

LAKE SANTEE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2023

The Lake Santee Property Owners Association Board of Directors met on September 13, 2023 in the Community Room. Acting President Tony Adelman presided and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Other Directors present were Mary Tapke, Gina Julien, Autumn Hurm, Aaron Fitzgerald, and Ryan King. Employee present was Rick Crawford. Members present were Mike & Kim Manlick (350), Ed & Mary Fox (366), Jim & Gayle Bryant (599), Dave & Joyce Eddy (68), Lisa Deno (1354), Bob & Karen Kasee (760), Dick Veach (1384), Deb Haboush (536), Shannon Gibbs (97), Chris Thoresen (1365), Todd Byrd (476), Mike & Tammy Byrd (675), Bev Byrd (476), Ed Bowman (3), Jack Reynolds (90), Stephanie Schene (1133), Kathleen Winzenread (1092), Kim & Craig Silwell (201), Jarod Bailey (866), Jeff Mackzum (1656), Bill & Valerie Collings (1387), Lacy Hunt (912), Nancy Fredrickson (348), Maureen Lakin (1162), Paul Gosnell (1147), Wayne & Jenna Green (1645), Vicki & Ron Wilson (510), Tom & Jodi DePalma (218), Steve Topmiller (25), Nate Weckop (689), Joe Trimpe (278), Rosemary Mullen (537), Ann Moss (1004), Vicki Schrader (618), Todd James (375), Dave Julien (851) Mike Page (1576), Dave Kastner (27), Luther Gentry (172), and Brad & Jenni Hanna (206).

Acting President Tony Adelman called for a review of the minutes of the August 9, 2023 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion by Gina, seconded by Mary.

Tony Adelman gave a brief review of the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to review. Tony then presented the following bills to the Board for approval:

Best Way Disposal	\$	372.22	Rumpke	\$	845.22
Cardinal Pest Control	\$	55.00	Stone's Farm Service	\$	188.10
Colonial Life	\$	219.10	Stone's NAPA	\$	38.49
Crawford, Rick	\$	35.00	Summit Microsystems	\$	50.00
Dec Co REMC	\$	1,286.74	Telepire	\$	105.00
DISA Global Solutions	\$	63.50	The Office Shop	\$	51.07
Elan Financial Services	\$	1,026.13	Tops Home Center	\$	208.23
G P C	\$	6,738.33	V3 Companies	\$	632.50
Haboush, Debra	\$	260.00	Walters Tire Center	\$	19.35
Knight, Steve	\$	50.94	Whitlock's Pressure Wash	\$	818.75
Lake Santee RWWD	\$	659.67	Total	\$	15,936.64
Lecher, John	\$	228.88	<i>Bills Paid Prior</i>		
McReynolds IT Solutions	\$	103.80	R B S K	\$	2,396.25
Nobbe Mower Shop	\$	354.16	IDNR	\$	200.00
Premier Companies	\$	1,417.47			
Purchase Power	\$	108.99	Total Disbursements	\$	18,532.89
Marina					
Dec Co REMC	\$	70.79	G P C	\$	199.54
First Financial Bank	\$	164.56	Lake Santee RWWD	\$	142.77
			Total	\$	577.66

After presentation, the bills were approved for payment on a motion by Ryan, seconded by Autumn.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS

Members were asked to introduce themselves and were given the opportunity to express comments.

There were no comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received two (2) separate correspondences for complementing security for two (2) separate occasions. John passed on the “Thank You” messages to security.
- Received a suggestion from a member for a walking trail around the lake. Possibly placing it along the side of Santee Drive. John informed them that there has been a recent discussion for a walking/biking trail and the board would be seeking addition input from membership.
- Received a suggestion from a member to remind members to trim their low hanging limbs around the shorefront. As the trees along the shoreline mature, their limbs maybe blocking your neighbor’s view of the lake.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Regulations – Tony Adelman for Nathan Walsman

No changes this month.

