

Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association
Annual Board Meeting
January 19th, 2022
Live & Via Zoom Web Meeting

President Aiello called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

1. Roll Call:

Board members present: John Aiello (online), Mary Pat Cavanagh (online). Jim Corrigan, Jeff Cox, Dawn Keiser, Micah King, Dee Kirby, Cynthia Lamar Terry Moody (online), Peter Murphy, Valerie Nester, Carol Schempp, Rob Tucker, Lisa Wentworth, Markus Veile and Adam Pallai (Council of Clubs).

Board members absent: Becky Hendricks & Larry Michaud,

Guest Speakers:

Mayor James Langfelder:

Topics Presented:

-Road improvements and sewer projects: Continue to be ongoing with funds from the American Rescue Plan. There is a twenty million + dollar project designated just for one part of town.

-The water and sewer projects: are split financially three ways by the sanitary district, the city and the homeowner. Efforts are to cap the homeowner's expense to five-six thousand dollars.

-Most roads: Most roads are targeted to be milled and asphalted while some are still repaired with oil and rock chips.

-Zoning: Concerning the Lake Clubs and campers. The mayor put together a special committee to review and draft a land usage agreement for lake properties. Our SLSIA President was asked to be on this committee to represent the homeowners of Lake Springfield and Adam Pallai was asked to represent the lake clubs. When the areas of the lake were annexed into the city, these areas didn't necessarily meet compliance. One of the things that this Committee acted on was to put into City Code the campground rules at the Lake Clubs and to set standards to clean things up. There is now a limit of 20 campers per planned site and each club has to submit a plan to the city re: distance, electricity, sanitary disposal etc. for approval.

-Docks: Extensions and any changes, revisions, outdated codes are reviewed to try to preserve the appearance of the lake. There was a discussion re: sea walls vs rock barriers.

-EPA: With the retirement of Dahlman 3 unit at the power plant, there is a 1200 page report concerning the capping of the ash ponds and creating areas of lime disposal from the city's water purification process.

-Secondary Water Source: Army Corps of Engineers have been consulted regarding an answer for lake two or a secondary source of water for the city. CWLP serves as back up for Chatham's water supply. The recreational plan results showed a deficiency in water needed.

-Fire Stations: There are four new stations in the budget. The fire station located at Iles Park is basically landlocked and there are plans to move it near 11th and Ash Street. The current fire station located on Chatham Road is also landlocked and difficult to get out of and plans are to move it to Veterans Parkway. There is a need to have a fire station located southwest near Piper Glen and Panther Creek areas. The fire station located on the Fairgrounds (not in the city) needs to be relocated or the state to pay more for the manning. There are currently 12 stations and a plan to have manning resources for proper coverage of 14 stations.

-Police Department: The city has moved from 9 hour shifts to 12 hours shifts to accommodate the need. The new technology of shot spotter and license plate readers have been really helpful.

-Beach House Plans: The sea wall is being torn down as it was becoming a bird sanctuary and a deterrent to keeping the lake healthy. The beach house can still be leased but it was out for bid with no bids submitted. The city will extend the bidding again. The city still owns it but plans are to try reactivating this area.

-Natural Gas Power Plant: When asked, the mayor did say that permitting is in process for a natural gas power plant near Pawnee. It would a closed carbon capture. Testing part I on the Dahlman 4 used byproduct showed that 90% of carbon was captured. The next testing II will be scheduled soon and if successful, then funds could be available on the state and federal level. Studies show that water is and will be the biggest resource of the future. The city is also looking at solar megawatts and funding for future energy endeavors.

Compliments: Kim Curry thanked the mayor for bringing back the lake sewer projects and for helping the City purchase the Wild Life Sanctuary/Old Marina Property. It has been cleaned up and looks nice.

Todd LaFountain-CWLP

-States that there was a taste and odor to our water noted last September into the fall which is the time of year that the algae is noted most. The by-product of the algae is known as MIB and it is what causes the offensive taste and odor in the water. When the Dahlman 3 was up and running, this problem was not noted as much due to the thermal effect and circulation of water given out by the Dahl 3 unit. CWLP has been looking into cost efficient ways to deal with the effects of the algae now.

