

Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting

October 15, 2022, 12:00 PM

Kendall Park

51 households in attendance

Township Supervisor, Larry Gray first addressed the Association with an update on the Township.

The Official Start of the Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting was at 12:21PM by President Steve Biebel.

The first order of business is the approval of the minutes from the Spring General Membership Meeting. Motion made by Rob Kelel and seconded by Karen Adams to accept the minutes as printed in the View, motion passed.

Election Ballot- Steve introduced everyone on the Board to the membership. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. Ballots would need to be turned in by 1:30 PM.

Jack Kline- recently passed, was a longtime resident with many years of assistance at the boat ramp. Steve asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jack's passing.

Vice President, Jody Payne- Jody has been working on understanding the various committees and their roles. She is gathering a description of each committee and a list of the committee members. This will be on the website within a week. If the membership has a question, they will be able to go to the website and know who the proper person is to contact for an answer.

Treasurer, Paul Mac Donald- The budget has a forecast variance of \$43,000 to allow for unknown costs related to the Water Quality matter. We may still spend some of it this year, but likely won't until 2023. The State (EGLE) has approved testing of the Wildwood Canal and 2 other areas on the lake. The testing will cost around \$10,000. We will have to wait to see what the test results are to determine what the State will allow for dredging. The 2023 Weed Control amount will be kept the same and usually comes in lower. There are 10 members who have not paid their dues as of now, 3 homes have liens on them. The Dues will stay the same at \$400.00 per residence if the proposed budget is approved. Prices have gone up for most items, so the Board is trying to build up the reserve to cover future repairs. There is \$77,000 (\$47,000 from the Association and \$30,000 from the lawsuit reserve) less approximately \$10,000 for testing, to get the dredging project started. Three large willow trees on Skiers Island and U-Turn Island had to be removed, as they were in danger of falling in the lake and possibly damaging seawalls. Seaside Seawall Company agreed to take the trees down and do cleanup for \$13,000 while they had the barges still on the lake. That was determined to be a good price, so it was decided to go ahead with the job. Andy Sarkisian asked if increasing inflationary costs were included in the budget. Paul explained that there is a contingency amount planned into the budget for most areas that aren't governed by a contract. Another resident asked about repaving on Driftwood, Paul said that it is not in the Association Budget and a special assessment district (SAD) would be created with the township for residents with road frontage on that street. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and 2023 budget (dues) by Brandon Leslie and seconded by Kathy Sawicki, motion passed.

Recording Secretary, Diane DeVincent- no report

Corresponding Secretary, Thea Vagiates- no report

Operating Committee Reports

Skiers Island, Tom Hochthanner- Tom recognized other committee members- Greg Woelfel, Andy Sarkisian, Dan Devine, Harry and Linda Tucker for all of their volunteer work. The seawall project took 26 months to complete. The seawall is 7-8 inches taller than the one on U-Turn Island. On the east side of the island a 30-foot angled deflector plate was installed to keep boat wake water off of the island and to stop the erosion of the dirt on the backside of the seawall. On the west side there is 110 feet of rip rap (large boulders) to break up the wave action. The rip rap was required by the State in the permit. A landscaper will be installing 99 plants on the west side of the island in the coming weeks. The project cost a total of \$124,000. There will be a total of 4 docks on the island next year, 2 on the north side and 2 on the south side.

Sunset Island, Tom Hochthanner- A company was hired to move the existing washed out concrete blocks back to the shoreline to keep the island from further erosion. The cost was \$4,700. In the spring volunteers will be needed to help add some backfill dirt around the island. When that is complete, a landscaper will do plantings to hold in and stabilize the dirt. Tom thanked Dave VonBehren for clearing a large amount of brush from tree trimmings on the island.

Boat Ramp, Todd Wood reported that the launch gate process has been going well. Questions arose as to where the scanner is. The scanner is to the left of the bulletin board. The button to close the gate is on the left of the Lake Sherwood Boat Ramp sign (on the right side of the ramp). The ramp will be open till December 1st. He warned that taking your boat out at that time could present some dangerous issues with low lake levels. The cost to install the system was just under \$25,000. He would like to have the overage budgeted as money available to address any repairs. Andy Sarkisian has user cards available for pick up at the meeting.

