

MEETING MINUTES

SHAWNEELAND SANITARY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE

5/6/2024

TIME

Mrs. Rhonda Sargent
called the meeting to
order at 7:00 PM

LOCATION

SSD Maintenance Building

IN ATTENDANCE

Present:

- Gary Bailey
- Micah Jacobs
- Paul Gartner
- Rhonda Sargent
- Kevin Alderman – Manager
- Joe Wilder, Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Micah Jacobs, moved to approve the February 5, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Rhonda Seconded the motion. No discussion and motion to approve the February 5, 2024, minutes was approved unanimously.

2024 SSDAC MEETING DATES

Mrs. Sargent was selected to Chair the meeting.

Roll call was conducted and Rhonda announced that committee member George Bishop had resigned.

Committee introduced themselves.

Dates for the remaining 2024 SSDAC meetings are as follows:

- August 5, 2024
- November 11, 2024

Managers Report May 6, 2024

FREDERICK COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT OF SHAWNEELAND

MANAGER'S REPORT – MAY 2024

Lake Cherokee:

The Cherokee Lake water level is currently at full pool. So far this year we have received a total of 15.24" of rain. This is a direct result of the lake levels we are experiencing. The staff gauge at the lake has a series of numbers beginning with zero. If the water level is at the zero mark; this means the lake is at the full pool level.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation or DCR for short regulates the dam.

Ideally DCR wants to keep the lake level to no more than full pool. This is the reason a spillway

pipe is in place to allow any water over full pool to discharge. If we experience rising lake levels

and have rain in the forecast, it is my obligation to activate the siphons to keep the water level

safe and where DCR wants it to be. I only discharge enough water to keep it at this safe level.

As I keep up with the weather forecast, I have to decide if and when to release water. My decisions are based on the information from the weather forecasters. As we know the forecast

is not always accurate, so I do the best I can with the information provided. As the dam operator I will continue to make the best decisions to keep the lake at a safe level.

Lake Cherokee Beach:

The beach will open May 23, 2024 barring any unforeseen issues. The staff will prepare the beach area the week before the opening. This will include fresh sand on the beach. The water

will be tested two (2) weeks prior to opening and tested on a weekly basis until the beach closes.

Fishing Derby:

The fishing derby will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. In February I ordered 424 trout to be stocked for this annual event. Both ponds will receive one hundred Rainbow Trout, 6 Golden Trout, and 2 Brooders. The remaining trout will be stocked in Cherokee Lake. The trout stocking will take place on Friday, May 10, 2024. There will be no fishing in the two ponds on Tomahawk Trail after the trout are stocked until the time of the derby.

Common Ground Clearing:

The staff cleared two locations of common ground. One area behind the Tomahawk Mail house and one area of Tom Tom Trail behind the golf course. Both areas were cleared of unsightly Ailanthus trees. These areas were infested with lantern flies as well. It was an ongoing problem with limbs falling and having to be removed to mow in those areas. We can now simply keep these areas maintained by mowing. These areas look much better without the unsightly mess.

Pipe Replacement:

The staff has been replacing and upgrading rusted and deteriorated drainage culverts. This process began in March and will continue until we have this year's replacement list completed. Pipes are being replaced in twenty locations.

Grader Patching:

Grader patching will begin once the weather has warmed and, suitable for patching. I estimate we will be placing between 700 to 800 tons of asphalt in various locations. This process will continue until all scheduled locations are patched.

Scrapped Mailboxes:

The old mailboxes from the Tomahawk Mail house were scrapped at Winchester Scrap. We received a check for \$235.20, the check was taken to the Treasurer's Office and deposited into the reserve fund account.

Maple Trail Playground:

The staff removed the old wooden swing set at the Maple Trail Playground. We rebuilt a new wooden set that is much stronger and will last for many years to come.

Old Business

SSDAC Chairman Selection

Mrs. Sargent moved to nominate Gary Bailey be selected as Council Charman, Motion seconded by Micah Jacobs

The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Mailboxes update to mini libraries

Jason Croasdale

Four (4) boxes delivered to Jason's house and getting converted to libraries

Install two at each mailbox location

Asked for volunteers to help paint

Kevin will help mount boxes and Jessica Boulden will help paint

New Business

Speed bumps

Paul Gartner spoke to speeding in the community and inquired about types of speed bumps,

Kevin and Rhonda spoke to the history of speed bumps in the neighborhood.

Radar and signs were suggested, Micah volunteered to reach out to Barry at the Sheriff's office to see if we can have radar conducted in the community periodically and issue speeding tickets in order to deter speeding

Motion to contact Sheriff's dept for recommendations – seconded – Micah to reach out to the sheriff's department

Public Comments (3 Minutes Per Person)

The following residents signed up to speak:

Jessica Boulden

Jenny Guy

Jason Croasdale

Jessica Boulden:

1. Requested a trash receptacle be added to the playground area below the dam – committee approved to add a spare trash receptacle near the playground.
2. Porta John Facilities – it was suggested we extend the rental time of the Porta John Facilities near the playground below the dam – the committee approved this request and for the 2024 year we will rent the facility from March to November

The remainder of the comments pertained to adding amenities listed below, but due to the budget for this calendar year already being passed we have deferred these recommendations for a later date.

- Expansion of Pavilion – Kevin would need to bid out and can be discussed later
- Installation of benches around the ponds
- Bike Rack
- Basketball multi use court
- Frisbee golf
- Covered benches – Rhonda to investigate benches

Motion by Rhonda to appoint Jessica to head a subcommittee to collect information and provide specifics back to the council at our next committee meeting

Motion seconded by Gary

Jenny Guy:

Jason Croasdale:

Meeting adjourned. 8:08 PM.