

Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee
Minutes of May 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Those in attendance were Lynn Schmitt, Michelle Landon, Marianne Biviano, Jeff Stevens, Gary Lofton, Kevin Alderman, Michelle Springer, and 17 people in the audience.

First on the agenda was approval/correction of the Special Meeting minutes. Marianne made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeff seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously. The approval/correction of the February 1, 2016 meeting minutes. Marianne made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeff seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda is the Maple Trail Playground:

The Maple Trail Playground needs replaced. Kevin would recommend using metal or wood not plastic. Would we want to downsize? Kevin said that the playground on Maple does not get used as much as the one on Tomahawk. Maybe having a merry go round, swings, and a slide would be great. Marianne made a motion to approve the replacement of the Maple Trail playground equipment, Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda is Patty Yarbrough to discuss the Monarch Butterflies:

On March 23, 2016 Patty met with Kevin. They went to Swan Lake and discussed leaving the natural habitat surrounding the lake itself. The parking lot and grass will remain mowed. The commitment is to allow the area to grow this year and see what will happen. Patty is hoping to get the community as well as boy and girl scouts involved. At any time that there shows any human danger where it needed to be removed then it would be removed. There is a local gentleman that has identified every type of plant in the area of the lake and knows exactly what is going on. The hope is that next year it could become a certified pollinator weigh station. It would allow Shawneeland to be a community that would be followed by other communities and make an introduction to The Nature Generation. The commitment included not mowing the area till November. Additionally Kevin offered an area on TomTom where the road joins to the trees; it would be kept meadow like. This does not cost Shawneeland any money. It is on an experimental level. It is Patty's intention to set an example for other communities. In June she would like to invite residents down to Swan Lake to see what is going on with making it a pollinator weigh station. Do we need to give it more than a year to see if it will be a success? We will know by summer if the process will work. Will there be a sign put up? No, we will not do that right away till we would get certified. I gave Kevin my telephone information for any residents that would have any questions or concerns. If there would be a sign posted it would give ease to residents that we are just not mowing the area. The committee can also post on the Facebook page. Is the strip on Cherokee included in the areas for experimentation? As of now we are just use the 2 areas designated. Marianne makes a motion to pass the process for the Monarch Butterflies, Lynn seconded

the motion, and it passed unanimously. Another question was asked about a sign. Patty said she will look into a sign and run it by the committee before posting anything.

Next is the July 4, 2016 monthly work session meeting:

This meeting falls on the holiday. Many residents and committee members will be out of town. We will be cancelling that meeting. Michelle L. made a motion to cancel the meeting, Lynn seconded, and the motion passed to cancel the July monthly meeting. The next meeting will be the quarterly meeting in August.

Kevin presented the Manager's Report:

Tree cutting and brush removal program will be completed by the staff by the end of next week. There are 25 trees that need to be removed by a tree removal service. I talked to him today and he is supposed to come out next week and take care of those. There won't be any more tree and brush removal till fall. As a reminder to residents there is lots and lots of firewood laying along the roadways, so please take it so we will not have to remove it. The fishing derby is this weekend. The trout will be delivered at 10am on Friday, I will have a staff member there to assist and put up the no fishing signs. The portable toilet will be delivered on Wednesday. Over the next few months we will be doing motor grader patching on various trails, this will get us ready for the tar and chip project to take place this fall. We will start mowing all the trails sometime in the beginning of June. The beach will be open May 26th for the summer. We added some sand to the beach, added 2 new picnic tables, and looked the shelters over. Everything is in good shape and ready to go. My goal for the closure of Cochise Trail is to have it completed by the end of summer.

New Business – None

Public Forum – How is the playground equipment going to be budgeted? It will come from the Shawneeland budget. The only thing that will have to be purchased would be the merry go round.

Will there be any spraying done this year with chemicals? Yes, but only around the guardrails and posts like we normally do.

