

Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association
Annual Board Meeting
January 15, 2020
Fire Fighters Club

President Nester called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

1. Roll Call:

Board members present: John Aiello, Mary Pat Cavanagh, Jim Corrigan, Teri Holland, Dawn Keiser, Micah King, Dee Kirby, Cynthia Lamar, Vicki McGuar, Peter Murphy, Terry Moody, Valerie Nester, Carol Schempp, Kathleen Sorensen, Markus Veile, Lisa Wentworth and Adam Pallai (Council of Clubs Representative)

Board members excused: Becky Hendricks, Larry Michaud, Don O'Neal, and Pat Wheat.
Board members absent: Mike Monseur,

2. Guest Introduction by President Nester:

President Nester introduced herself as President, John Aiello as Vice President, Lisa Wentworth as Treasurer and Dee Kirby as Secretary. Valerie thanked the following 2019 sponsors: Becky Hendricks of the Real Estate Group, COE Equipment, Exciting Windows by Susan Day, G & H Marine, Go Web 1, JLS Marine, Lake Springfield Marina, Melissa Vorreyer of Re Max Professionals, Rex Battery Specialists, Siebert's Wildlife Control, Touchless Boat Covers of Springfield, Tintori Power Washing and Steve Koch with Ameriprise Financial. Valerie extended a thank you to the following exhibit tables tonight and encouraged all present to visit them and ask questions:

- Lincoln Memorial Gardens-Joel Horwedel
- Lake Springfield Marina-Scott Tucker
- SUSART-Doug Rathbun
- CWLP-Dan Brill, Mike Romer
- Springfield City Police Officer Mike Badger
- Fishing Has No Boundaries-Jeff Gebauer
- Exciting Windows-Susan Day
- Henson Robinson Zoo-Jeff Mitchell
- ABC/Land of Lincoln Power Squadron-Greg Kelso
- UIS Field Station at Lake Springfield-Tom Rothfus

Valerie introduced Dan Brill, CWLP Manager of Water Resources and Mike Romer, CWLP Property Manager.

Guests Speakers:

Office Michael Badger with the Springfield City Police gave an overview of his assigned area from South Grand to the Apple Barn. He reminded participants to always call 911 for emergencies but gave his cell number during working hours or to leave a message for him if anyone has an ongoing problem. His cell number is: 217-741-0988. He stated that some of

the problems that are common to Springfield but not necessarily to the Lake Area are: burglary and car entering and theft. He stated that it is common to have thieves enter a car, steal the 2nd set of keys found in the car and come back later to steal the car.

Two of the programs that he mentioned that were currently on going are the:

Safe Neighborhood Program: This is a program where residents who have security systems with cameras can register their security camera with the police department and the data base created with these security systems with cameras can then pick up other nearby home(s) suspicious activity.

Safe Passage Program: This is a program where there are no arrests made for drugs, such as opioids, or drug paraphernalia but where the police can confiscate the drugs and paraphernalia without arresting the person and get them into treatment immediately.

Chuck Redpath-Alderman for Ward I gave the following updated information:

It is currently the city's budget review time of the year and he reported that revenues appear to be up from the year before and budget was looking good. There was the annexation and now lake roads are part of the City and the city has the responsibility to maintain our roads. The roads used to be part of the lake service and the money was supposed to be used but the lake area wasn't getting our share of the monies. The last two years there has been overlay on the south lake roads and last year, a few more were added. There are expected to be 5-8 more roads this year in 2020 to be completed with overlay.

Regarding sewers, the sanitary district ran out of money. Linden Lane is expected to be connected in the next 2-3 years. There was further discussion re: new houses that were being built and putting in acceptable septic systems to have some further extensions of time to connect to city sewer. Some of the district's priorities were on a case by case basis such as a house selling, a septic system fail, etc.. Alderman Redpath stated that the whole idea was to have safe septic and to have the older septic systems replaced with city sewer.

Decommissioning of power plants: Alderman Redpath stated that number 31 and 32 would be down by the end of this year. Number 33 would still be up and running as long CWLP could have it up and then once 33 is down, the city would have to purchase power as backup if Dowell #4 goes down. There is a 5 year deal with Arch Coal in Williamsville being considered and no money up front is expected.

