

**Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee
Minutes of May 1, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Those in attendance were Lynn Schmitt, Michelle Landon, Jeff Stevens, Barry Vanmeter, Kevin Alderman, Michelle Springer, and 6 people in the audience. Marianne Biviano and Gary Lofton were absent.

Lynn called for approval/correction of the February 6, 2017 meeting minutes. Michelle L. made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

First on the agenda was the Manager's Report:

The staff has completed the tree and brush removal for the spring. We will continue in the fall once the leaves have begun to fall. There is still plenty of wood laying along the right of way for the residents to have. The wood is on various trails. If it lies there much longer we will have to gather it up and dispose of it. We only cut trees along the right of way. If you have any resistance from residents please call Kevin. If the trees are lying along the Frederick County right of way then it is free for residents. We have a 60 foot of right of way on most trails. The staff is concentrating on mowing, weed eating, and spraying around the post and trees. We are doing some upgrades to the beach. The post and the railroad ties at the bulkhead are rotting and falling in so we have pulled all of that out and installed new ones. We will also be adding additional sand to the beach this year. Approximately 12-14 dump truck loads of sand will be added. You will not need a beach pass for the beach. The gate will be opened on Thursday, May 25, 2017 and will close on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. The staff built and installed a new foot bridge at the ball field/Clowser House area. We worked up the ball field and added more soil and sand. We bought a new home plate and bases. We are going to get ball diamond mix as soon as it comes available and add to the ball field. The trout for the fishing derby will be delivered on May 12, 2017. There will be 100 trout put in each small pond and 200 trout put in Cherokee Lake. The portable toilet will also be delivered that week for the fishing derby. We will be evaluating all of the tar and chip roads throughout Shawneeland in the next few weeks to come up with a final list that will receive new tar and chip. The list may be different than the list that was included in the budget due to winter and the weather. Once the list is made staff will be patching and upgrading ditches, culverts, and shoulders getting the trails ready for the tar and chip project.

*A question was asked if the hole in the road on Dogwood Trail is going to be fixed before the tar and chip project. We are aware of the problem there and it will get fixed at some point. Probably not a tar and chip but we will dig it out and add asphalt. Then use the motor grader to do a nice asphalt patch.

Open Forum:

**Is there anything about the pollinators? Lynn said that she had not heard anything. Kevin said that he had met with Patty. We will be doing the same areas and adding an additional spot at Swan Lake this year. Is there going to be any planting this year? That would be a question for Patty. We only discussed

the locations. Lynn added that if you go on the Honey Nut Cheerios website they will send you free flowers for the pollinators.

**A resident brought up that on Timber Ridge Trail there is people going up there 4-wheeling, partying, leaving trash, spray painting, hanging out, and leaving syringes. We call the police constantly. We have already picked up 100 gallons of trash between Tomahawk and our house already this year. There are many tv's as well. Next week the staff will be picking up the tv's, the computer monitor, tires, and trash. Could we get some no littering signs to post? We have had issues with when there are signs people will still dump there. It was asked if you can videotape or take pictures without permission. Yes you can. It is hard for the Sheriff's Office to enforce because by the time they get there they will no longer be there or they will run.

**It was asked if the cost from hauling away the tv's, computer monitor, etc. will come from the Shawneeland budget. Kevin is going to contact the Landfill manager to see if he will work with us but if he doesn't then it will have to come from the budget.

**It was asked where is Gary Lofton? He had a Board of Supervisor's meeting issue that needed attention. Lynn will email him and see what assistance he can offer.

**A resident asked about the repairing of the stone walls. We did have an estimate done for repairing all of the stone walls and it was \$20,000.00. Barry said that he would actually like to see it switched to the post and cable because it will look more consistent. The stone walls are special and a part of who we are. So many things are gone and the resident would really like to see the walls stay. A resident asked if she could get the contractor's information. Could we look at other communities to see how they address this problem? There is no plan to tear down the stone walls at this time.

**A resident asked if there was any chance of cleaning up the ponds. We have put previously put grass carp in the ponds and it did not help. We have looked at other ways like how Jim Barnett Park uses a chemical in that doesn't kill the fish but we can't do that here. Why? Because the water is constantly flowing, the chemical would need to stay in place in order to work. If you pull it up it, you will have to pull it up from the roots. We would have to use big equipment to do that. This was done 11 or 12 years ago and within a few years ago it was right back. Was this something the crew did or was someone hired? Kevin stated that it was before he came but yes someone was hired, the ponds were drained, they were dug out and refilled. Within a few years it was right back. It was a huge expense. It is American Pond Weed and the only way to remove it is by the roots.

**Is the Sanitary District going away? That is just a rumor.

**Are we getting a swimming pool? No

**Why are there people driving around taking pictures? We have not heard of anything going on.

Michelle L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.