

**Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee  
Minutes of February 5, 2018**

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

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 November 6, 2017 meeting minutes. Jeff made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Michelle L. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Manager's Report:**

The staff will be completing this winter's tree removal and brush cutting over the next 2-3 weeks depending on the weather. We have removed numerous trees and stumps from Red Fox and Erie Trails; this is in effort to widen the trails this coming spring and summer. There are a few more obstacles to work through on those trails. We will have to hire a tree crew later in the spring to remove 18 trees combined on both trails before we will be able to proceed with the widening of the trails. We have been working on widening the switchbacks on Wolf Spring Trail and this will continue into the spring and summer. Hopefully this summer we are going to widen Maple Trail from Dogwood Trail down to Tomahawk Trail. I am going to order the fish for the Fishing Derby on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. I will order the same amount that we got last year which was 402 trout. I have given out a few parking violations over the last couple of months. Some folks get a little upset about it. They do not understand that Frederick County owns 50-60 feet of right of way on most of the trails. Homeowners do not own all the way to the road. It is just unsafe for vehicles to park facing the wrong direction or right on the edge of the roadway.

\*What is the purpose of dropping trees on each side of the street? It is an effort to widen the trail, if we don't remove the trees; we can't widen the shoulders for asphalt. It is also a safety issue; the trees are beat up over the years and were never cut down. Also, it is a fire break allowance and provides sunlight onto the roads which allows for melting ice/snow.

**Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget:**

There are copies of the proposed budget on the table. The current budget is \$937,660 and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 is \$1,064,163. The adjustments are \$48,750 for asphalt and road materials, \$30,000 for office improvements, \$25,602 for main and road repairs, and \$12,000 for contractual services such as beach security.

\*The items listed above is what made the increase in the budget.

\*We are having beach security this year. Yes. Is there going to be a beach for beach security? We are hoping, if the water level comes back up. We are hoping everything will go as planned.

\*Does a lifeguard fall under beach security? No, beach security is strictly to enforce the beach rules (no dogs, no profanity, no alcohol, and that only residents of Shawneeland are using the beach).

\*Were there problems at the beach last year without the beach security? There were lots of complaints about dogs and the police was called out several times. Are there going to be several people hired? We are looking into different things. We are checking to see if we could get off-duty police officers, but nothing is set in stone yet. We are looking at our options.

\*What is the \$30,000 expense for? It is for the office addition. We will add on for a new office and the old office will become the break room. We will then get rid of the portable toilet at the office.

\*Are the Sanitary District Fees going to increase? No, they will not increase for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **Open Forum:**

\* Is there an update on the Cherokee Lake? We have not had enough precipitation and the leak has increased. There is more going out than coming in. Are we at the point of fish kill or are we going to do nothing? The fish kill will be smelly. There is a long way to go before we would get to that point. The lake at full is 35ft. at the deepest point and right now the lake is down 10ft. Depending on the lake level this year we may not add trout in May.

\*If the lake does not recover are you going to add more sand or just not have the beach? We will probably not have a beach. You can't keep chasing it. At some point unfortunately, we will have to cut our losses. If the water does not come up, we cannot see paying for beach security.

\*If the lake is drained we could build paths and marsh areas. We could make it to be handicap accessible. It will be sad to lose the lake. The resident is really concerned about the fish smell. If and when it would get to that point, we would transfer the fish to the lower ponds. We are not going to let them demise and have a big smell.

\*What body of water, stream, or creek feeds the lake? Not sure we would have to look into it.

\*A little research of when the dam was built. The dam was completed the summer of 1964.

\*What measure will we take to keep the lake and the surrounding area looking appealing? Would you plant grass and flowers or trees? We would not plant anything since we could get a large amount of rain in a short period of time and the lake would rise quickly. There a lot of what if's when it comes to the lake. In 2001 we got 7 in. of rain within a 2-hour period. The lake filled quickly and was close to overflowing. We still have spring and we can get a lot of rain in the spring.

\*The snow removal was very good in the past couple days.

\*The tree removal was a huge success on Red Fox; acts as an aid to the roads clearing when it snows.

\*Is there a long-term plan to get to the point that the state would take over our roads? Lynn has spoken to VDOT and she was told that VDOT would never come into Shawneeland. The reason being it would be way too expensive to get our roads up to the standard that VDOT would even come look at the roads. You cannot take a privately maintained residential area and hold it to any VDOT standard.

Michelle L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.