

Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association
Annual Board Meeting
January 20th, 2021
Via Zoom Web Meeting

Vice-President Aiello called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

1. Roll Call:

Board members present: John Aiello, Becky Hendricks, Teri Holland, Dee Kirby, Cynthia Lamar, Terry Moody, Kathleen Sorensen, Markus Veile, Micah King, Peter Murphy, and Lisa Wentworth

Board members absent: Mary Pat Cavanagh, Jim Corrigan, Dawn Keiser, Larry Michaud, David Mohme, Valerie Nester, Carol Schempp, and Adam Pallai (Council of Clubs)

**Approximately 35 + other Lake Owners were in attendance.

Guest Speakers:

Alderman Chuck Redpath:

Due to technical difficulties, Alderman Redpath went ahead of Mayor Langfelder. Alderman Redpath stated that it's been busy for the city over the past few months to coordinate with the county for COVID restrictions and keeping people safe, struggling to keep businesses open. The bars and restaurants are now currently open for business.

He talks to the Mayor on average 2-3 times per week. Every year working on a new budget due in May. The city repairs/paves as many roads as can be done. Larry Rockford is in charge of this for our area. Some of the roads on this year's budget to be done are: Yacht Club Road, Marine Point, beginning the first part of Maple Grove and Shasta Lane if anything is left after the above roads are done.

Water levels are down but this is common this time of year. Larry Rockford and his team are in charge of replacing and/or putting new buoys, lights, and roads around the lake.

The city budget is stressful and tough this year as there was decreased spending with COVID etc.

The power plant's unit 31 & 32 are decommissioned. Unit 33 has 24-28 months to continue to be used until 2023 and then plans are to have it come down.

The utility plan rate savings is 20 million per unit.

The ash pots cost between 50-100 million to clean up.

The energy costs are noticeable as we have contracted for less money in our coal contracts. Dalman 33 & 34 use coal.

The main problem seen as we need to find alternative sources of power such as wind, natural gas or solar in the future.

Feel free to contact Alderman Redpath's office at 217-789-2151 for any questions or concerns.

Mayor James Langfelder:

Stated that one of the City's goals was to preserve our water resource for all future needs. There was a recreational study done and it showed that Hunter Lake serves as not only a recreational resource for to be used as a reservoir for Lake Springfield. There are conversations to have emergency damming of the Sangamon River until another emergency resource is found. This is really important as Chatham and other communities use our water source and having a backup is important.

Regarding CWLP, Dalman 34 is on line and keeps running. It is built to 2020 standards. Laws are coming for zero carbon emissions by 2035. Dalman 33 is being used but creates wet ash ponds which are costly to clean up. Dalman 4 is dry ash and allows the ash to be sent back to the purchasing coal mine.

The electric portion of the utility producing electricity is looking financially better. At one point there was less than 5 days cash on hand and now there are more than 50 days of cash on hand.

Worked within the City Budget will be extra public workers to be on the tree group to help with having extra tree pick up dates and more proactive work being done such as tree trimming. Modernizing the fire departments to better provide the needs of today and in the future. As part of the modernizing, the Isles Park fire station will be moved over near Darcy's Pint, the north fire department station on Converse Street will be moved closed to No. Dirksen Parkway and the Chatham Road Station near Starbucks will move more North West. These moves will help keep our Class I rating and decrease overtime costs to our budget and increase our grant monies.

When the lake roads were annexed into the city, the need to review and prioritize the needs are gathered from input from Chuck Redpath and Larry Rockford. The money comes from CWLP and the public works infrastructure.

A few years ago, there was the Township Referendum re: lake properties and the townships of Capital and Woodside. The tax money goes into their accounts. Woodside Township gets the money and it is sunset through state legislature (bills). Since the city provides Roads, Fire and police services, this money should be sunset back to the city.

Mayor ended stating that anyone should feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns to his office.

Officer Michael Badger-Springfield Police Department:

This is Officer Badger's 4th year for assignment to the lake area. The job title normally is for a 3-year term but his replacement had an injury and will be out for an additional 4 months so Officer Badger will remain in the lake area role until his replacement returns to work.