Recreation – Mary Tapke

The following events occurred since August 9th LSPOA meeting:

- Bid euchre every Tuesday
- Trivia every Thursday
- Music trivia every Sunday (except Sept 3)
- August 26 - Farmers Market and The Lincoln Street Band
- September 2 - The Funk Yard Dogs

Upcoming recreation events include:

- Bid euchre every Tuesday
- Trivia every Thursday (except Oct 12)
- Music trivia every Sunday (except Oct 8 and 15)
- September 30 - Outdoor Movie Night

Lakes & Beaches – Gina Julien

Sediment Reduction Mitigation Project: Streambank Stabilization/Sediment Pond

As reported, we are set to go with our sediment reduction mitigation project. The timeline is as follows (weather permitting):

- Site Access improvement and staging: Week of September 18
- Sediment Basin and Soil Stockpile construction: September 25 – October 13
- Stream Restoration: October 16 – November 10

Ted Blahnick, P.E., Technical Director – Ecological Engineering with V3 Companies will provide a detail of the project.

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention:

Over the Labor Day weekend, Eric Fischer, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Indiana Department of Natural Resources, conducted a member outreach/education event at the Lake Santee boat ramp. He provided valuable information and resources to members regarding various aquatic invasive species and the decontamination process for individuals that have travelled to other bodies of water with their boats or water equipment (kayaks, etc.).

On October 7 at 10:30 AM in the community room, we will conduct our second live presentation on aquatic invasive species. We will discuss zebra mussels, Asian carp, and other invasive species and the potential negative impact on the health of our ecosystem, the financial burden to Lake Santee members and prevention methods. We invite adult members to attend. Please RSVP to the office by October 5 so we can adequately prepare with ample refreshments.

We have received numerous calls and photos of a gelatinous appearing substance found on docks or near the shoreline. These are freshwater bryozoans, which are sessile filter feeding animals. They have a limited tolerance to extreme cold weather and will likely die off this winter. They are an indicator of a healthy ecosystem and are not considered an aquatic invasive species.

For more information go to: <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/freshwater-bryozoan/>

Grant Request for Streambank/Sediment Pond mitigation project:

Several months ago, we submitted a detailed request for funding from Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Lake and River Enhancement (L.A.R.E.) for the streambank restoration portion of our sediment reduction mitigation project. Unfortunately, we recently received a denial letter from this agency.

We are continuing to seek financial assistance from other sources through our networking efforts. We will provide updates as we work through various agencies.

Lake Santee Water Quality Field Day:

On August 30, in partnership with Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, Decatur County and Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District, Salt-Pipe Creek Watershed, and Xperience AG, we hosted a water quality field day that was geared toward providing education to improve watershed quality through nutrient and sediment management systems. It was designed to bring together stakeholders from various contributing sectors to learn about the USDA's conservation programs and how new technology can improve water quality. A live drone flight occurred to demonstrate how new technology can improve soil health, reduce runoff and improve overall water quality.

Lake Lorelei Site Visit:

John Lecher and I visited Lake Lorelei in Fayetteville, Ohio last week to network and gain information on their \$2,100,000 dredging project in which they will remove 97,000 cubic yards of sediment. They have plans to remove sediment from many coves within their lake. At this point, they are not doing any preventative work to reduce sediment in-flow into their lake, but will look to do so in the near future.

Our primary goal for the visit was to evaluate dump sites for dredging spoils and to discuss member satisfaction/complaints. They bought a 6-acre site, have several lake owned parcels of land and are

leasing property from members where spoils are being deposited. Satisfaction among Lake Lorelei members is high and complaints regarding odor or inconvenience is minimal.

As a comparison, we removed approximately 13,000 cubic yards of sediment from Pirates cove last year and are now beginning our mitigation project to reduce sediment entering our lake. We have a long range plan to dredge every two years.

We will stay in contact with Lake Lorelei and other lakes to network on important topics such as this. As we continue maintaining our lake health by dredging and reducing inflow of sediment, at some point, we will be challenged with where to deposit our dredging spoils.

Membership – Ryan King for Polly Fox

We had three (3) new memberships to report in the month of August.

Our next Membership Orientation will be October 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM. in the Community Room. This is open to all members. Immediately following the Orientation, we will have the Aquatic Invasive Species Training at 10:30 AM. in the Community Room is open to all members as well.