The coal ash storage/disposal is a problem and projected to be a \$50 million clean-up. Redpath is the chair of the Utility Committee. What we have has to be turned to dry ash which is easier to get rid of. When asked by audience about how much CWLP had saved towards this amount, Redpath stated 30 million for the clean up had been saved. There is no pilot money next year and the sales tax revenue is foreseen as increasing.

Our property taxes goes toward funding the pensions and by 2040 the City would be expected to support 90% of these pensions. Redpath states that there is some activity by Congress that that percent may come down to 75.

Homelessness is a problem for the city and Redpath stated that this has to get settled and a solution finalized.

Dan Brill from CWLP stated that Larry Rockford's team is doing well with getting shore line stabilized.

In the question period, 1. there was mention of the Foxmill area has some very dark streets and if they could call him to see if a street light could be installed. Redpath stated yes. 2. There was a discussion of deer and geese being a problem. Tim Hickman former DNR employee stated he is a volunteer and president of a small golf group at Lincoln Greens and they are looking into “green solutions” to get rid of the geese on the golf course. Scott Beckerman and Craig Blomquist from the DNR are also with us tonight. Tim added that geese like turf and dislike tall grasses so the tall grasses are a deterrent for geese and they are talking to the park district about some options and resources. A member of UIS called DNR to report that deer are getting caught in the soccer nets there. DNR so far have not assisted. Further discussion re: controlled group hunting. 3. A resident asked about the restoration of the beach house and if it was being looked at further to restore or bring a restaurant into etc. Redpath stated he would bring it up at the next city council meeting. 4. There was a thank you from one of the residents on Long Beach stating thanks for the paving. 5. Redpath stated that Hazel Dell is on the list for 2020 and that Larry Rockford was doing a great job with the paving projects. Discussion re: E. Lake Shore Dr. being a county highway and not part of the city for snow removal, etc. 6. Lake dredging also was briefly discussed with no final timeline or project initiation.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Lisa Wentworth:

There was some money lost due to the dues by members being pre-paid in 2018 for 2019. The audit was completed by the Audit Committee in late 2019.

Lisa handed out 5 checks for \$500.00 each to the following: (These were all approved and for the amounts by the Board in fall of 2019).

America’s Boating Club/Land of Lincoln Power Squadron-Greg Kelso
Lincoln Memorial Gardens-Joel Horwedel
SUSART-(Commander Doug Rathbun was not present so the check will be delivered to SUSART)
Henson Robinson Zoo-Jeff Mitchell
Fishing Has No Boundaries-Jeff Gebauer

Greg Kelso reminded audience of the boater classes available for anyone 12 and older.

Jeff Mitchell reminded everyone that 2020 is the 50th anniversary of the Zoo and there will be activities throughout the year and those activities will be sponsored by Henson Robinson Company.

Jeff Gebauer reminded everyone that Fishing Has No Boundaries is for people with disabilities and is a really rewarding experience to participate in. This event is for all ages. It takes about 150 volunteers to have the 50 participants to get outdoors and enjoy this sport that they would never get to experience otherwise. Some of the participants are from group homes and they often have countdowns marked on their calendars. Relationships are often built between the volunteers and participants.

See attached report by treasurer for actual financial numbers.

4. Secretary’s Report: Dee Kirby

Dee had emailed the November 2019 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 Peter Murphy and a 2nd given by Vicki McGuar with the rest of the Board approving.

5. Report on Committees:

President Nester stated that signup sheets for committee volunteers were at the sign in table and one does not have to be a board member to be on a committee. Meeting participants were encouraged to sign up for any committee that interested them.

Membership Committee:

John Aiello, Vice President of Board stated the importance of lake owners to become members of SLSIA and by doing so would show their support with what the association's endeavors are in the best interests of the lake and its owners. He stated that there are a little over 700 households on the lake and the SLSIA would like to see at least 400 members in 2020. The membership fee is \$25.00 /year.

Sherel Nutt Scholarship Committee:

Jim Corrigan is currently the chair and reminded everyone that Sherel Nutt had been a past SLSIA Board Member who always showed support of youth and the preservation of the lake. For 2019, there were 3-\$1000.00 scholarships awarded. There were 19 applicants from 5 of the 8 schools that turned in applications to be considered. All 4 of the Springfield High Schools, SHG, Lutheran, Rochester and Chatham High Schools (borders on the lake) were given information for their students to consider to apply. Applications are considered on the student(s) grades, community service, organizational involvement, and an essay on "What Lake Springfield means to me". Volunteers are needed to be on this committee and again audience encouraged to sign up.