The lake area assignment includes all of the lake and extends to South Grand, 11th Street and to Chatham Road.

He was happy to report that burglaries and robberies were down for the city but burglary involving motor vehicles continue to be a problem and there has been an increase in auto theft cases. In fact, it is almost a daily occurrence and occurred during his talk at this venue. Homeowners can help by not leaving keys in their cars.

Some police concerns related to COVID are where kids are out of school and are at home and an increase in the number of cars traveling at higher than posted speed limits in and around neighborhoods.

We saw a lot of boats in the water later in the season last year. There is a trend to move or group boats together in other areas that resemble those seen in the party grove. Some of the other areas these groupings are seen are Beach View Lane and on the west side of Lindsey Bridge. The police department no longer owns a boat and the 2002 boat was the last one used and it was donated. They tried to use a boat from CWLP but there are 3 depts using that boat and that boat is currently not running well. There never was a patrol at night but the department needs to figure out how to find resources and compete with other law enforcement units.

The new officer replacing Officer Badger in approximately 4 months, will be Officer Cody Musson and he can be reached at [cody.musson@springfield](mailto:cody.musson@springfield.il.gov). Il for non-emergency questions or concerns.

Remember to call 911 first if emergencies such as stolen car and otherwise call 217-741-0988.

Dan Brill at CWLP:

Dan has been the supervisor of the land and water resources at CWLP for the past year and a half though he has been with CWLP for multiple years.

He shares offices and projects with the property management and lake services.

His office which consists of himself and two other people has the main responsibilities of water quality which includes the sourcing, filtration and distribution of water and the water sheds.

CWLP is applying for grants totally over 2.5 million dollars for help regarding such things as soil conservation, water conservation etc. His office works with Agriculture and land producers.

Grants are with the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Regional Conservation Property Partnership (RCPP) for improvement of water quality and looking at surrounding agricultural property in regards to keeping and improving the water quality, nutrients, and sediment of our lake.

Other partnerships include Beyond Conservation (concentrating on the restoring and repairing damaging habitat and ecosystems, promoting existing biodiversity and reintroducing plant and animal species), NWQI (National water Quality Initiative under the NRCS which provides a way to accelerate voluntary, on farm conservation investments and focus on water quality monitoring and assessment resources), and IEPA (Illinois Environment Protection Agency).

Plans to put place another 3000 feet of rip rap around the main body. This will be done through the 319 grant.

Partnering with DNR (Department of Natural Resources) to do another aerial survey of deer population around late January to see where the deer are concentrated at. Last survey found 284 deer which was viewed as not concerning of a population for what the lake area consists of. Also talking to the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP) re: selective hunting. RATW program re: selective hunting. Continue to work with the DNR to create 7-8

more areas of planting prairie grass around the lake area. This partnership also includes improving the existing prairie grass areas but doing selective harvesting and periodical burning. These endeavors will also decrease the mowing and labor costs for the city. Goose egg destruction will continue by CWLP. Last year 35 nests were eliminated estimating 250 eggs from hatching and producing more geese.

Working with Friends of Sangamon Valley and planting of native plants in Maple Grove area. It's been found that honeysuckle takes over but it also allows loosening of dirt that can be carried into the lake.

Last year, a new Kayak launch was installed.

Last year, there were two eagle scout projects completed with partnering help from CWLP. One was for Will Curry which SLSIA also was included in that endeavor where Will had a bench, a pad, plants made into a Frank and Cinda Edwards Memorial Site near Lindsey Bridge Boat Dock. Another Eagle Scout project by Levi Chandler allowed a new bridge to be made in the Lake Creek Area.

Nine homes were connected to sewer and this year 30 may be available if the homes sell or the current septic systems go bad. Contact the Sanitary District if the majority of a Lake lane wants to have city sewer connection.

UIS Field Station continues to man the recycling areas around the lake. This station reported that it recycled 11.5 miles of fishing line.

