

**Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee
Minutes of May 4, 2015**

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

Those in attendance were Lynn Schmitt, Michelle Landon, Marianne Biviano, Jeff Stevens, Kevin Alderman, Michelle Springer, and 14 people in the audience.

First on the agenda was approval/correction of the February 2, 2015 minutes. Michelle L. made a motion to approve the minutes. Marianne seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

**An audience member asked that the date be corrected to November 2, 2014 as the meeting date.

After double checking the original date of November 3, 2014 was correct.

Next on the agenda was the Council House. Anna and Mike met with Albert to gain access to the Council House to assess the damages to the property. Part of the wall has crumbled on the interior. They looked at the patches from throughout the years. Through the years water has gotten in between the layers of bricks. On the outside it does not look that bad but when you walk in you can immediately see on the right hand side the brick has flaked. While these issues can be fixed I can see why it is a concern. The wall will need stabilization short term. We looked at the downstairs and actually the frame work inside does not look that bad. The second level and the attic was interesting, wall stabilization will be the big issue. 501C plan representative has not gotten back in contact with Anna. About 90% of the funds have been raised. We will have to make a decision whether or not to register with The Historical Society. The contractor that was going to do the work for \$2,700 has backed out. Anna is meeting with another contractor this week; he will need access to the building. He will go off of the engineers report. Any information Anna has, the contractor will have as well.

Kevin presented the manager's report. We are out of the long winter. We started cutting dead trees in mid-March. We had a tree company come in and remove 21 trees that could not be removed safely by the Shawneeland staff. We have added stone to the gravel roads and have the grader out filling pot holes. The playground equipment has been checked over and is ready for summer. Pot holes have been patched on all of the lower trails; we still have to do Wolf Springs and the trails at the top within the next couple weeks. On Apache and Tomahawk we are going to patch a couple spots with asphalt. We will install a speedbump at the intersection of Comanche/Tomahawk. We will begin ditching again in June and continue as long as the weather is permitting. Trout for the fishing derby will be delivered on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 10am, 75 trout in each pond. A company will be here to repair the guardrail when they are available. This will not affect the boat ramp at Cherokee Lake.

New Business—None

Public Forum:

**Why is the lake being drained? Last fall a contractor was hired to do the Spillway Project which included repairing the Siphons. There was subpar work by the contractor so he was released from the work and then winter came. The new contractor will start on May 11, 2015.

**Will this affect the fishing derby? No it will not affect the fishing derby. I am hoping to turn the water off tomorrow morning.

**If you are a resident, can you bring your grandchildren to the fishing derby? Yes you can.

**A question was asked if the road on the end of Bear Trail gets used by the Shawneeland staff. From time to time yes the staff does use it. Would like to put something through there to stop the people from coming through there.

**Would like to see the electric reinstalled at the old mailhouse. With the map and newspapers located in there, it does not feel safe in the dark. Even a motion light would be ok. Agreement was that the subcommittee would be responsible for anything at the old mailhouse. The majority of the residents wanted the newspapers in the old mailhouse. Things have changed since the beginning of the restoration of the mailhouse and this topic should be revisited. This is a Frederick County public place and the subcommittee shouldn't have to pay for the electric forever. The residents pay their taxes and the Sanitary Fee. It was seen more as a liability of having the electric there. The building inspector first said that it was going to have to be modified and moved. Then later on the inspector said that it would not need to be moved.

**Who gave permission for the power to be removed? The committee, Kevin, and other county employees were involved in the decision.

**Starting June 1st Shenandoah Valley Electric will have a contractor spraying along the power line right of ways. The herbicides killed a citizens red buds in the past. They are only supposed to be spraying on the electric company's right of way. Some residents have left messages for the SVEC representative with concerning questions but have not received a call back. Another citizen did talk to him. She was told that the contractor is responsible to make sure the spray is only going to the affected area. The spray is used to kill grapevines. The representative will come and inspect anything that is affected on your property.

**There are bees in the area of the newspapers.

**A question was asked if the committee has come to a conclusion on informing the citizens. The committee is still discussing it; they will get back to her.

**As a resident, do you have to be at the beach if your grown children want to use it? There will not be a beach attendant or beach passes this year. Who do you call if someone is doing something wrong? The beach rules are posted if there are violators call the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

**How long will it take to fix the siphons? The contractor is confident that it should only take 2 weeks.

**Will the speedbump be permanent and could it be in the shape of a hump to allow a vehicle to safely go over it at 25mph? A school bus speed bump would be a good idea. Another idea would be a depression bump.

**Kids are running 4-wheelers on Cherokee Trail at the stop sign.

**Who do you call for illegal dumping? A lot that is overgrown with weeds, stuff gets thrown there.

Michelle L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marianne seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.