-Todd states that in the new proposal to City Council is the purchase of 13 lake circulators. Each circulator is approximately 10 feet in diameter and would be tethered below the surface and extend 3-4 foot above the water's surface. They would be spread out in thirds from the lake's intake point near Spalding Dam to almost Lindsey Bridge year around. They would be solar powered and the approximate cost of these 13 circulators would be

\$520,000. There would be beacons on them and maybe buoys. Other locations that currently use these are Otter Lake and Bloomington Lake. In addition to improving the taste and odor, they would also improve the health of the water and provide more oxygen for fish and give the lake a more uniform consistency from bottom and top. If left untreated, the algae would create a zone on the top portion of the lake's water capable for fish and other life while creating a decayed and anaerobic life at the bottom. There was a large and rather lengthy discussion regarding these circulators.

Todd did agree with the audience that dredging the lake would be helpful.

Alderman Chuck Redpath:

Stated that the mayor covered most of his updates and that eight new roads were overlaid. There are approximately 2.4 million dollars set aside for the engineering regarding upcoming sewer projects in the areas of Linden Lane, Hawthorne and a few on East Lake Shore Drive.

Dan Brill-CWLP:

-Deer: Another fly by is scheduled later this year to count deer numbers again. CWLP will then have 3 years of data for comparison. He didn't have the final numbers of deer harvested on lake property for the year but stated that some other ideas for next year include: adding more ground to hunt, add administrative changes such as killing two does before a buck and having 3 seasons at 5 sites. He stated that he estimated that there were approximately 20 permits issued for lake area hunting this year.

-Working with Friends of Sangamon Valley: Dan complimented this group for doing such great work on East Hazel Dell as they continue to tear up honeysuckle and other undesirable evasive foliage. They are helping CWLP with tagging the trees to keep and planting native plants and scrubs in these excavated areas. Next on the list to work are West Hazel Dell, Hazel Dell, areas near Fairview Lane and the boys' club.

-Geese: Geese are included in the IDNR Program and are federally protected. His office does have an egg replacement program to try to decrease new hatchings. Please call his office if you have nests on your property that you are interested in having handled. He states that there are quite a few nests near the power plant that his staff are working on.

-Fishing: States that there are usually more fishing tournaments than just weekly. He emailed SLSIA the next day to let us know that there were 95 fishing tournaments last year and he already has 99 reserved for this year. There were around 3700 stickers sold last year for boats and about the same for 2020.

-Riprap: will be available this year. A 5 ton load is \$150.00 plus labor and the barge runs approx. 300.00 and can hold 9 ton's of 9" riprap.

-There was a discussion and idea brought up for the SLSIA Board to consider having "stickers" for boats that would identify a lake home owner. Later there was also a mention of having such a sticker for boat docks address signs.

Officer Cody Musson-Springfield Police Department:

- This past year, Cody has taken over Officer Michael Badger's territory which includes the Lake Area.
- States that there have been several lake club burglaries.
- He mentioned that there had been an incident where a car on Marine Point intentionally drove into a flock of sea gulls. Some of the surviving gulls had to have medical attention. He reminded everyone that it is illegal to injure wildlife.
- The city purchased a new boat this year so hopefully there will be more of a presence of police on the lake this year if manpower allows. They are currently seeking to have a marine police light being placed on the boat.
- He handed out his card and informed the audience of online reporting.

Donation Presentation:

Treasurer Lisa Wentworth presented each of the following organizations a \$500.00 check from SLSIA:

- Lincoln Memorial Garden (not present and a check was sent prior to the meeting)
- Land of Lincoln Power Squadron-Markus Veile accepted the check and spoke briefly that this money will help fund free boating safety classes.
- SUSART-Kent Keiser accepted the check.
- Henson Robinson Zoo-Director Doug Hotle accepted the check and stated that this money will be used to help fund training and enrichment for the zoo animals.
- Fishing Has No Boundaries (not present and a check was sent prior to the meeting)

Vice President Report- Micah King stated that he hopes SLSIA will be able to provide more entertainment and chances for neighbors to be introduced and meet others at social gatherings sponsored by SLSIA later this year. There were several that had to be canceled during this pandemic.