The lake is down about 2.5 feet which falls in line with the last 75-year average. The water quality is good and Dan reminded the audience that our water comes from 75% agricultural water as the lake's resource.

Vice-President Aiello asked for a moment of silence for SLSIA's friend and CWLP employee Jean Reno who passed away.

Donations Presentation and Thank You's:

Lincoln Memorial Gardens-Joel Horwedel

Land of Lincoln Power Squadron-Jerry Naughton

SUSART-Jeff Mehan

Henson Robinson Zoo-Lynn Saputo

Fishing Has No Boundaries-Jeff & Mary Ann Gebauer

Joel Horwedel thanked SLSIA for the donation and the relationship that Lincoln Memorial Gardens has with SLSIA. Thanks to a PPE loan, there were no layoffs during the past year. The Gardens completed the accessibility projects and the trail to the walkway. They plan in 2021 to add a children's walkway and with the help of CWLP, they plan to install an Osprey platform in hopes of attracting a pair to breed and have around the lake.

Jerry Naughton also thanked SLSIA for their support. The Land of Lincoln Power Squadron focuses on boat safety and training. CWLP lets them use their training center. Due to COVID, the training is now on available online. Our donation helps with the licenses and education their 10–12-foot tugboat provides.

Jeff Mehan on behalf of SUSART thanked SLSIA. The team has done several dives which included 100 % find of all cell phones searched for. This team has removed pipes and participated in other lake clean up projects. He stated that our donation will help with providing a cover for the pontoon boat and other equipment which gets destroyed in the weather elements without shelter.

Lynn Saputo-Interim Director for Hensen Robinson Zoo thanked SLSIA for the donation. Jeff Mitchell accepted a full-time directorship in Canada. She stated that the SLSIA has immeasurable impact in helping the zoo. The zoo is part of the park district and depends on tax revenue and covers operating cost but it is never enough for improvements. The SLSIA donation this year will help buy enrichment items for the animals. These items are treats for the animals and training tools for the trainers. Many of the fundraising events were cancelled in 2020 other than an abbreviated version of the fall Zooey Gooley Event. The zoo relies heavily on admission fees to help with costs.

Jeff & Mary Ann Gebauer with Fishing without Boundaries thanked SLSIA for the donation. This organization gives disabled people an opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors for a day or portion of day when they normally don't get to. The amin fundraiser was cancelled in 2020 so they are hoping 2021 activities can take place as COVID allows. The first event is scheduled for June 5th, 2021 and is for young disabled children to do some shore fishing. Help is needed for registration, breakfast and fishing. The next scheduled event is September 25th, 2021 and this is the large main event. This will take place at the TRN club and includes approx. 50 people with various and any disabilities to be out and enjoy the outdoors and fish. They are needing 100 volunteers for this event.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Wentworth

Please see Attachment A for financial details

Lisa reported that there was a lot less activities this year due to COVID but new directories were mailed out. The 2019 SLSIA audit was completed and that books and records present accurately reflected the financial situation of SLSIA. Details of this audit can be found on the SLSIA website under November 18th SLSIA minutes. Due to more member dues coming in the beginning of 2020 versus end of 2019, the 2020 year showed more income than in 2019. So far there is \$5294 income less expenses year to date.

In the 2021 budget, Lisa reminded everyone of the 3 scholarships each year that SLSIA gives out to high school recipients. The Springfield Lake Marina sponsors one of these three scholarships. There will most likely be a need for more fees to maintain and update the SLSIA website etc. There is also some money put aside for legal funds.

There was a motion to approve these minutes made by Dee Kirby and a 2nd given by Kathleen Sorensen with the rest of the Board approving.

Secretary's Report: Dee Kirby

Dee had emailed the November 2020 minutes to members of the board prior to the meeting. The November minutes are placed on the website for all of the meeting

participants to view. There was a motion to approve these minutes made by Becky Hendricks and a 2nd given by Kathleen Sorensen with the rest of the Board approving.

Report on Committees:

Sherel Nutt Scholarship Committee:

Deferred until later February meeting as Jim Corrigan not present.

