

Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association  
Quarterly Board Meeting  
June 17th, 2020  
Lisa Wentworth's Residence

Vice-President Aiello called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

**1. Roll Call**

Board members present: John Aiello, Becky Hendricks, Lisa Wentworth, Jim Corrigan, Kathleen Sorensen, Mary Pat Cavanagh, Marcus Veile, Peter Murphy, Dawn Keiser, Don O'Neal, Adam Pallai, Cynthia Lamar, Valerie Nester, and Dee Kirby.

Board members excused: Teri Holland, Carol Schempp, and Patricia Wheat

Board members absent: Micah King, Mike Monseur, Larry Michaud, Vicki McGuar, and David Mohme.

2. Vice President Aiello called for a few minutes of silence in honor of Ron Tucker, a former longtime board member, who passed away on April 30<sup>th</sup>. John announced that since there were more than seven board members present, this meeting would qualify under the bylaws to be declared a regular quarterly meeting.

**3. Treasurer's Report-Lisa Wentworth:**

Treasurer Wentworth passed out to members a copy of all financial balances and expenses. Income less expenses year to date is \$3125.00 which includes the paid scholarships, audits filed, deposit for the dinner on water front etc. Lisa stated that she contacted the Marina and Scott said that he still planned to sponsor a scholarship for this year.

**Secretary's report was motioned to be approved by Peter Murphy and seconded by Jim Corrigan with unanimous vote by the board body for approval.**

**4. Secretary's Report-Dee Kirby:**

Minutes of the February quarterly meeting were emailed earlier the week before this board meeting but many members stated that they could not open the minutes up within their email. A copy of the February minutes was passed around for all present to read. Next minutes will be sent out using PDF format so others may open them easier. Disclosure forms were asked to be filled out and signed by those who had turned theirs in yet. No corrections were made and Jim Corrigan motioned to approve with Peter Murphy seconded and all present approving.

**Committee Reports and Updates:**

**Scholarship Committee:** Jim Corrigan

Jim announced that there were 14 applications this year and three students selected who received scholarships. It was approximately the same number of applications as in 2019 but all three recipients last year were from Rochester and no one sent in an application this

year. This year there were applications received from Chatham, Lutheran, Springfield, Sacred Heart Griffin and Southeast High Schools. There were none received from Rochester or Lamphier. There were five people on the committee and there was a tie with two of the student applications so Jim solicited another person to break the tie. The students selected for scholarships this year were: James Borland from Springfield High School, Molly Harms from Springfield High School and Matie Petrilli from Sacred Heart Griffin. Jim already sent the letters out to these students and Lisa will make sure a check is issued to them. Jim sent out information on the Cloud and the recipients were able to submit everything online. Jim also has set up all of the processes online so it will be easier for someone later to take over this role.

**Membership Committee:** Becky Hendricks

The membership list has been updated from John Aiello and Dee Kirby had converted the PDF format to word so it could be useable. Becky had a roofing company contact Kim Curry to see if they could be a sponsor now in the middle of the year and were asking if they could have their sponsorship cut from the usual \$200.00 fee since it's already the last half of the year. Lisa Wentworth stated that she thought this would be ok since it's been a different kind of year but not to necessarily make it a general habit to do it. All present agreed and approved.

**Communications & Marketing Committee:** Marcus Veile:

Marcus thanked everyone for their contributions to the newsletter, Facebook, and email. Becky Hendricks had given him a real estate update to place in the newsletter and he would add the scholarship winner names to the next one. Discussion that perhaps the winner essays could be published in the newsletter at times.

**Bylaws Committee** Cynthia Lamar:

Cynthia stated she had started to review the bylaws and there needed to be some changes made including adding an indemnification clause. Lisa brought up that it had been identified that the board did not currently carry D & O coverage on the insurance policy when she went to renew the insurance. She talked to Bill Soul and he thought we should have it added to our policy. A comment was made that it wasn't necessarily the quantity of work that the board did but rather the type of work that the Board is involved in and a way to protect the board members. Since the current bylaws did not have an indemnification clause, Lisa had asked Steve Scott for some examples of standard language and Lisa sent it onto Cynthia for consideration. Cynthia stated that the language may not currently be in the bylaws but Becky thought that these types of changes had to be passed by the Board by 2/3 of a vote and it should be at the annual meeting. Cynthia plans to review the rest of the bylaws and make updates of several other smaller items. Cynthia brought up that while in her review, it was also confirmed that the bylaws state that the Lake Council Member is considered a full voting board member.

There was a motion by Peter Murphy to extend our insurance coverage to include D&O coverage at an additional cost of approximately 600-800 dollars /year and seconded by Kathleen Sorsenson and unanimously approved by the board members present.

**Audit Committee: Terry Moody**

Terry was not present for this meeting but Treasurer Lisa Wentworth stated that Terry was given all of the information and is currently in the process of auditing the association's financials.

**Lake Council Report: Adam Pallai**

Adam stated that the clubs' had started to open. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, Illinois is expected to enter into Phase 4 of restoring Illinois. The Fire Fighter's Club is having its chicken fry and open to the public this next weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup>. It is planned to be outside but the inside bar will be open but on a limited basis. Bathrooms will be arranged to be outside.

