

**SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**06/04/2024 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order: 7:01PM  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Board Members Attendance**

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

Jaime Mascata – Tax Collector

**Absent** – Betsy Nourse,

**Approval of Minutes**

May 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jaime Macsata to approve meeting minutes, seconded by Linda Ostapoff. All in favor, motion passed.

May 19, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jaime Macsata to approve meeting minutes, seconded by Dan Smith. All in favor, motion passed.

**Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Members**

**Correspondence –**

Letter from Jon Lax dated May 20, 2024 addressing boat launching at 45 Cottage Road (lower cottage beach) and Mr. Duga’s reaction.

The #4 rule on the sign at 45 Cottage Road (lower cottage beach) reads:

No motorized vehicles on Beach lot

Boat launching is allowed for members only at 45 Cottage Road (lower cottage beach) and 121 Cottage Road (upper cottage beach).

However, it is discouraged at 121 Cottage Road as it is more difficult launching from that beach.

The following action will be taken:

- Letter to Mr. Duga notifying him that boat launching at 45 Cottage Road (lower cottage beach) is permitted.
- Sign at 45 Cottage Road (lower cottage beach) - # will be updated to read.
  - Boat launching is allowed for members only.
- Welcome book will be updated by Jaime Macsata

**Treasurer Report – Jeremy Stefanik –**

May 2024

Checking Account	\$ 17,315.69
Capital Account	\$ 131,329.24
Reserve Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Settlement Interest	\$ 5,353.17
Spillway Reimbursement	\$ 20,134.99
Interest	\$ 5.59
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 184,138.68

Restricted Funds	\$ 275,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 459,138.68

Activity Account \$ 3,398.11  
Budget \$ remaining \$ 153,026.27 (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. M&T Bank is also charging us \$5 per month due to the balance on account being under the required amount. Jeremy contacted M&T Bank and they will not reverse. Jeremy is going to investigate different banks that have higher interest and no fees. He will be looking into CD's, money markets (since they are safe and liquid). It was suggested Jeremy reach out to Bank of America and Westfield Bank.

### **Tax Collector Report – Jaime Macsata**

April 2024

Total Collected 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 - \$35,477.39

Total Collected for March 2024 - \$ 363.33

Total Outstanding through 03/31/24 - \$ 7,859.48

40 Open Liens- May Activity 2 liens released 1 lien added.

Jaime Macsata will be updating the tax listing to ensure new owners are included for the Annual meeting.

Once it has been determined if the tax rate increase is approved, Jaime will work with QDS to have the amount updated prior to sending tax bills due July 2024.

Jaime will also, update the Office of Policy management.

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. (Removing from old business)

### **Committee Reports -**

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

Lake:

The Lake was treated for algae and weeds on Wednesday May 29, 2024.

The water clarity has been good. There has been a small amount of weed growth, and very little algae with the exception of the problem area up near the boom.

Nick from Pond and Lake was pleased with the general health of the lake, noting the water clarity. He said that they spent a good deal of their efforts targeting the weeds and algae up by the boom. We should see some change in that area this week. Pond and Lake also did the sediment testing that the Board recently authorized during this visit and will report to us when the results come in.

The Lake was treated with Cutrine, an algaecide and Diquate an herbicide.

While doing the sediment testing up near the boom Nick reported that the organic material above the sediment came well over his knees. This organic material is what is feeding the algae growth, without removal this area will remain a big problem.

The next treatment will be in early July, the phosphorus reduction treatment.

This is done once annually, and it is the most expensive of the treatments. It reduces the phosphorus from the water column. This will reduce algae growth both microscopic which improves the water clarity, and the algae that you can see have less to feed upon and grow.

Nick indicated that he does not need annual testing for his treatment purposes.

He can visually see what is going on and is able to identify the algae and plants that need to be targeted.

- **Spillway/Dredging Committee – Randy Daigle, Dan Smith**

Leslie Cunningham, Dan Hart, Dan Smith

Spillway – Randy Daigle

Randy has contacted Wright and Pierce; however, they have not been getting back to him.

