

Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee
Minutes of August 5, 2019

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

Those in attendance were Lynn Schmitt, Barry Vanmeter, Jeff Stevens, Jimmy Smith, Kevin Alderman, Michelle Springer, and 11 people in the audience. Marianne Biviano and Supervisor Gary Lofton were absent.

Lynn called for approval/correction of the May 6, 2019 meeting minutes. Barry made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report:

As of today, we are fully staffed. We have been short staffed for the past 3 months. There have been numerous weeks that we only had 2 operators. Things have fallen behind but hopefully now we can get things up and going again. The contractor G.E.I. (General Excavation Incorporated) has finished all the repairs from the flooding that we had last year. The culverts that they replaced were all upgraded so hopefully we won't have future issues in those locations. They also grouted a couple culverts that were starting to go bad. By doing that we should be able to get another 10 years possibly more out of those pipes. G.E.I. also replaced the drain lines at the toe of the dam. The drain lines have been in place for 20 years and they were plugged up. The water can now drain away from the toe of the dam which is extremely important for the security of the dam.

Mowing on the trails has suffered because of the staff shortage. We are out mowing along the trails and will continue until it is complete.

The asphalt patching has suffered as well. We are out patching now. We completed an area on Dogwood Trail last week that we had received complaints about.

The beach was closed this morning due to testing extremely high for Coliform. All summer the beach has tested well. The high-test results could be from the low lake level. The beach will stay closed until we get our next test results.

We have extended the parking lot at the bus stop on Maple Trail. There is a little more work to do but it will be ready by the time school starts.

We have the loader w/ the boom ax attachment out cutting back vegetation that has grown over the last year. They are currently on Shawnee Trail and will continue onto several trails so we can get some of the vegetation under control.

Next month we will begin getting the equipment prepared for the winter weather. We have a lot of chemicals leftover from last year.

New Business:

Update on the Smith property. The C.U.P. (Conditional Use Permit) was withdrawn and the land has been purchased by someone else.

Open Forum:

- Follow-up on videotaping the meetings. The county will not provide any equipment or post it to the county YouTube channel. We are now looking into posting a video to YouTube ourselves or doing a Facebook live video.
- Is it possible for a citizen to get a copy of the Manager's report? Kevin does not write a formal report. The committee will look into it.
- When will the Port-a-Potty be removed from the playground area on Tomahawk Trail? The day after Labor Day.
- The cork on the bulletin board at the Bowman Mailhouse needs to be replaced. Would it be ok to replace it? The committee is fine with Ruth replacing the cork on the bulletin board. The door doesn't stay closed, is there a key? No one has a key to the bulletin board.
- Follow-up on the FC Treasurer attending a SSDAC meeting. Email's have been sent so hopefully he will attend the next meeting.
- Follow-up on whether the PATC pays the Sanitary District Fee. We have not heard back from them; we will get in contact with them. If they are property owners, then they should pay the SSD Fee.
- I feel so bad that the crew has had to weed eat the dam. Is it possible to plant some vegetation? The State of VA does not allow it. For the stabilization of the dam it must be grass and it cannot grow over 8 inches. We do in most cases use inmates to help with the weed eating.
- Was it G.E.I. or our crew's responsibility to patch over the culverts? Our crew is doing the patching, it would have cost twice as much to have G.E.I. do the job.
- Is there anyway to protect the Maple Trail bus stop from the guy's doing the doughnuts in the parking lot? Could we put a gate up to prevent people from entering the parking lot other than when the office is open? We caught someone doing doughnuts in there during the workday recently. The handi-cap bus uses the parking lot in the summer months so we can't close it.
- Is there a limit to how many houses can be built in Shawneeland? That limitation is only by the lots themselves. If you can fit a well, drain field, and a house on a lot then it is buildable. A good portion of the lots are not buildable.
- Does the constant building and clearing of lots have an impact on the culverts? Yes.
- Are we continuing with the Butterfly sites? We had to do a swipe at Swan Lake due to a safety concern for visibility. Are you going to allow the plants to regrow? Yes. We can revisit in March. It is still a good environmental study. We could take the pods that are on the plants and spread them in another area of Swan Lake and see what would happen.

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.