

**Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee
Minutes of August 6, 2018**

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

Those in attendance were Lynn Schmitt, Marianne Biviano, Jeff Stevens, Kevin Alderman, Michelle Springer, and 15 people in the audience. Barry Vanmeter, Michelle L., and Gary Lofton were absent.

Lynn called for approval/correction of the May 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Jeff made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Marianne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report:

Since April 1, 2018 to date, Shawneeland has received 40.7 inches of rain. The average rainfall for the Winchester area is 38.07 inches. There were 3 major rainfalls that caused severe issues. The 1st being June 3rd, we received 3.1 inches of rain in 2 hours. During this rainfall we had the slope failure at Cherokee Lake. The area was evaluated by an engineer and there is no immediate danger, but it will have to be fixed. During the same rain event there was an issue with the pipe at the intersection of Bowman, Shawnee, and Tecumseh trails. That culvert will be replaced and will hopefully be completed before school starts. The 2nd big rain event was on July 4th, we received 4.1 inches of rain in less than 40 minutes. The crew came in and worked making sure all the trails were accessible. Anytime we have an event like that the goal is to go through each trail, so residents and emergency personnel can travel through the subdivision. The 3rd major rainfall was July 25th, we received 2.7 inches in 45 minutes. This caused additional damage to some culvert pipes. Perry Engineering is replacing some culverts for us. A lot of the culverts that we are replacing currently were replaced in 1999 when a 6-inch rain came through and devastated Shawneeland. Those pipes were metal corrugated pipes with a life expectancy of 20 years, we got 19 years out of them. The pipes that are being installed now are HDEP pipes with a life expectancy of up to 100 years. Kevin wanted to thank the crew, they have put in a lot of long hours ensuring the residents could travel safe in Shawneeland. Over the next couple months, you will see Perry Engineering trucks and equipment in here doing the repairs from the damage.

The Tar and Chip Program has been cancelled for this year. Those funds will help offset the cost of Perry Engineering. Plans to widen some trails and do some asphalt work by the crew has also been cancelled. That money which is around \$80,000 will also go towards the cost of Perry Engineering's work. We will have to dip into the Reserve Fund, hopefully not a lot but we do not have a total cost for the repairs yet.

The bus stops are missing. They will be replaced on Thursday before school starts next week.

We had an issue with E. Coli at the beach last week. The water tested positive for the 1st time this year. The beach was reopened this morning as the test came back clean. We will test the water again this week. It normally takes Greenway Engineering 4-6 days to get the results back to us.

Any questions regarding the Manager's Report:

- Will the new pipe sustain the cold weather that we have? Yes, it is supposed to.

- Are culverts going to be put in for everyone at no charge? No, each citizen is responsible for their own driveway culvert. The staff can replace a driveway culvert, but the citizen pays for the culvert and a load of stone. We do not charge for the equipment or man hours. We cannot enforce the homeowner to maintain their driveway culvert.
- What is the Reserve Fund? The Reserve Fund is money that Shawneeland has built up, like a savings account. The budget is like a checking account, so we go through there throughout the year to pay for different items. We have not had to go into the Reserve Fund for maybe 10 years or so.
- Where does the budget come from? The money comes from all the citizens that live here in Shawneeland through the Sanitary District Fee. We have about 5% of delinquent improved lots and about 45% of unimproved lots that are delinquent on their Sanitary District Fees.
- If Shawneeland needs more funding where does it come from? The Sanitary District Fee would be increased. Currently the fees are \$560 for an improved lot and \$190 for an unimproved lot.
- Is the work being done by Perry Engineering for time and material? Yes, only for the time and material.
- Is there a such thing as a special assessment to just raise the fee for 1 year? I don't recall that happening since I've been here.
- We have areas where larger culvert pipes are feeding into smaller culvert pipes, is there anything that can be done about that? We have been working on that for quite some time.
- Could we assess citizens with a special maintenance fee for having to clean out the culverts? At this point it is not enforceable but could be in the future.

New Business: No

Open Forum:

- What are the rules for proposing a special maintenance fee? The Advisory Committee would write something up and present it to the Public Works Committee.
- What are the rules for people cleaning up their property? We have been working on that for years. The Zoning Department has been contacted once or twice a week. We do not have the authority to enforce it. You contact the Zoning Department, make a complaint, they will go out look at the property, they will site the homeowner and give them an amount of time to get it cleaned up. If it's not cleaned up within the time frame, then they will be taken to court. If more residents would call and complain it would solidify what Lynn is trying to do.
- Is there an update on the request for help with the Sanitary District Fee? The resident spoke to Barry. We have not heard anything on the request.
- Why was the speed bump on Tomahawk Trail grounded down? It doesn't slow anybody down. Speed limit is 25mph and people don't pay attention. A resident asked to consider is it the good of the community to ground down the speed bump or should it be the good of one individual.
- There is free stone available at the Strasburg Carmeuse. You need proper protective equipment, a shovel, and a truck to load and haul yourself.
- There was a request for 2 more speed limit signs and a deer crossing sign on Tomahawk Trail.

- A resident spoke to a Frederick County Sheriff's Deputy and asked when they are going to start monitoring the speeding in Shawneeland. The Deputy responded with they are working on it. The resident offered for them to sit in their driveway. Kevin has spoken to Frederick County Sheriff's Office and told them several locations that they could sit to monitor traffic. Their presence would quickly get around the neighborhood. How could we approach adding an additional fee to the speed limit signs? The 1st step would be to get the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in here to enforce the speed limit. If that doesn't work, then we could revisit the sign with an additional fee added.
- A resident spoke about the TV's at the Old Mail house. She thought when Gary Lofton was here last the issue got squared away and the staff would remove the TV's. Lynn has emailed Gary regarding the TV's and who's responsibility it is to remove them along with other items that are dropped off at the old mail house. She has not received a response from him. The resident said it doesn't make sense when it is considered ground and maintenance. It is not appealing for those coming into Shawneeland. The resident asked if Lynn could let her know of the outcome from the email to Gary.
- What is the capacity of this community? How many homes can we sustain in this community? You could contact someone in the Public Works Department with that question.

Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.