Joyce, a resident would like to have a block party trailer set up Memorial Day weekend on the platform by the ponds on Tomahawk. She was wondering what the process would be. This is through her church. It has various activities like corn hole, ring toss, cotton candy machine, popcorn machine, and bounce house. It would be a great way to get the community involved. Lynn's response was that we are waiting to hear back from the county attorney to fill us in on the liabilities of such activities. Once we hear back from them Lynn will get back with her. A resident asked if everyone would be invited and the response was yes. Another question was asked if they were insured and bonded? She wasn't sure she would have to talk with her pastor.

Rick, a resident who has lived here since 1985 is concerned about the security and safety in the community. He says he is scared to leave his home. He says all of the police that live here in this community and where are they. He says his house has been busted in 3 times.

Has there ever been a community watch program in Shawneeland? Not that anyone is aware of. We should have neighbors looking out for each other. People need to come together because the closeness is gone.

Residents were very impressed by the snow removal in Shawneeland. Kevin does a great job.

Ariel Banagan spoke about wanting/trying to bring Shawneeland back to what it once was. He has received lots of stories and pictures of the way it once was. He has talked with people and they say there used to be guards here in Shawneeland. Is there a way to find out information on when Shawneeland did away with the guards? A resident answered probably when the fees went up. Lake Holiday residents pay a lot more fees than Shawneeland. Another resident said that sometimes things that go on are because of our own neighbors that live here.

A resident asked about putting a swimming pool in. There would be the cost, liabilities, and maintenance. Also you would have to look at the issue with vandalism.

Is there an update on Comcast? The weather has slowed them down. They are installing the overhead lines and once the ground dries out they will then continue with digging. There is no official word on completion but they are looking at June.

Couldn't Shawneeland get involved with the Frederick County Sheriff's Department? Sheriff's office should be more involved with the meetings. There should be a satellite office in this area. One of the committee member's is a Frederick County Deputy.

Is the Clowser House on the agenda? No that item has been dispensed and has moved on to the Public Works Committee. That committee reviewed the information and made a decision to not reverse the decision of the SSDAC. It will now be reported to the Board of Supervisors by the Public Works Committee. There was a Board of Supervisors member Blaine Dunn who has taken interest in the Clowser House. Even though a decision had been made he spoke of his intentions. He has talked with Gary Lofton and has asked ED to delay the decision for 30 days so he can gather the proper information. A committee member asked if Mr. Dunn was willing to sign the papers to take the responsibility for the Clowser House. His response was that he wants to take the time to find out the facts. Can the public speak at the Board of Supervisors? Yes you get 3 minutes to speak. The subcommittee was asked previously to come up with a plan for the Clowser House. It was brought up about taking the Clowser House to the historical society. The historical society, the county, nor the SSDAC want to accept the responsibility or liability of the Clowser House for now and forever. A question was asked if the Clowser House could be used for a meeting house for kids. The issues with that are who will open/close the

building, who will watch over the children, and you will need plumbing. The SSDAC has not been set on the destruction of the Clowser House. We have kept it alive for 3 years to allow the subcommittee's to come up with a concrete plan. The legal issues have been a big factor. Is it cheaper to tear it down then to repair it? Yes it is cheaper to tear it down. Mr. Dunn said his involvement with the Clowser House is not to have the fees raised. It is to see if there would be private funding available for the Clowser House. This is the reason for asking for an extension before the Clowser House is destroyed. Who will pay to tear the Clowser House down? The Shawneeland crew will tear the house down. The asbestos will have to be removed professionally.

Another resident thanked the committee for protecting the bottom line of not wanting the fees to go up.

It was brought up that nobody knows when the meetings are. The agenda's and minutes aren't posted. The agenda's and minutes are posted on the Frederick County web page. The meeting times are the same at 7pm on the 1st Monday of every month.

There was a suggestion of installing a basketball court. There were 3 put in and within 2 months they were destroyed.

Is there any information on the sick bears? No, the only information known was posted about the sightings in Mountain Falls.

Michelle L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.