

## Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting

October 4, 2023 Oak Valley Middle School 6:30 P.M.

**Attendance**-58 households represented in attendance

**President- Steve Biebel** called the meeting to order at 6:45. We have an official quorum.

- Tim and Amy Carpenter introduced themselves as new members.
- Approval of July General Membership Meeting minutes, Brad Hynes made motion to approve minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Von Behren, minutes adopted.
- Introduction of those on the ballot.

**Vice President- Jody Payne**

- Thanked and acknowledged those who volunteer and said we always are looking for more volunteers.

**Treasurer- Paul MacDonald**

- The Board recommends keeping the dues at \$400.00 per residence. There will be approximately \$400,000 cash in reserves at the end of 2023. Brad Hynes made a motion to approve the presented budget and to make dues \$400.00 for 2024. Andy Sarkisian 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.
- Budget- still some unknown bills for 2023
- Beautification committee has an overrun in the trees line in the budget due to a couple large storms. Andy Sarkisian made a motion to add \$4000.00 to the 2023 budget for ongoing grounds maintenance. Brad Hynes 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed

**Recording Secretary Diane DeVincent** had no report at this time.

**Corresponding Secretary Thea Vagiates** is looking for ideas for the View publication.

**Ballot Results** - Todd Wood announced that all listed unopposed on the ballot won their positions. Mike Krafchak won for Area 2.

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Wildwood Canal- Gary Koch**

- Rigerio bubbler (east side) has been in for half a season so we will get some effectiveness data from that while the Moleaer Kingfisher (west side) has only been in and operational for a month so most of the comparison data will come next year.
- Dredging- took 12 samples last fall, 8 out of 12 are over the contaminants limit. EGLE wants 8 more testing samples with a different analysis. Still waiting on an approval by the State for dredging.

**By-Laws- Kathy Sawicki**

- Phase 1 of the By-Law updates up for a vote. They haven't been updated in 20 years. The original By-laws were adopted in 1987. Karen Adams made a motion that the By-Law amendments as printed in the View be adopted. Dan Devine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**Standing Committees:**

**Water Boat Safety Nick Polcyn**

- We had a good year with no accidents. Any motorized boat operator born after June 30, 1996, is required by law to pass a boater safety course and to carry a boater education card. In addition, boater education is also required for all PWC operators born after December 31, 1978.
- Buoys are planned to be pulled out on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Mooring buoys are not encouraged, as they can be a navigational hazard.
- Surfboat patterns are being monitored for safety.
- Wakes- look behind your boat to monitor what kind of wake your boat is making while traveling in the canals and slow down if necessary.

#### **Water Quality- TJ Gurski and Dan Devine**

- They have started a committee with 10 members to evaluate ways to improve our water quality. They broke up the tasks amongst the members, i.e., historical data, secchi disk readings, satellite imaging comparisons, government agencies- large watershed and the impact on the lake, comparisons to other shallow lakes, and Eutrosorb bags.
- “Score the Shore”- encouraging homeowners to make a natural, native planting garden to buffer along the lake shore.
- Make a dedicated page in the View that would offer informational suggestions for homeowners to improve water quality.

#### **Boat Ramp- Todd Wood**

- Boat ramp is running smoothly with only 4 issues in May.
- Make sure you close the gate after using the ramp.
- Ramp will be open till mid-November. Remember water will drop 18” in early November, so use caution.
- If you get a new boat or sell a boat, make sure to notify the committee of the changes.

#### **Beautification/ Lawn Care- Karen Adams**

- There will be plantings done on Ledgewood in the fall.
- Lawn care goes till mid-November.
- Cul de sacs will get some weeding.

#### **Trees and Fences- Kathy Sawicki**

- Let her know if you see problems with trees either on land or in the water that are navigation hazards.

#### **Architectural Committee- Tom Hughes**

- Township ordinance-no unattached structures will be allowed between the house and the lake.
- Submit any changes in exterior to the Architectural Committee for review.

#### **A-Lot- Steve Biebel reported for Linda Gepper**

- Completed surveys of all A-Lots allowed for the addition of more pontoon slips. There are 5 pontoons slips and 7 regulars slips open.

#### **Waterfowl- Andy Sarkisian**

- Have not had a goose roundup in 2 years due to Avian Flu restrictions. Have approval to start nest destruction sooner for next spring

#### **Fish Management- Dan Devine**

- There will a fish stocking event with Walleye 5"-7" & Golden Shiners" on 10/28 @ 11 am.
- Muskrat eradication by Trapper John in November, let Dan know if you have them on your shoreline.
- Ice fishers need to have a pass to park in the A-Lot parking areas.

#### **Island Committee- Andy Sarkisian**

- Skier's Island was reseeded and U-Turn Island had some bare spots seeded. Two new red maple trees were planted on Skier's Island.
- Docks on the islands will be removed on October 18<sup>th</sup>. One dock will remain on Higgins Island as a test to see if any ice damage occurs. May be able to leave them in the water in the future to save money.

#### **Website- Rick Kirchner**

- There is lots of information on the website. The website is an official communication method along with Martha Klemmer's emails. The LSA Facebook page is not an official means of communication of the Association.

#### **Kendall Park Preservation- Anna Thompson**

- This is a new group of volunteers dedicated to maintaining and improving the park. They pulled weeds and mulched the play area along with fixing things needing repair. They have proposed a preliminary 5 year plan they hope to follow. Ideas and volunteers are welcome.

#### **Dam and Well Pump- Andy Sarkisian**

- Record rainfall brought the water level 13" above the normal level, volunteers worked to lower the lake as fast as possible.
- The dam will have the boards pulled in late October to lower the lake to minimize ice damage to seawalls and allow for shoreline cleanup.
- The well at Leafwood has been fixed and is working now.

#### **Social Committee-Jody Payne**

- The following activities are scheduled: Chili Cookoff and Beer Tasting-October 7 at 2:00. Kids Halloween Party October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-3. Halloween decorating contest on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Holiday decorating contest on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00. Christmas Party at Beacon Hill December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00. Fourth of July fireworks are scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> in 2024.

#### **Old /New Business**

A tribute was acknowledged in honor of long-time member and manager of the boat ramp, Harry Tucker who recently passed. Also mentioned, were the recent losses of Jack Kline and Phylis Tracey who also were instrumental with the ramp management. Commemorative bricks in their honor are installed at the ramp.

Thanks were given to Karen Adams, for her years of service as the Area 6 Representative and to Jim Oakley leaving as Area 2 Representative.

Thanks also to Steve Biebel as he finishes up his tenure as President of the Association.

Motion to adjourn made by Rick Kirchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandon Leslie at 8:58 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane DeVincent, Recording Secretary