

**Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee
Minutes of February 6, 2017**

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

Those in attendance were Lynn Schmitt, Michelle Landon, Jeff Stevens, Gary Lofton, Kevin Alderman, Michelle Springer, and 10 people in the audience. Barry Vanmeter and Marianne Biviano were absent.

Lynn called for correction/approval of the November 11, 2016 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 Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

There will not be a Sanitary District Fee increase for the upcoming budget. There is an increase of \$5,999 from the budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. There are not many line item increases. Only little line item increases not just 1 major expense. The reserve fund is holding steady at \$1,835,830.05.

Next on the agenda is the Manager's Report:

The staff has been cutting dying/dead trees at various locations throughout Shawneeland. We had a tree contractor come in and remove 16 dead trees that our crew could not remove safely. There are 8 more trees to be removed by the tree company. Back in December we used the cutter boom to cut back 11 lane miles to cut back brush and limbs. We have been upgrading drainage and installing culverts at various locations. We would like to remind the residents that the driveway culvert belongs to them. It makes the crew's job very difficult if the resident allows their culvert to get plugged up. It allows for water to go on the road and freeze which in return will cause pot holes. Be neighborly and let your neighbor know if their culvert needs some attention. We have installed 4 new No Parking signs and the parking policy is now being enforced. I tagged 5 vehicles last week. There were signs posted at each mailhouse, the bus stop at Maple Trail, and the emergency parking lot right below the shop. We built a new foot bridge to go behind the Council House that accesses the ball field. The old one blew over in a wind storm and buckled it up. So as soon as the weather dries out we will put that in place. I will be ordering the fish for the fishing derby on the 16th of this month. Once the weather breaks we will start installing asphalt probably around April-May.

Next on the agenda was the Fishing Derby:

Lynn said that last year we put 75 fish in each pond. This year we are going to put 100 in each small pond and 200 in the Cherokee Lake. Michelle L. made a motion to pass and Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

It was asked if it is smart to buy fish if you're pulling money from the Reserve Fund. The process was explained about how the money for buying the fish is set aside within the budget and that we will only pull money from the reserve fund if some major catastrophe would happen.

Next on the agenda was the Monthly Meetings:

Lynn said that instead of having a monthly meeting each month, the SSDAC will go back to only having the quarterly meetings. It was asked what the reasoning behind of this is. Low attendance is the reason behind the change. If something needs to be addressed the SSDAC can call a special meeting. Michelle L. made a motion to pass and Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

**Is there anything that can be done about the geese at the beach? We have looked into it and the only effective is to have a dog there constantly and daily all year long. The geese are protected as National Game Fowl. Is there a limit before it becomes a health hazard? Could we get a permit to get rid of them? We will have to check into it and call the game warden. We have spoken with the health department.

**Is there any update on the pollinator program? We have not heard from Patty with an update. Patty had said that she was looking to possibly extend and get certified. The USDA in Strasburg will help with planting. Mike Lipinski is a contact there.

**The crew was thanked for the great job with the snow this winter.

**Is it cost reasons for the elimination of the monthly meetings? No it doesn't cost anything to have the meetings. It is due to poor turnout. It feels as if it is becoming a disconnect to the community. It would be different if there was a newsletter which there is money budgeted for each year. The newsletter would help inform the residents of any news, information, events, issues, what the crew is doing, and projects. The SSDAC needs to inform the residents, it is your duty. There are residents who attend the meetings to know what is going on that care about the community. The monthly meeting allows residents to bring up any potential issues. The Shawneeland Facebook page does not pop up because it is not being used. It was asked what would be a solution to the issue. The newsletter has been brought up a lot to the SSDAC. There are many issues as the cost, emailing it would be an issue for those who don't have internet. If there is money budgeted for a newsletter where does the money go? It goes back into the reserve. There needs to be some form of communication. If there isn't going to be a monthly meeting then there needs to be a newsletter. There has to be a feeling of community. Businesses in the community could pay to have their ad put onto the newsletter. If there aren't monthly meetings then how do you get questions or concerns answered by Gary Lofton before the quarterly meeting? When we get questions or concerns we email Gary on a regular basis. He is always aware of what is going on. Gary wanted to add that he does know what is going on and if something would need immediate action then there can be a special meeting called. Gary does feel that the information he receives is timely and that the action taken is timely. It was originally set up that there were only quarterly meetings.

