

Lake Sherwood Spring General Membership Meeting

May 25, 2022 7:00 P.M. at Oak Valley Middle School

In attendance: 70 individuals signed in at the meeting.

President, Steve Biebel called the meeting to order at 7:01.

He requested that any new residents introduce themselves to be welcomed to the neighborhood.

Then he recognized Harry and Linda Tucker for all of their contributions to the Association over decades serving in many positions throughout the Association.

Vice President, Jody Payne who also heads the Social Committee for the past 5 years is looking for a replacement Social Director. She is also committed to learning about all of the committees, who is on them and their functions/projects. She is compiling a record of what the committees have accomplished and what is still needed going forward from those groups. She, Rick Kirchner, and Brandon Leslie have been developing the new website for the Association. Members now need to be registered to access certain portions of the website. Martha Klemmer will continue to disseminate pertinent information via email. The goal is to keep the membership in the know.

Recording Secretary, Diane DeVincent notified the group that the minutes from the General Membership meeting will be posted on the website going forward. A motion to accept the Fall 2021 General Membership Minutes was made by Linda Gepper and 2nd by Linda Tucker, and the minutes were approved.

Corresponding Secretary, Thea Vagiates reported that the View deadline is May 27th. The View will also be posted on the website.

Treasurer, Paul MacDonald gave a status update on paid memberships. At this point we have 26 members who have not paid their 2022 dues. He has not paid much of the budget, as it is early in the year. The boat ramp has come in under budget. We have made a deposit for the fireworks. Lastly, the budget will be posted on the website.

Water Quality: TJ Gurski is working with Aquaweed to eliminate algae in the lake. Aquaweed gave a presentation on a new product to absorb phosphorus before it enters the lake. The product is called EutroSorb. The State is evaluating the product before issuing a permit for us to use. Our lake has a huge watershed with pollutants coming to us from miles away. This product is thought to collect the phosphorus at entry drainage points. The efficacy rate as it has been used in other states is the reduction of phosphorus from 240 parts per million to 4 parts per million. One pound of phosphorus is the equivalent of 500 lbs. of algae. The estimated cost is \$13,000.00 per year. That would include placing the absorbing bags at the 30 entry points to the lake and replace them every month during boating season. At this time, it is expected to be permitted for use next year.

Next Step: Post on website information regarding EutroSorb.

Water Safety: Nick Polcyn reviewed the main points of lake safety on the lake. Brandon Leslie is also on the committee.

1. Boaters must have a spotter on the boat when towing someone.

2. No wake in the canals and or 100 feet from shore. You are responsible for any damage your wake may cause to others' property or persons.
3. Marine Patrol can stop anyone for safety inspections.
4. All boat traffic is counter clockwise on the lake.
5. No docking lights when you are operating your boat on the lake.

New residents can get a ride along on the lake to learn the lake. He recommends if you see something dangerous happening, say something and to be kind when giving the message. A boater safety class is required if you are born after 1996 and operating a boat under age 16 must have an adult on the vessel. Life vests: Type I or Type II is required to be worn for those under 6 years old. You need to check on the life vest to make sure it is Coast Guard approved; many life vests sold are not approved. Every rider on a PWC must be wearing life vest. Lastly, fire extinguishers must be 12 years old or newer.

Next Step: Post on website and have Martha K. send out in an email, maybe a few times throughout the season.

Beautification: Karen Adams was not present but Steve B. reported for her. Arbor Green has had their contract renewed for 3 years. They will cut the grass every week, and goose droppings will be picked up on Fridays. Kendall Park will be cut on Thursdays. S and D Seasonal Services will treat for dandelions throughout the season.

Sunset Island: Tom Hochthanner reported on the condition of the island. They are installing a dock for access and are working on cleanup of the brush. Dave Von Behren is planning on burning up the pile of brush in the coming weeks. The company H2O will be moving some of the cement blocks to reestablish a seawall along the east side of the island. However, they cannot move some of the bigger ones, due to the excessive weight. We might be able to have Sea Side Seawalls assist later.

A-Lot Docks: Linda Gepper announced that there are currently 10 small boat wells available and 3 pontoon spots open. 80% of the registrations are in. Pikewood North has been rebuilt.

Next Step: Post on website map of open boat slips in A-Lots.

Waterfowl Control: Andy Sarkisian reported for Cathy Brush. The committee went out 3 times looking for nests. They found 7 nests and destroyed 36 eggs. Due to the Avian Flu, there will be no goose roundup this year.

Social Committee: Jody Payne announced that we will have a subdivision garage sale on June 2-4, a map of those participating has been posted. The Poker Run is currently full and scheduled for June 11th. The traditional 4th of July activities will be held, Boat Parade on the 1st, Fireworks on the 2nd and Music on the Lake on the 3rd. The Fishing Tournament will be held in August. Lastly, she is looking for a chairperson for the Adult Island Party. We do have a sponsor for that event, Cheryl Mueller.