The TRN Club will be hosting their chicken fry on June 27<sup>th</sup> and plans are to have tents.

The Rumble Around the Lake Bike Night will begin July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Crow's Mill Pub and will follow the calendar as it was established.

**Social Events Committee: Mary Pat Cavanngh**

Obviously the plans for the summer BBQ were cancelled due to COVID19 circumstances. Discussion arose whether to continue plans for the Dinner on the Waterfront which was originally planned for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the beachhouse. After discussion, Peter Murphy motioned to approve cancelling this event due to unknown restrictions at the time of the event and making food and drink reservations etc. Lisa Wentworth seconded it and it was unanimously voted to cancel dinner on the waterfront.

There was discussion as to whether the Motor Boat Club was going to have their annual fireworks. Treasurer Lisa Wentworth asked about the association's contribution that was committed to give towards the fireworks. Jim thought that the fireworks may just have been postponed and did not know of another date. Peter Murphy motioned that Lisa be given the authorization to give the committed \$500.00 to the Motor Boat Club if and when the event is to be rescheduled. Dee Kirby seconded it and all members approved.

Rock the Dock sponsored by Springfield Marina will continue as planned on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 p.m.

**CWLP Liaison:**

No liaison present.

**5. New Business: John Aiello**

At last quarter's meeting, after the recent deaths of Cinda and Frank Edwards and their noted community work and support which also involved the lake sparked a discussion regarding a SLSIA donation in their memory. Frank was an alderman representing the lake at one time and they lived on and loved the lake and the activities it offered. It was brought

up to perhaps have a bench and plaque made in their memory and work with CWLP to decide which park it could reside in. Becky Hendricks had brought some pictures of what some benches would look like. There was a motion to approve further looking into donating such a bench by Becky Hendricks and a 2<sup>nd</sup> given by John Aeillo with the rest of the present board approving.

At tonight's meeting there was an additional lengthy discussion regarding an Eagle Scout Project proposal by Will Curry. Will had given Dee Kirby his written proposal, project and tentative plans. Dee had emailed those out the week prior to this meeting so board members could be acquainted with his project. His project involved having a bench, plaque and perhaps a hydrant (representing Frank's history of being a fire fighter) with landscaping in a designated area of a park determined by CWLP and the SLSIA's input.

Valerie Nester had earlier conversations with Larry Rockford with the city regarding a location and was told that he was fairly open and SLSIA should make some suggestions. Becky had looked into several types of benches and ones that matched other benches in the community parks such as Madonnia Park. There were several questions and due to the COVID19 circumstances, Will was not allowed to attend the quarterly meeting. Dee Kirby did call Will on the phone and put him on speaker so questions by the Board and answers from Will could be heard. Peter Murphy made a motion that up to \$600.00 could be given by SLSIA for a bench donation. Jim Corrigan seconded it and approved by all that SLSIA would pay for the bench and inscribed plaque and determine the location for Will to carry out the remainder of his project. SLSIA Board Members did ask if Will would contact CWLP to see if it was possible that they could give and approve the use of an old hydrant that was no longer used. They also suggested -that Will also contact the Edward's family to see if they would like to use another item that belonged to the family for the area instead of a hydrant. Further discussion regarding the color of the hydrant if one is used so it would not get mistaken for a real and usable one in case water was needed in an emergency.

John brought up that he been contacted by email by a resident, Ed Hart, on Fox Mill regarding a sewage issue. Mr. Hart had originally contacted Becky Hendricks who notified John of his issue. During the time when we received 4.5+ inches of rain, the green topper on the sewer in his yard had water coming out of it and he wanted to know if SLSIA group could assist him in getting some results. John did contact and communicate with Jason Jacobs and Greg Humphries in the city's water reclamation dept. John also contacted Alderman, Chuck Redpath. This is an issue that will not have quick resolution. This issue with the abundant amount of rain could be associated with a leakage in the sewer pipe (loose fitting pipe back when it was put it) or a water table issue or the street drains near the Lindsey Bridge area that gutters in the area are dumping water in the sewer system. The lid was bolted down at this particular residence which caused a backup within another household. John had drafted a letter in response to this resident. There was a long discussion as to the role of our association and the depth of our involvement in issues such as this. John stated that this resident was asking for any assistance from the association in helping him rectify the lack of infrastructure in his area of the lake. Adam Pallai did mention that all city resident (this includes lake residents) can apply for a grant at CWLP to have floor drains cemented shut and a sewer ejection system installed to stop the influx of water

coming into the house. John read his initial version of the letter that he had planned to send out to the resident. There were some minor changes suggested to John. The general consensus of the group was that it was not in the domain of the association to become involved in such individual issues. The general thought was that the SLSIA could act as the “hub” for lake residents to get information of city contacts and such information. This was also mentioned that these kind of contacts could be in the newsletter or other communication venues.

John reminded the group that SLSIA needs a president and to think of someone that maybe interested in the position as well as other members to recruit for the general board.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7: a motion by Lisa Wentworth and 2nd by Dee Kirby.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dee Kirby*

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**2020 Schedule of Board Meetings:  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
At the Springfield Motor Boat Club**

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (if COVID 19 circumstances allow)

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020