Meeting.
- Record Retention – Jaime Macsata –
No update – Meeting needs to be scheduled.
- Outstanding Taxes (Edward Langlois) – Jaime Macsata
Discussed above under tax collector report.
- Dam Inspection Required prior to 12.31.2024
Need to hire an engineer and submit to DEEP prior to 12.31.2024.
No update
- Insurance Refund – Jaime Macsata
\$1,150 credit received is correct, SPLA will receive a check once policy is paid in full at end of policy period (June 2024).
- Zoom Meeting – Randy Daigle/Charlie Macsata
Randy needs the Shaker Pines email address to set up Teams – Jeremy to provide Randy with information.
- Plan for Upper Lake Issues – Dredging/Hydro raking.
Sharon Ledger forwarded names of residents that approached board in previous meetings regarding dredging to assist.
- Laptop for Treasurer
Jeremy provided an estimate for a laptop of \$319. George Temple. All in favor.
Motion passes.

New Business –

Remarks/Round Table

Charlie Macsata suggested that SPLA may want to participate in the Memorial Day parade. Charlie Macsata will take lead on this.

George Temple ordered flags for SPLA - \$177 for a gross of flags. Flags will placed on along the streets on May 17th.

Meeting adjourned. Linda Ostapoff made motion to adjourn – George Temple seconded – 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ledger

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SPLA Secretary