Randy has reached out the Design Professionals to replace Wright and Pierce. The individual that would be handling this has since left and is working for another company. Randy will reach out to him.

**Dredging – Dan Smith**

Dan Smith provided two proposals for a sediment depth proposal.

New England Aquatic Services and Pristine Waters – both proposals were reviewed with the cost being the same, it was determined that New England Aquatic Service would be the company we would go with to complete the survey.

This survey will provide us with the depth of materials that need to be removed from the upper lake, which will allow us to determine the cost associated with dredging which will allow us to discuss next steps.

Jaime Macsata made a motion that we approve \$4,500 to have a lake survey completed by New England Aquatic Services. The survey contract should be completed in June 2024 and the funding for this will be charged to the engineering contract (\$4,404.18) and contingency (\$95.82) 2024 budget lines. Seconded by George Temple.

Discussion:

The survey needs to be completed to allow us to move forward.

Vote:

All in favor. Motion passed.

- **Property Committee – George Temple**

Leslie Cunningham, Linda Ostapoff, Cheryl Cote, Paul Cote, Dave Olson, Dan Smith

New England Landscaping has been doing a really nice job maintaining the properties.

George Temple and/or Paulie Cote will be mowing 45 Cottage (lower cottage beach) prior to the annual meeting.

Eagle scout sign needs to be replaced at 121 Cottage Road (upper cottage beach).

- **Communications –**

**Newsletter –** Jasmine Curry/Linda Ostapoff –

- The next newsletter will ordinarily be printed once a date for lowering the lake is decided. Residents will need to be informed of that date, and the Oct/Nov/Dec activities will be included. Jasmine is willing to continue working on the newsletter. She doesn't attend board meetings or write articles, so all information will have to be sent to her. You will also need someone to fold, stamp and mail, unless Jasmine becomes available to do this part.

- **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 Coccomo-Stifel

The Activity Committee did not meet in May. We held 1 event, the Mother's Day plant sale. Profit from the sale was \$495, we received a donation of \$25 for a total of \$520. We gave all the Moms a wrapped carnation, which cost \$43.52 for 50. Profit was \$476.48.

Upcoming activities:

Shaker Pines Ice Cream Social Sunday, June 16th from 1 to 3

Independence Day Parade Sunday, July 7th starting at 12. Rain date July 13th

Tie Dye Day! Sunday, August 4th 1 to 3

Annual Block Party! Saturday, September 14th from 12 to 4 Rain date September 15th, 12 to 4.

Saturday, September 21st Children's Fishing Derby and Cookout at 9 AM

**Old Business –**

- Update on Water Testing – Linda Ostapoff  
Pond and Lake completed the testing last week (May 29<sup>th</sup>). I expect to hear the results in the next week or two and will forward them to board members.
- Dam Emergency Plan – Charlie Macsata –  
Completed and ready to be distributed. Will be completing the table top presentation in the fall.
- Record Retention – Jaime Macsata –  
Trying to coordinate a date that works for all.
- Dam Inspection Required prior to 12.31.2024  
Randy is working with former Design Professionals employee to have this completed.
- Zoom Meeting – Randy Daigle/Jeremy Stefanik  
Jeremy Stefanik updated that with our email address we can access teams for \$4 month or \$48 a year. He also has the speaker that was previously used.  
Sharon Ledger made a motion to purchase the teams membership for \$48 per year. Seconded by Jaime Macsata. All in foavor.

**New Business –**

- Annual Meeting  
Will need additional copies of the ballot and budget to hand out at meeting – Dan Smith will print and bring to meeting.  
Talking points will be updated and distributed.  
Need Ballet Box – Jeremy Stafanik has – however, does not have the key.  
We will need to locate the ket.  
Randy Daigle will be available about 1:15 to set up for meeting.

**Remarks/Round Table**

**Meeting adjourned.** Charlie Macsata made motion to adjourn – George Temple seconded – 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Ledger*

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SPLA Secretary