

**Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee
Minutes of August 7, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Those in attendance were Lynn Schmitt, Michelle Landon, Jeff Stevens, Marianne Biviano, Kevin Alderman, Michelle Springer, and 4 people in the audience. Barry Vanmeter and Gary Lofton were absent.

Lynn called for approval/correction of the May 1, 2017 meeting minutes. Michelle L. made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

First on the agenda: New Meeting Guidelines

There will be a sign-in sheet available at the beginning of each meeting for you to fill out if you have a topic/issue that you would like to discuss. You will have 3 minutes to address the topic/issue you are discussing. Hopefully there will no interruptions during the 3 minutes.

Next on the agenda was the Manager's Report:

- The staff has been working on the trails that are going to receive the Tar & Chip treatment in September. Carroll Construction was the lowest and only bid so they were awarded the Tar & Chip Project. They will hopefully start the 1st week of September and have the job completed by September 16th.
- We cut the cable at the parking lot at the Council House to put a handicap sign up. This will allow people to walk through the cable instead having to climb over it to visit the cemetery.
- At the request of a resident we installed a handicap sign at the beach. It is located right at the gate where you walk in.
- The water was tested every week at the beach this year and it has tested extremely clean. We received 3 calls/complaints about the beach so far, this year. All 3 calls were about dogs being at the beach.
- We removed the decorative rocks from the mailhouse on Bowman Lane. The rocks were more used as weapons to bust out the nightlights at the mailhouse, throwing them at the bus shelter, and across the road. We planted grass and evergreen bushes so that it does look presentable.
- Michelle S. ordered replacement swings on July 25th for the playground at Tomahawk. They will be installed as soon as we receive them.
- A tree contractor will come in at the end of the month to take down 25 trees.
- Once the Shawneeland crew has completed the work on the trails that will be tarred & chipped, we will continue to do some grader patching on other various trails until October. We will begin preparing the snow equipment at the beginning of October to be ready for the 1st snow.

**Are there a lot of streets that will be addressed with the Tar & Chip? Yes, there are. Are the main roads part of the project? Kevin didn't have the complete list of trails in front of him but some he did say are all of Doe, Graywolf, Shawnee, Comanche, Huron, Rappahannock, Potomac, and the top of Tomahawk Trail.

New Business: None

Open Forum:

**A concern was brought up about a resident going the opposite way on the one-way trail. It was said that the driver did not care and that he would continue to do so. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office said they can't do anything about it unless there is an accident. Just wanted to let everyone know to be careful, it was a very close call.

**As far as the attachment for the Sign-in sheet, what do you mean by arrangements? If they are not a Shawneeland property owner or resident, they need to contact the SSDAC prior to the meeting to set up arrangements to speak. They will need to let the SSDAC know who they are, what they wish to speak on, and what the issue is. Does this include a property owner's adult son? They would have to make arrangements prior to the meeting. What if you are leasing or renting a property? That is a gray area because the renter isn't paying the Sanitary District Fee, the actual property owner is. The chairman was told that if you are not a property owner or resident that owns the property then they would need to make arrangements to speak at the meetings. So, as it stands now renters have no say, Lynn was told that the renter is not the property owner. Lynn will double check to make sure this is correct.

**Will we be allowed to speak at the end of the meeting like at the Board of Supervisor's meetings, this would be separate from the 3 minutes? The chairman responded by saying yes if we are going to discuss things that have to do with Shawneeland but if it is just general discussion then no. We are trying to keep the meeting more focused. We would like for the meeting to be more respectful without the interruptions and getting off course.

**It doesn't seem that to speak in 3 minutes over a 3-month period is fair. The Board of Supervisor meetings are twice a month and they have a whole lot more people that they are dealing with. Lynn stated that basically the 3 minutes was put into place so that everyone has their time to speak, hopefully with no interruptions and without the discussion in the middle of the person talking. If you genuinely have a bunch of things I am not going to just say you must stop talking. We just want it to be where the person who is speaking can say what they have to say and what their concern is without getting side tracked and then it becomes a social discussion.

**At the Board of Supervisor's meetings anyone can get up and speak, you do not have to be a resident of Frederick County. Yes, that is correct, but these meetings are supposed to be for Shawneeland residents and our community. What purpose honestly would someone who is not a property owner have to speak about at our meetings? Well if they are a renter they could have something to speak about. It was said that if they are a renter they could make prior arrangements to be able to speak at the meetings.

**Is there a follow-up on the TV's and computer monitor's? Whether or not we will have to pay to take them to the landfill? No, we did not have to pay to dispose of the items that time but that may not be

the case next time. The manager found out that even if you're a Board of Supervisor member, you pay to get rid of a tv or computer monitor. It does not make a difference who you are, you must pay to dispose of the items. The manager was able to cut a deal this time to save Shawneeland some money - not sure it will be the case in the future.

**It was mentioned that the Goodwill takes them. They have taken items there before. Evidently a company gives them money for TV's and monitor's.

**It is a business practice for Frederick County as well as Shawneeland to think that the Board of Supervisor's or Kevin have some kind of pull to say that the landfill will take these items for free. The county is still having to pay to have them hauled off and to be disposed of per unit. It is a business set-up; the bottom line is they don't care about Shawneeland or Mountain Falls and what our needs are. Another resident said that every department in Frederick County must pay out of their budget for disposal of such items. It just doesn't make sense that we should be burdened with the expense if the items are being disposed of on Frederick County property. Lynn said that she will talk with the Board of Supervisors to get clarification on the matter.

**Is it possible to turn the one-way on Tecumseh Trail the opposite direction? If you hit the one-way at the top you have 3 other choices of ways to go. The manager responded with it was done that way because at the time the resident that was living at 1611 Tomahawk Trail wanted it that way. That resident was given the option of which direction it should go because they were the primary users of that trail. He doesn't think it would be smart at this point to change it because it has been this way for 2 years. Now if the SSDAC wants to check in to it and do something differently but the opinion from Kevin is that it is not a good idea to change it.

**There was a complaint of leaving old newspapers down at the old mailhouse. Were they left on the ground? Yes, like garbage. The SSDAC will look into it.

**Where is Mr. Lofton? Lynn only received a message that said that he would not be able to make the meeting.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle L. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.