**Is there any information on the break-ins that happened last fall? There were 2 on Falcon Trail the week of Halloween. Is there any way we can get information on when there are break-ins in the community? If you go to the county website, under the sheriff's department there is 2 categories calls and arrest. Under the calls category you can see any call that the sheriff's office has responded to. The Sheriff's Office does not report it to us. You would think they would want to alert the community. Gary

will check with the Sheriff's Department to see if there is an alert for those types of things. Maybe the sheriff could send a representative to come talk with members of the community. Gary was asked so if a representative comes from the sheriff's office, we would find out in 3 months. If the representative could come before the next quarterly then we would have a meeting.

****Event/Ideas/Projects for 2017:**

We have already spoken about a clean-up event to clean-up the trails. Kevin has trash bags and the crew will pick up the trash bags. We are looking at a spring clean-up. There are 2 possible dates either March 18th or March 25th. We would like to have 1 person from each trail. Contact Kevin to discuss location for the trash pick-up and the date for pick-up. The week of the event contact Kevin with a list of trails that are participating. If it is on the right of way then we will take things. All trash on the right of way only. We don't want to let people bring their own personal trash and things because this will then create an issue. Jeff made a motion to pass and Michelle L. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

We will have a yard sale/bake sale again this year. Ariel came up with the idea to raise funds for a solar system for the old mailhouse especially since potentially we will have the free book shelf there. There is currently no electricity at the old mailhouse. Michelle L. brought up that she thinks the free book shelf would be better served at the mailhouses. Everyone goes to check their mail. There is room at the Bowman Mailhouse. I would like to start small and simple to see how it will go. Indian Hollow Elementary School does a summer book program that they set up at the Tomahawk Mailhouse and allow children to come and get books. Possibly could get the book shelf built from donation from boy scouts or another group.

Gary wanted to add that it would be a good idea that when a resident has an idea to make a formal proposal in writing with as much detail as possible, so there is something on record showing what is being asked for. Then Kevin and the committee members can work out the details. That way there is a formal process where you can say that this is okay and approved so everyone is on the same page. Email will work too. This will show that there is documentation back and forth and not oh I think I said that.

****A resident asked that Ariel have more of a position to do it from. He is a leader. He has good ideas to build Shawneeland into more of a connected community. He has sound ideas and not just let's spends all of our money ideas. You follow a leader a lot easier.**

****Is there any way possible there could be a senior's night? There could be coffee and games. There could be a fee of \$5 to help cover refreshments. The resident called the fire department and they would rent out there room for \$500, which is not an option. It would be nice if something could happen at least 1 time a month.**

****A Trunk or Treat at Halloween will be another event for this year. Maybe the SSDAC can get a better response from the fire department. We will discuss further when the time is near.**

**We could put feelers out to see if there are any residents who would be interested in attending a senior game night or social hour.

**How many people do not have email in Shawneeland? The SSDAC does not have access to know that information. People that do not have email would not get the information if you put it online. If you do not have email access, you can call the office and Michelle S. can give them Lynn's phone number.

**What about a dog park? Is there any empty property that we could have one? It would be nice to have a place for dogs to run and play. We would have to look into it. Could make a club where there would be a fee. There are very irresponsible dog owners and it would only take one dog to spread a disease or attack another dog or person. If it's an honor system then anyone could get in with the neighbor. We will have to contact Jim Barnett Park to see the guidelines they use and how they got started.

Michelle L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.