Membership Committee:

Becky Hendricks reported that there were 380 memberships in 2020 and she has received 206 thus far in 2021. Of these 206, 15 are new leaseholders.

Lake Clean Up Committee:

John Aiello reported that last year due to COVID that there was no gathering but the event was for the month of May. Parks were not included in 2020 as they usually are. He plans to send out a letter to remind people to participate on your lane and other areas.

City Council Liaison Report:

Kim Curry was not able to be present for tonight's meeting and Kathleen Sorenson was not aware of anything new to report.

Newsletter, Website and Facebook page:

Marcus Veile was thanked for all of his work on these social media sites as well as for putting together tonight's annual meeting via Zoom.

Council of Clubs: Adam Pallai

Adam was not present for tonight's meeting but did send in the following report:

*There is a meeting coming up next week so I will have our annual dues on that agenda and get the SLSIA Treasurer a check.

*Lake Calendars have been printed; THANK-YOU once again to the association for covering the printing cost.

*The clubs are all hoping for a more active year. At this point we are planning for summer events as published on the calendar.

*Rumble Around the Lake Bike Nights will resume on Wednesday nights throughout the summer (hopefully starting in May).

* Coming up soon is the annual Chili cookoff season. We have pushed it to start in later February this year and the committee is talking about protocol to keep everyone COVID safe. All homeowners are welcome to enter at any of the regional events. We will share the registration form in your February newsletter. All events are on Sunday afternoon with doors opening around noon for the cooks and 2:00PM for the event. Please come out and help us raise money for SUSART, this year's charity.

West; February, 21 – Firefighters Postal Lake Club

East; March 7 – Sangamo Surf Club

South; March 28 – TRN Club
Final; April 11 – Blue Ridge Club

* Again, hoping for a better year around the lake. Please feel free to contact Adam Pallai, Club Council President with any questions or concerns about the lake clubs. I am happy to answer any questions or mediate and navigate any concerns the best I can. The clubs want to continue to be good neighbors to the homeowners and stewards of the Lake.

Vice-President's Report: John Aiello

*John stated that hopefully SLSIA and other volunteers will be able to put on a fall social event this year.

*Some of the things that SLSIA were involved in last year were the back-up problems on Fox Mill and Lindsey Bridge areas which involved smoke tests, down spouts, man hole covers and holes in sewer and Will Curry's Eagle Scout Project.

*He encouraged all members and Lake Home Owners to get involved with SLSIA. SLSIA works to have a rapport with our alderman as a voice on the City Council, CWLP, the Mayor's Office and the community in general.

*He stated that the Lake Club Council event schedule will be posted on the website soon.

*John thanked the generous support of following advertisers who help keep our SLSIA website going.

Coe Equipment Inc.

G H Marine

TINTORI Powerwashing

Don and Wanda Tracy Family,

JLS Marine, Inc

Kulavic Auto Body,

Mary Anne McRae,

Ashley Coker Reality

Becky Lober Hendricks - The Real Estate Group

Exiting Windows!

Rexx Battery Specialists, Inc.

Melissa Dowson Vorreyer - RE/Max

Touchless Boat Covers of Springfield ,

Jack & Donna Hall Family,

Lake Springfield Marina

8. New Business:

Cynthia Lamar, Board Member has spent a lot of time reviewing and updating the SLSIA Bylaws. She proposed adding/revising the following 5 motions: These changes were approved by unanimous vote at the 4th quarter meeting November 18th, 2021.

Motion 1 – To allow postponement of the Annual Meeting in case of emergency, a new paragraph 5 is proposed to be added to Article V. Meetings and Voting.

In the event of a national or local emergency, including a weather emergency, the Annual Meeting may be postponed to a later date with the approval of a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Notification of the postponement shall be provided in accordance with Article XIII, except that the emergency notification shall be provided as soon as

practical, which may be less than the number of days otherwise required.

There was motion to approve this Motion 1 by Cynthia Lemar and a 2nd given by Teri Holland with the rest of the Board approving.

