

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

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

Those in attendance were Lynn Schmitt, Michelle Landon, Barry Vanmeter, Jeff Stevens, Kevin Alderman, Michelle Springer, and 7 people in the audience. Marianne Biviano and Gary Lofton were absent.

Lynn called for approval/correction of the August 7, 2017 meeting minutes. Michelle L. made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Nomination for the Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee Chairman for 2018:

Jeff Stevens nominated Lynn Schmitt to remain the chairman for 2018. Michelle L. seconded the nomination of Lynn. The vote passed unanimously, Lynn Schmitt will be the chairman for 2018.

Meeting Dates for 2018:

February 5, 2018

May 7, 2018

August 6, 2018

November 5, 2018

Manager's Report:

Over the summer months the staff installed 1,127 tons of asphalt on various trails throughout Shawneeland. The crew also widened the shoulders and moved the ditches back on several trails to make it more comfortable for two cars to pass. The tar and chip contractor treated 7.41 miles in September. The tar and chip project went extremely well. The Shawneeland crew is in the process of finishing the last round of mowing for the fall. We have been making necessary repairs to all snow equipment and stocking up on chemicals to be prepared for the winter months. We are going to start cutting some trees and brush throughout the fall months. In the spring we plan to widen back more of the narrow trails.

New Business: None

Open Forum:

**A question was raised about calling the office in an emergency. Is there a recording that says to leave a message? Yes, when you call the office, and no one answers there is a voicemail with a message. The manager checks the voicemail frequently during the closed hours of the office.

**When trees fall on power lines, the Shawneeland crew cannot remove the tree until the power company has removed the lines. This is for the safety of the crew.

**At a future meeting could we discuss the dam. It is believed that the dam was built in the late 50's early 60's. We have put a lot of money into the dam. What did we get for the money that we have put into it? When the work was done in 2008, what did they do? They basically bored holes across the face of the dam and pumped Bentonite, a water-resistant material into the voids that are underneath the dam. This was an attempt to shore it up and stop the leak. This did shore it up, but it did not stop the leak. If they had not done this, residents wouldn't be able to use Tomahawk Trail to drive across the dam anymore. How did they know where to put the Bentonite? They did not know where exactly, it was just poured into the voids with the hopes of stopping the leak. The process was very costly and there was no guarantee that it would work. What would it take to fix the leak now? The leak will never be fixed. Is the leak an issue? The leak will continue to increase as the years go on. The citizens would have to invest \$800,000-\$900,000 to try to stop the leak with no guarantees that the leak will stop. Could it get to the point that the DCR just shuts it down? The road and dam are stabilized and wouldn't be shut down, but it could come to the point that the lake just drains out.

**The Goodwill no longer accepts tv's.

**A resident had asked Supervisor Lofton if the County would waive the fee for tv's that have been dropped off on county property. He said no that Frederick County residents should not have to shoulder the burden of paying for items left in Shawneeland and transported to the landfill.

**There were a lot of questions asked concerning the new guidelines. At the previous meeting Lynn said that the Frederick County website states the meetings are for property owners only. Supervisor Lofton said that the chairman can alter the guidelines as the meeting progresses. The guidelines are just a good starting point to have a more structured meeting. A non-property owner can make arrangements before the meeting begins, it does not have to be weeks in advance. Lynn stated that she will talk to Gary about that issue because she had not received anything from him.

**Don't all lakes leak? All earthen lakes leak. When the dam was built there were not a lot of regulations. There were stumps and trees pushed into the lake and they have rotted over the years. This has left the voids. Also, Limestone cracks over time. After the earthquake that we had the leak increased quite a bit. The stream next to the Council House is leakage from the dam.

**Another resident brought up that they were sounding the lake last spring. They noticed there were pockets where the stone had eroded. We discovered 3 areas where it is seeping. We did not dive in the water nor did we have cameras. A suggestion would be if we could possibly get Virginia Tech or West Virginia University to come study the lake to see if the crevasses are dropping into caverns. Not sure if it would cost us much. It could be used as environmental study as part of their degree program. Would this be just for curiosity? Part curiosity but there could also be a 10 to 20-year fix if it is leaking into caverns and not just seepage from the dam. There is one area about 25 ft. away from the dam that could be an area of the main leak. There was a lot of pressure coming from the area and you don't get that amount of pressure without it seeping into something. If that is the case, there is a 10-25-year fix that would probably cost \$32,000 depending on the size of the leak.

**It was brought up about the opioid crisis. Is Narcan given at North Mountain Fire & Rescue? Also, has anyone here had training on administering Narcan? This is a terrible crisis and suspicions of 2-3 houses that are distributors/users in Shawneeland. All fire and rescue have Narcan and they give it out routinely. What is the 2nd step once Narcan is administered? Are they giving instructions on how to get help? There have been people who have received Narcan 2,3,4,5,6 times. Any kind of general health policy you will have to talk to the legislature. As far as getting clean that is partly on them, there is also the drug court. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office responds to all drug overdoses, if they have drugs in their system they can be charged. You can get Narcan from a pharmacy. The resident is worried about community. If you have information on houses that are users or distributors of drugs, you can call the Sheriff's Office. There is a Community Response Team, the Drug Task Force, or even a Deputy can investigate the situation.

**Can we receive a copy of the budget 30 days or 2 weeks before the meeting? We will hand out a copy of the proposed budget during the February meeting as we are discussing it. When is the budget finalized? The budget is finalized in April at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

**Would like to have it added to the minutes that we send our condolences and prayers to all of those affected in Las Vegas and Texas.

Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle L. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.