Old Business:

Todd Wood reported that the boat ramp gate system had a budget of \$45,000.00 but has come in under budget at \$28,000.00. We received significant savings from DTE. Construction is complete, but working on a list of items that need tweaking. Presently working on getting internet to the

system, video up and running, and managing distribution of the cards. A group of volunteers have been successful in getting 300 boats launched on the lake so far. There is a guest boat form to be filled out for guests for a maximum of 48 hours, and can be issued only once every 30 days. Members must keep their card and not give it out. Violators may lose access and or be issued fines. Currently, the ramp hours are 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and will be adjusted based on daylight hours. New homeowners must apply for their own card, not use the previous homeowners' card.

Next Step: Todd W. and committee to post on website/Martha/Facebook how to receive the boat gate card. Maybe host an event for pickup.

Skiers Island: Tom Hochthanner reported for the committee, Andy Sarkisian, Greg Woelfel, Harry and Linda Tucker, and Dan Devine. They are hopefully 2 weeks away from receiving the permit to replace the seawall. The State EGLE department is expected to approve a partial seawall and rip rap along the shoreline. It has been a long and complicated ordeal and hopefully will get the project up and running soon. We will have 5 years to complete the project, so the budget can be adjusted for next year as the costs associated with the rip rap were not included in the original bid. There are no docks on the north side as there is a big 15 ft. hole and it is dangerous. There is one dock on the south side for now.

Next Step: Once permit is issued send out communications to Board Members.

Wildwood Canal dredging: Todd Angevine reported to Steve B. that an analysis is being conducted by Apex to determine what is in the sediment. They are looking for metals, arsenic, etc. It is expected to take 2 months to get the permit. He is also working on a new quote from Muck Men as the old quote is 2 years old. Hoping to get the dredging started late this Fall or early Spring next year. As for a permanent solution to the muck he has been looking at a company called Rigerio that has a Bio-Health Pod that keeps the muck down. We can use it in other parts of the lake with issues to determine if it works sufficiently. The current budget has \$47,000.00 approved with another \$30,000.00 from a builder's settlement back in 1997.

Next Step: Todd A. to provide the time and locations for when the survey by Apex will be done. Once completed the results will be posted on the website/Martha email.

Website: Rick Kirchner laid out who is working on what with regards to the website. Rick is the security person, Jody P is handling the layout and Brandon L. is the Programmer. We currently have 205 members registered with 56 more waiting on approval to enter the private portal aspect. There will be private information available, online forms, PDF's, emails, directories and more features. Other committee members will be able to add information. The site address is lake-sherwood.org.

New Business:

Road Repairs: the neighborhood's roads are maintained by Oakland County Roads Commission. At this point they don't have much of a budget for maintenance of residential roads. It was suggested that neighbors make complaints to the county and maybe they might get fixed. A SAD is currently being investigated for repaving Driftwood and Inverrary.

No Wake: some residents were complaining of the no wake areas not being enforced. The Safety committee will request that the Sheriff patrol the canals. Buoys cannot be added without permits from the State EGLE department.

Lake levels: they are where they should be. The dam has new boards installed.

Shrink Wrap: Nick Polcyn reported that currently it costs \$20.00 per bag, which can hold 2 boat covers for recycling. He would like the Board to consider adding \$200-300 to the budget next year as a cost for neighborhood shrink wrap collection, which would be much cheaper and better for the planet.

Next Step: 2023 Budget, what is involved in administrating this project and do we want to finance the recycling of individuals shrink wrap.

Volunteers: Jody P. asked for all volunteers to raise their hands. Many hands went up and an applause followed.

Surveys of Association Properties: Kathy Sawicki reported that there is an encroachment on our property by a neighboring homeowner. The situation needs to be rectified.

Broken well pump: it needs to be fixed; a new pump is needed as the old one keeps blowing the fuse.

Phragmites: Aquaweed is still treating them and keeping them out of the lake.

Winewood home in disrepair: Gary Koch is working with the Township and the Ordinance officer to get 3 vehicles towed. They have been to court twice with the judge ordering the homeowner to clean up the place and to stop feeding the feral cats. The homeowner threatened to sue the township and they backed down. Current violations are long grass, inoperable vehicles in the driveway, and a stench that keeps neighboring homeowners in their homes with the windows closed. The next hope is to go back to court in front of the judge to get the place cleaned up. The Township has a meeting on June 14th at 7:00 PM. Anyone can have 2 minutes to talk at the end of the meeting. If you would like to go to the meeting to support the neighborhood, homeowners can speak at the township meeting regarding the Winewood property in disrepair. The meeting only has 2 items on the agenda, it is estimated that the meeting will open up to residents around 7:20 PM.

Zebra Mussels: a resident made a comment that they exist in the lake, unfortunately there is not much that can be done to rid the lake of them. Boat owners are asked to clean out their boats' exhaust and bilges before launching if coming from another lake.

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Hochthanner and 2nd by Thea Vagiates

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane DeVincent, Recording Secretary