Motion 2 – To allow removal of a Director due to an outstanding violation, fine or judgement on their lease, a new paragraph 13 is proposed to be added to Article VI. Board of Directors. In the event a Director has an outstanding violation, fine, or judgment related to the Director's leasehold at Lake Springfield, the Director maybe removed from the Board by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Prior to such a vote the Executive Committee shall review the facts and make recommendations to the Board.

There was motion to approve this Motion 2 by Cynthia Lemar and a 2nd given by Lisa Wentworth and approved by the Members present and voting.

Motion 3 – To require Officers and Directors, to provide any Association documentation to the Secretary or President upon expiration of their term, or removal or resignation, a new paragraph 14 is proposed to be added to Article VI. Board of Directors.

Within fifteen (15) days of the expiration of a term or removal or resignation of an officer or Director, the officer or Director, shall provide all Association documentation to the Secretary. Upon the expiration of a term or removal or resignation of the Secretary, all documentation shall be provided to the President or the incoming Secretary, if one has been elected. Documentation includes emails, records, passwords, and any other pertinent information belonging to the Association.

There was motion to approve this Motion 3 by Cynthia Lemar and a 2nd given by Kathleen Sorensen and approved by the Members present and voting.

Motion 4 – To specify limitation of liability, indemnity, and insurance authorization for the Association and its Officers and Directors, a new Article XI is proposed to be added to the Bylaws. If added, subsequent articles will be renumbered.

ARTICLE XI
Limitation of Liability,
Indemnity, and Insurance

1. Liability. No person shall be liable to the Association for any loss or damage suffered by it on account of any action taken or omitted to be taken by him or her as an officer or Director of the Association if such person (a) exercised and used the same degree of care and skill as a prudent person would have exercised and used under the circumstances and in the conduct of his or her own affairs, or (b) took or omitted to take such action in reliance upon advice of counsel for the Association or upon statements made or confirmation furnished by an officer of the Association which she or he had reasonable grounds to believe. The foregoing shall not be exclusive of other rights and defenses to

- which such person may be entitled as a matter of law.
2. Indemnity. Each officer and Director, whether or not then in office, shall be held harmless and indemnified by the Association against all claims and liabilities and all expenses reasonably incurred or imposed upon the officer or Director in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, or the settlement or compromise thereof, to which such person may be made party by reason of any action taken or omitted to be taken as an officer or Director of the Association, in good faith, if such person, in the opinion of a court or of the Board of Directors (a) exercised and used the same degree of care and skill as a prudent person would have exercised and used under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs, or (b) took or omitted to take such action in reliance upon advice of counsel for the Association or upon statements made or confirmation furnished by an officer of the Association which she or he had reasonable grounds to believe.
 3. The Association shall maintain directors and officers' insurance and general liability insurance.

There was motion to approve this Motion 4 by Cynthia Lemar and a 2nd given by Teri Holland and approved by the Members present and voting.

Motion 5 – To specify that written notifications required under the Bylaws may be provided by electronic means (email), Article XII is proposed to be amended as follows.

ARTICLE XII (ADOPTED 1/29/91)

Notices

1. When written notice is required it shall be hand-delivered, transmitted by electronic means to the email address appearing on the records of the Association, or deposited in the United States mail not less than seven nor more than thirty days before the date of the meeting. If mailed, the notice shall be with postage prepaid, and shall be addressed to the members at their address as the address appears on the records of the Association. Actions required to be 'written' may be accomplished by communications transmitted or received by electronic means.

There was motion to approve this Motion 4 by Cynthia Lemar and a 2nd given by Dee Kirby and approved by the Members present and voting.

Nominating Committee -Chairperson Becky Hendricks

Past Board Members to be reappointed to Board:

Teri Holland Dawn Keiser Terry Moody Pete Murphy
Cynthia Lamar Larry Michaud

There was motion to approve these reappointments by Markus Veile and a 2nd given by Lisa Wentworth with the rest of the Board approving.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 per Zoom.
Details will be emailed at a later date.

Motion to adjourn this meeting made by Teri Holland and 2nd by Markus Veile with approval by the remaining board members present. Meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Dee Kirby