

Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee - Minutes of August 2, 2021

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

Those in attendance were Ken Baker, Barry Van Meter, Jeff Stevens, Jason Croasdale, George Bishop, Kevin Alderman, Director of Public Works - Joe Wilder, and Michelle Springer. Supervisor Shawn Graber was absent.

Ken called for approval/correction of the November meeting minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

Manager's Report:

See Attached Manager's Report. **(Attachment A)**

New Business:

Video/Telecommunications:

- Joe Wilder spoke to the Deputy IT Director about the cost of the equipment to record the meetings. He said the cost for the proper equipment would be between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Ken thinks the community would benefit from the purchase of the equipment. A motion was made to get an actual estimate before moving forward with the purchase.

Tar & Chip/Asphalt/Paving:

- A quote was received for asphalt versus tar & chip. The Public Works Committee made the recommendation to continue the Tar & Chip Program. The quote for the asphalt was for a full crew with equipment.
- Jeff spoke about asphaltting with our own crew. That we could buy a small paver, hire a temporary crew, and rent an extra truck. We could get more done. It is not cost effective to grader patch then tar & chip over it. You get years on asphalt before they would need a tar & chip project. He would like to make a motion to postpone the upcoming tar & chip project. The Board has already approved the upcoming tar & chip project when they approved the budget.
- The expectancy life of asphalt is 7-8 years depending upon traffic and weather.
- The SSDAC will readdress for the future budget.

Speedbumps:

- There is a concern of installing speedbumps to stop speeders. There are 2 currently in Shawneeland. Joe spoke about what he had discussed with Supervisor Graber and the Frederick County Sheriff. Speed is a problem but there are not a lot of options. The Sheriff's Department is patrolling. Joe suggested to form a subcommittee to work with Kevin and The Public Works Committee to see what the best option for Shawneeland would be. Barry will head the subcommittee. A couple suggestions were to request the Sheriff's Office to use a speed trailer to see if there is a big problem and that if you know who is speeding to simply talk to them about it. Every option has its advantages and disadvantages.

Public Comments:

- A resident spoke about the speeding. She hopes it doesn't take someone getting killed for something to be done. She had her life threatened when she talked to someone about their speeding.
- A resident spoke about the beach being unsafe and unsanitary. It was said that there is not enough attention to the beach. There is always trash and ruts in the sand. The beach is the reason they moved to Shawneeland. - Jeff responded by saying that when the lake is low the sand needs to be dredged up onto the beach area to regain the depth of the swimming area.
- Many residents do not know this meeting was taking place.
- A resident made a comment that she believes the Tar & Chip works. That when gas goes up and asphalt goes up that the fee will also have to increase. She doesn't want the fees to go up.
- Another resident asked for more attention to be given to the beach. There must be something that can be done to fix the water level issue. Jeff responded by stating that the lake could be fixed but the water would need to be drained. Swimming would be lost for a season.
- It was stated that the lake should not be listed as an amenity if you can't use it. The beach is a selling point for Shawneeland. A petition could be started to show the number of citizens that are wanting the lake to be fixed.
- A suggestion was made to install a pool and do away with the beach.
- The Shawneeland staff does a great job of mowing the common areas. It is taking longer for the mowing to get completed due to being short staffed.
- A resident recommended having an open house to educate citizens about Shawneeland. He would be willing to help set the open house up.

Ken adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.