Treasurer Report- Lisa Wentworth gave the income and expense report for 2021. There was \$808.00 that was placed down for the dinner on the waterfront expenses. The event was canceled but she hopes that SLSIA can utilize that money still in 2022 for another social gathering.

Secretary's Report- Dee Kirby stated that all SLSIA minutes can be found on the website. She encouraged everyone to take a few minutes to read each quarter's minutes as they provide a lot of information to homeowners about what CWLP, the mayor, our alderman and city council are doing and how involved they are at our Board meetings that all homeowners are encouraged to attend. There was motion to approve the Treasurer and Secretary's reports by Kim Curry and a 2nd given by Cynthia Lamar and approved by the majority of members present.

President's Report- John Aiello thanked Dee Kirby for her past three years of fulfilling the role of secretary. He asked for everyone to consider stepping up and taking the position. Stated that it was a rough past year for sponsoring social events. Encouraged all in

attendance to pay their membership dues. Stated that SLSIA's goal was to have 350 paid members and there are 168 currently.

Committee Reports:

Sherel Nutt/Cinda & Frank Edwards Memorial Scholarships-Jim Corrigan stated that he is starting to contact high school counselors and providing them with application information. He will soon put a selection committee together to review the applicant's essays and applications.

Membership Committee-Becky Hendricks not present tonight but VP John Aiello reported on the membership numbers above.

Lake Clean Up-John Aiello reported that this event will be held on April 30th this year. The sign up will be held at the Lake Marina. This is a designated day to come together to clean up the lanes, parks, shorelines etc. There will be a designated CWLP pick up area for debris collected.

CWLP Liaison-Micah King/Kim Curry stated that the Mayor and Alderman gave the update earlier in meeting.

Lake Clubs Events-Adam Pallai reminded everyone that the Chili Cook off begins this Sunday and all proceeds go to a selected organization each year. This year the proceeds will go to the Springfield Cares-Soldier Mail. The fish fries are also coming soon with the Lenten Season approaching. The lake summer calendars are available for anyone to have. They will be at all of the lake clubs and other areas around town. Adam thanked SLSIA for covering the print costs of the calendars.

President Aiello thanked each of the SLSIA Sponsors' of 2021:

Coe Equipment Inc. Becky Lober Hendricks - The Real Estate Group G H Marine
Exiting Windows by Susan Lake Springfield Marina Touchless Boat Covers of Springfield,
Melissa Dowson Vorreyer - RE/Max Professionals Siebert's Wildlife Control
Green View Landscaping Co. Ashley Coker – The Real Estate Group
Michael Reisinger – TROXELL Insurance
Jack & Donna Hall Family Mary Anne McRae John & Lucy Anderson Family

New Business:

-Tom Hiler suggested that SLSIA Board consider giving a future donation to Friends of Sangamon Valley.

Nominating Committee Recommendation from Chairperson Becky Hendricks Co-chair Micah King:

Existing Board Members up for renewal:

Mary Pat Cavanaugh, Dee Kirby, Carol Schempp, Markus Veile, Valerie Nester.

New Board Nominees:

John Finnell, Nancy Bremhorst

There was a discussion regarding the new board nominees and after a vote, the above existing board members up for renewal were accepted to remain on the Board. John Finnell was voted

on as a new Board member. Nancy Bremhorst was not elected to the board of directors by vote of members present.

-There was a motion to approve the nominations and elections by Micah King and a 2nd given by Jeff Cox and approved by the majority of members present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. There was a motion to approve adjournment by Lisa Wentworth and a 2nd given by Dee Kirby and approved by the majority of members present.

Election of Officers, Committee Chairpersons and planning for 2022 will be conducted during the 1st Quarter Board Meeting 2022.

**FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING 2022 TO BE HELD:
FEBRUARY 16TH, 2022 AT 6 P.M.
MOTOR BOAT CLUB**

Minutes Respectively Submitted,
Dee Kirby