

Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee (SSDAC) - Minutes of January 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Those in attendance were, Jeff Stevens, Rhonda Sargent, Kevin Alderman, Director of Public Works, Joe Wilder and eight (8) residents. SSDAC members George Bishop and Barry Van Meter as well as Supervisor, Shawn Graber were absent.

Rhonda indicated at the beginning of the meeting that since there was not a quorum, the meeting would be strictly for informational purposes and no items would be voted on.

Manager's Report:

See Attached Manager's Report. (Attachment 1)

Kevin spoke about a few of the winter events (inclement weather which required staff to treat/clear the roads) that had occurred since the November 14, 2022 SSDAC meeting. The first one occurred November 15, 2022 which mostly affected the top of the mountain. The second one occurred December 15, 2022 and December 16, 2022. The latter event was fairly significant as power went out in several areas and lots of trees and power lines came down within Shawneeland. The third event occurred December 22, 2022 and December 23, 2022. During this storm, ice, snow, wind and very cold temperatures were incurred. Staff was still in the process of cleaning up from this most recent event.

Tree removal continues and on November 7, 2022, the contractor came and took down seven (7) dead trees. These trees were ones that affected the right of way(s). The contractor will return on January 31, 2023 to remove some additional trees that the Shawneeland staff cannot safely remove. As in the past the wood will be left along the road (in a safe location) for the residents to take and use as they see fit.

Sickle bar mowing for the year was finished on December 20, 2022. Staff was running behind on this task as there were some mechanical issues with the sickle bar mower earlier in the year. However, the mechanical issues were finally straightened out.

As for the Tomahawk Mailbox House mailbox clusters replacement, bids were requested and received. There were four (4) bids and the second lowest bid was accepted. Consequently, 46 new mailbox clusters have been purchased, ordered and are on the way. Once they arrive, a contractor will be contacted to obtain a quote to have the mailbox clusters installed. It will be necessary to coordinate this removal and replacement with the post office

Jeff Stevens inquired as to whether these bids included installation and was told that the bids were strictly for the mailbox clusters - the supplier does not perform the installation. Kevin explained that the bid was in the amount of \$86,999.82

Fish have been ordered for the fishing derby which is held on the Saturday before Mother's day. 406 Trout have been ordered.

Update on Crystal Lake (Cherokee Dam) Dye Test:

- Chairman, Rhonda Sargent stated once again that since there was not a quorum, a course of action could not be determined. So we would just receive an update on the recent dye test that was done after the work had been completed as per the SSDAC's recommendation/request during the November 14, 2022 meeting.
- Director of Public Works, Joe Wilder stated that the issue with the Crystal Lake (Cherokee Dam) has been ongoing for a couple of years. The remediation was performed in October, 2022 at a total cost of \$124,498. A total amount of \$150,000 was budgeted for the remediation and there is a remainder of approximately \$25,000 left in the line item for this work.
- Mr. Wilder indicated that a dye test was performed on December 2, 2022. The test lasted for two (2) hours. The results of the test indicated that the leak has been reduced by 25 gallons per minute (gpm). Prior to the remediation the leak was 150 gpm. There is hope that injecting additional resin could reduce the leak even further. The estimate to inject additional resin is \$117,400. During this meeting, the SSDAC was slated to make a recommendation one way or another about performing the additional work which would require requesting an additional \$100,000 from the reserve fund to be added to the existing \$25,000 remaining in this line item. However, since there is no quorum it will be necessary to discuss this during the next regularly scheduled meeting in May 2023.
- Originally, the board approved an amount of \$380,000 to do the work; however, it was decided to spend an amount of up to \$150,000 and evaluate whether or not the process worked.

Jeff Stevens inquired about whether the work would have to be performed when the weather warmed up.

Ms. Sargent inquired as to whether or not another dye test should be performed closer to the next SSDAC meeting. Mr. Wilder indicated that this would not really provide any more information than the most recent dye test. All the dye test determines is that it is lake water that is leaking into the lower pond. Staff will continue to monitor the water level which is done on a daily basis.

At this time, the level of the lake has risen due to the amount of rain that we've received to date. If we were to perform the additional work, the lake level would have to be lowered.

A citizen inquired about the cost of the most recent dye test. It was \$1,500 per Mr. Wilder. In addition, the resident asked about the cost per injection. Mr. Wilder indicated that it was about \$30,000 to \$40,000 per injection. Two injections were performed and anticipated performing approximately another \$117,000 worth of work if it was decided to proceed with additional remediation.

Proposed 2023/2024 Budget

- Once again, the SSDAC is unable to make any recommendations as there was not a quorum. The only thing that could be done is based on the recommendation from the November 14, 2022 SSDAC meeting which was Option A – which included no tar and chip or replacement of equipment.

Mr. Stevens indicated that he would be satisfied with Option A. However, the chairman indicated that she would be in favor of maintaining the tar and chip program in the budget even if every single road on proposed on the map included in the other budget options wasn't done. Maybe just the ones in the most need of the tar and chip. After all, we use the roads 365 days out of the year as well as for the emergency services and law enforcement utilizing them.

The chairman indicated that for what we spend in Sanitary District fees, we get a lot of bang for the buck. If we look at the amount paid per year by Mountain Falls/Wilde Acres which is over \$1,800 look at the condition of their roads and facilities. If we want to say that we don't have near the amount of amenities that Lake Holiday residents enjoy, look at the amount of fees they pay compared to what we pay. In addition Ms. Sargent indicated that she also agreed with replacement of the equipment that needed to be replaced the most. Sooner or later this would need to be done and staff would not be able to keep up with the necessary maintenance they use this equipment to perform.

At that point two residents spoke up and indicated that they had recently relocated from Lake Holiday. They stated that Lake Holiday was very restrictive in what you could and couldn't do in the subdivision. They indicated that they would definitely agree with the tar and chip maintenance program.

Fishing Derby Update

- Kevin covered that during the manager's report. (Refer to Attachment 1).

Public Comments:

- A citizen commented on the lake, stating that the beach has been packed and how frequently the lake is utilized. She indicated that it's less expensive than a pool. Although we have few amenities, the lake is one and it does improve our property values. She also approves of the tar and chip program.
- Another citizen spoke about which roads were to be tar and chipped. He indicated that his road has been deteriorating for the last two years and that there is a lot of ground water in this particular area. However, he is definitely in favor of the tar and chip program. He was directed to speak with Kevin after the meeting.
- A citizen inquired about the fishing derby and wanted to know who could participate in the derby. They were told that it's for residents and their family members.

Committee Comments:

- No comments.

Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.