Wildwood Canal, Jackie Brown and Mike Willet- The new members have taken on the project from Todd Angevine. The testing will take place next week as EGLE has now approved the testing. After we receive the test results EGLE will let us know how to proceed. The Parelli's have approved using their property west of the canal where it enters LSA to dump the muck for dewatering in geo tubes. There are some local farmers who propose to take the dried muck for their fields at no cost to the Association. Hopefully the dredging will begin in the spring of 2023.

Water/Boat Safety, Brandon Leslie- The buoys will be removed on October 23rd, please use caution. Homeowners that have personal buoys in front of the homes should have a permit from the State as they are not allowed. Kathy Sawicki brought up the issue with homeowners that have trees overhanging the water that might be a navigation hazard, the individual homeowner's need to address the problem. Also, make sure that your things are secured, as many have lost dock sections or other items that could cause problems and damage to others property or boats.

Water Quality, TJ Gurski- Not present, Steve B. reported about the Eutrosorb bags that collect phosphorus and other road chemicals from entering the lake when placed in drain culverts. A couple of them were tested this year and found to improve the water quality in that area. The bags should be replaced periodically during the spring/summer. Regarding weed treatments, Aquaweed has been posting where

treatments will occur after surveying the lake. The Boat ramp has a map on the bulletin board displaying where treatments were applied.

Beautification, Karen Adams- Arbor Green has 2 more years on their contract for lawn maintenance. They will continue cleanup till mid-November. There were a couple benches donated to the A-Lots. The entryway signs will have the plants cleaned up in the Spring.

Trees/Fences, Kathy Sawicki- Let her know if you see any trees or fences that need attention. A member mentioned that there is an A-Lot with a dead tree, Kathy said that it will be addressed in the spring.

Architectural, Greg Woelfel- No report

A-Lot, Linda Gepper- Not present. Paul MacDonald reported that there are 13 spots open with 1 pontoon spot available.

Waterfowl, Cathy Brush- There is in place a 5-year petition for the annual permit for egg destruction. This year the committee collected 46 eggs from 7 nests. The Buell drain is a possible pathway from Cranberry Lake for geese to travel, they are looking into putting up a deterrent to stop the geese from traveling from Cranberry Lake to Lake Sherwood.

Fish Management, Dan Devine- He plans on stocking the lake with 750 6" to 7" walleye sometime this fall on a Saturday at the Boat Ramp. He would like to get residents and kids to help. The date will be announced on the website and by email from Martha Klemmer.

Website, Rick Kirchner- Currently, residents have access to all the necessary forms on the website. A frequently asked question section will also available soon along with the calendar.

Social, Jody Payne- reported on the Chili Cookoff and Beer tasting taking place immediately after the meeting. Sunday, the Kids Halloween party will take place chaired by Nick Polcyn. On the 27th of October the Halloween decorating contest will be held. Followed up by the Holiday Lighting contest on December 15th from 6-9 PM.

Election Results, Steve Biebel- All on the ballot were elected, with the exception of a close race for Area 11. There were 3 ballots in question, the ballot voting members would be contacted to see for who they wanted to cast their votes. The results will be announced as soon as those members are contacted.

Update on election results- It was a close race with Brandon Leslie being elected to represent Area 11.

By-Laws update, Kathy Sawicki- Her committee is in the process of reviewing the current By-Laws with their recommendations forthcoming next year. Once reviewed by the Board, the By-Laws will be voted on by the membership. The current By-laws are 20 years old and don't address things like electronic communication, boat ramp changes, home businesses, etc.

Bulletin Board/Little Library, the bulletin board at Kendall Park has been removed and a Little Library has been added. Member at large Steve Koester built the library for the membership to drop off a book or take a book to read. Please check it out and better yet donate or take a book to read.

Dog Park Proposal, Rene Kersanty-(member at large) She would like to see a dog park installed in Kendall Park. Rene had a poster board with an aerial view of the park with an area marked out for the proposed

dog park. She put some flags out marking the area for members to see. One member voiced a problem that the area is very wet in the spring or after heavy rains.

Motion to close the meeting made by Brandon Leslie and seconded by Kathy Sawicki. Motion to close passed at 2:07 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane DeVincent.