Newsletter, Website and Facebook page:

Marcus Veile stated that he could use volunteers to help with these communication types and submission of photos and articles are always welcome.

Social Events:

President Nester told of the following social events:

Lake Clean-Up Day was May 4, 2019 at Springfield Motor Boat Club and all Lake areas beyond. This year it will be co-sponsored with the Springfield Marina on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020.

2019's Golf Outing was cancelled due to lack of participants and this event will remain discontinued.

Family Summer BB-Q was June 20th, 2019 at the Beach House. This year's date is to be announced.

Dinner on the Waterfront was October 18th, 2019 at the Firefighter's Club and was a Hog Roast. This year's menu, theme, date and location will be announced soon.

6. Council of Clubs: Adam Pallai

The Lake Calendars are completed and out and he thanked SLSIA for having them printed. He reminded everyone that the Chili Cook Off Events are coming up. This year's proceeds will go to the Land of Lincoln Boy Scouts (on the lake). The cost of participation is \$10.00. The following dates and locations of the Chili Cook Off Events are:

January 26 at the Aqua Club

February 9th at the KC

February 23rd at the Elks

March 8th is the cook off at Sangamo Surf Club.

This past weekend was the Frozen Open held at the Fire Fighter's Club. There were 550 golfers who participated and 8,000-9,000 dollars would be donated to the Honor Flight.

This will be the 3rd year for Rumble Around the Lake. It will be getting started on Wednesday evenings at various Lake Clubs.

Reminder of boater safety and some issues that were seen at night during 2019 such as docking and neon lights used at night. Stayed tuned for some boater safety information regarding lighting to be coming out soon.

7. President's Report: Valerie Nester

Review of 2019: Valerie said that some of the 2019 issues brought to the Association's attention were many of the same subjects to be reported on or that have already been covered in previous discussion by tonight's guest speakers and exhibitors.

She announced that Dan Brill and Mike Romer (property manager) were the CWLP representatives. Property questions need to be directed to Mike.

Valerie announced that there had been a strategic planning re-evaluation meeting held in 2019 regarding the future and focus of SLSIA in the next decade. During this meeting, there was determined a need for the Association to become more of a communication hub for the lake and its residents and to work with the City and other applicable organizations to streamline information sharing on different subjects. Valerie opened up to the audience if there was anything that they would like to see the Board do. Suggestions are always welcome.

There was discussion from an audience member, Rich Berning, about bringing back the social event of "Wine Tasting". Valerie explained that because of transportation laws for these kinds of events, the wine has to come directly from the distributor. Valerie stated that she would look more into this to see if anything has changed and bring it up before the Board again.

A reminder that non-board members are welcome and encouraged to be a part of a specific committee of their interest. At the welcome check in tables there are SLSIA wine glasses for sale, membership applications, all of the different Committee sign-up sheets and SLSIA brochures.

8. New Business:

Valerie announced the Nominating Committee recommended the election of David Mohme as a Board Director and the re-election of the following incumbent Board Members: John Aiello, Jim Corrigan, Mike Monseur, and Lisa Wentworth. All members approved and no members were in opposition.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was: ticket # 0156789 for the amount of \$102.00. Congratulations!

Open Forum:

Alderman Redpath stated that the old marina property was no longer listed with commercial use and is now considered to be residential property use only per the Zoning Committee. He also added that some of the docks in the park area are being restored.

President Nester thanked the sponsors of the Dinner on the Waterfront Hog Roast: Becky Hendricks of the Real Estate Group for the wine, Mark Roberts from Go Web One for the keg of beer and Blake Siebert from Siebert's Wildlife Control for money towards the band.

Motion to adjourn this meeting made by Markus Veile and 2nd by Dawn Keiser with approval by the remaining board members present. 77 people were in attendance at the meeting tonight.

Respectively Submitted,
Dee Kirby

2020 Schedule of Board Meetings: On Wednesdays at 6pm at the SPRINGFIELD MOTOR BOAT CLUB

February 12th, 2020
May 13th, 2020
August 12th, 2020
November 18th, 2020