

Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association  
Quarterly Board Meeting  
October 17, 2018  
TRN Club

President Mingeaud called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Special Guests: UIS Chancellor Susan Koch and Tom Rothfus were present to talk about the former FOP Lake Club property. The University purchased approximately 2.4 acres of property and the building, which was built in 2008. They intend to use it for multiple purposes: Education, retreats, events, and a biology laboratory. Since the property is only 7 - 8 minutes from campus, they expect to get a lot of use from it. Approximately 30 professors already have plans to use the facility.

This is Chancellor Koch's 8<sup>th</sup> year at UIS. She explained phase 1 of the remodeling project at the former FOP lake club. Phase 1 consisted of rip rapping approximately 440' of lake shore, installing a large patio at the same level as the floor inside, and replacing the commercial kitchen with a biology laboratory. The facility is fully accessible. Phase 1 should be complete next week and the facility will be open for use. Costs were about \$125,000 to address the fundamental uses.

Tom Rothfus is an Environmental Science professor at UIS and is also the director of Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon. He will also be directing the field station at the lake. He has a lot of ideas about projects that can be done at Emiquon and at the lake to see what we can learn about the lake. He's also thinking about possibly bringing in a citizen science component to some of the projects to get the community involved. There was a lot of discussion about the interests of lake residents.

There will be an open house at the facility next spring, possibly in May.

2. Roll Call

Board members present: John Aiello, Jeannie Mingeaud, Becky Hendricks, Dawn Keiser, Cynthia Lamar, Larry Michaud, Teri Holland, Vicki McGuar, Terry Moody, Don O'Neal, Carol Schempp, Valerie Nester, and Lisa Wentworth.

Board members absent: Jim Corrigan, Joan Freitag, Micah King, Mike Monseur, Patricia Wheat, John Moore, Peter Murphy, Brett Yates, and Adam Pallai.

3. Visitors:

President Mingeaud asked the visitors in attendance to introduce themselves. They included: Mary Pat Cavanagh (Orchard Ln), Dee Kirby (Fairview Ln), Kathleen Sorensen (S. Hazel Dell Ln), Ann Tucker (Pickering Ln), and Greg & Cheri Vogt (East Lake Drive).

4. Alderman Redpath Report (report presented by Kim Curry)

Thank you for helping in the fight against the proposed project at Woodland Trail. Prairie State Bank that owned the debt on the property has become the owner of the property and also the adjacent lot. They began demolition of the building in October. They are considering potential options for the property, including development of a high-end retirement facility.

5. President Update (Jeannie Mingeaud)

President Mingeaud asked for a motion to continue to pay for printing the calendar of events. The cost to print 9,000 copies is ~\$700. Lisa Wentworth made the motion to continue printing the calendar. John Aiello provided a second. All voted in favor. Kim Curry suggested that we consider including the marina events on the calendar. John Aiello agreed with Kim and added that he met with the marina owners and they want to be good neighbors.

Membership applications have been sent out.

Volunteers are needed for website maintenance, newsletter development, and Facebook updates. Please consider volunteering for these positions.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled at the Firefighters Club on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for setup, tear down, making soup or chili, and to help with other logistics. Please let Jeannie know if you can help.

6. Secretary Report (Teri Holland)

Teri requested approval of the April and June quarterly meeting minutes. John Aiello made a motion to approve all minutes. Vicky McGuar provided a second. All voted in favor.

7. Treasurer Report (Lisa Wentworth)

Account balances as of October 12, 2018 are as follows: Checking account \$9,121.77, Williamsville State Bank Money Market \$45,363.50, and petty cash \$431.00. Total account balances are \$54,916.27. We are down over a thousand dollars so far this year. We had some unusual expenses due to the Woodland Trail property issue and we lost some money on the Dinner on the Waterfront event. Revenue was down for the event this year due to fewer people participating. Cynthia Lamar made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. A second was provided by Dawn Keiser. All voted in favor.

8. Committee Reports

Membership (Becky Hendricks) – We have received 54 renewals so far for next year. Becky suggested we do a mailing to remind people about renewing their membership. It will cost ~\$550 for printing and postage. Valerie Nester made a motion to approve printing and mailing of membership applications. Vicky McGuar provided a second. All voted in favor.

Kathleen Sorensen commented that several people asked why they weren't invited to the Dinner on the Waterfront. She thought everyone should be invited. Historically, invitation has been limited to paid members as a perk of membership.

Membership Database (John Aiello) – John reminded everyone print clearly on the membership application. If he can't read the email address, people won't get the information we send them.

Social Committee (Valerie Nester) – Valerie said we need make a decision on which lake events we want to host next year. We don't need to continue with the same events if we don't want to. We can change them up. Jeannie suggested we swap the family picnic for a BBQ at the Beach House. Valerie will put together sub committees for the events. Proposed events for next year are:

Lake Clean Up Day in early May

Golf Outing the Friday of Memorial Day weekend

Possible BBQ in summer (Valerie will investigate)

Dinner on the Waterfront in September

#### 9. New Business

Volunteers are needed for the board. Let Jeannie know if you are interested. Since the By-Laws were updated, we can now vote in a new member at any quarterly board meeting or at the Annual meeting. Dee Kirby, Kathleen Sorensen, and Mary Pat Cavanagh all expressed an interest in joining the board. Cynthia Lamar made a motion to elect the three to the board, which was followed by a second by Valerie Nester. All voted in favor. Welcome to the board ladies!

Jeannie Mingeaud suggested we consider making a monetary donation to the UIS lake field station. Since they are now on the lake, maybe UIS should consider becoming a SLSIA member. We will send them an application. We should also invite them to the Annual Meeting.

Lisa made a motion to give a \$500 donation to each of the following at the Annual Meeting as we have done in the past:

Susart

Henson Robinson Zoo

Lincoln Memorial Garden

Power Squadron

Becky Hendricks provided a second and all voted in favor.

#### 10. Other Business

Kim Curry wants to start a dredging committee and make dredging a priority for the lake. A survey of lake coves was completed several years ago and can be used as a starting point for discussion. Contact Kim if interested.

Valerie passed around non-event committee sign-up sheets.

#### 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 following a motion by Becky Hendricks and second by Lisa Wentworth.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Holland  
SLSIA Secretary