Marina – Ryan King for Polly Fox

We have started scheduling for Fall Winterization Services at the marina. The Winter Service Fees have been posted on the LSPOA website. Please call or go on-line to get your winter service scheduled.

We have spoken with Tom Robbins and he does wish to renew his store lease through the winter months; October - April.

A motion was made by Ryan to renew the Robbins on the Dock store lease from October 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 at the lease rate as discussed during the Executive Session. Gina seconded the motion, motion passed.

Community Room Committee – Ryan King for Polly Fox

There were three (3) Community Room rentals and one (1) Shelter rental in the month of August.

Building Committee – Ryan King

The following Building Permits were issued in August 2023:

Evans/Ozbun	778	Fence
Knafel, Patrick	1279	Deck Extension
Suppiger, Anita	334	Sidewalk
Lanter, Greg & Caryl	1193	Sidewalk
Hill, Tom & Kathy	798	Driveway

Clean Up – Ryan King

In August there was a joint effort between the cleanup committee and security to identify unused or abandoned boats. 45 courtesy letters were sent out to members to get a better understanding as to why there are so many unstickered and unused boats around the lake. Members with boats that are nonfunctional, or scrap will be asked to dispose of abandoned boats once identified.

Roads & Maintenance – Aaron Fitzgerald

Brandon Litmer reported nothing major on the maintenance front as dust control has concluded and we are preparing for the fall. Maintenance will be grading roads starting at the end of the month (September) and will run into October.

Paving Project: One (1) mile on west side of lake starting at Wrenn Parkway and will end between Seneca and Itawamba Trail. Also, repairs will be made at the North entrance. This will entail removing the plastic composite speed bumps and replacing with three (3) new asphalt versions.

A member approached me and inquired about taking a collection from his neighbors to “privately” pave their road.

A meeting is being planned with Brandon Litmer and myself to develop a “hit list” of topics for Roads and Maintenance.

Andy Laudick and I are going to meet and discuss his former role.

Security – Autumn Hurm

We would like to review the automatic violations for boating on Lake Santee. These are also listed on Lake Santee website. Please email John at the office, or myself at Hurm40@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Automatic \$75 Violation Assessments for Boating and Water Sport Violations

Several years ago, the LSPOA Board of Directors determined that the 1st time violation of the following rules would receive an automatic \$75 violation assessment. The reason for the first 2, is that they are violations related to proof of member ownership and lake privileges prior to launching a boat. The reason for the remaining 8 are safety issues.

- 4.2 All boats shall have affixed the property Owners’ lot numerals, in a contrasting color not less than three (3) inches in height. Lot numbers shall be placed in the middle of the boat on each side thereof, clearly visible to the Lake Patrol at all times.
- 4.3 All watercraft must have a current permit affixed on the port (left) and starboard (right) side of the boat near the lot number or on the left and right-side windows prior to launching. Launching is defined as having the watercraft in the water or sitting/stored on a lift on the water. Annually, upon payment of dues, assessments and fees, members shall be entitled to purchase registered boat permits, which authorize them access to Lake Santee. Permits will be available in five different classes depending on the type of boat. The Board of Directors shall determine from time to time the amount of fee to be charged for such permits.
- 4.7 From sunset to sunrise no person shall operate a watercraft without displaying lights as follows:
 - a. Motorboats and auxiliary sail boats must display a white 360degree aft light, or a combination aft and masthead light, at all times while under power or sail,
 - b. Motorboats and auxiliary sail boats with engine rated 15 hp or greater must display red and green bow lights when under power or sail,
 - c. Boats with engines less than 15 hp or using only trolling motors must display hand lantern or flashlight (visible for two miles) or white aft light in sufficient time to avoid a collision with any other boat.

- d. All boats when not underway are required to display a white light visible in all directions when-ever they are moored or anchored away from the dock between sunset and sunrise.

4.8 The following restrictions shall apply to motorized boats while in motion. No person shall:

- a. Sit on gunnels (sides) or railings of a boat
- b. Dangle feet from boat
- c. Ride forward of the safety railing on pontoon boats
- d. Stand, sit on seat backs or move about the boat if above idle speed.
- e. Drivers must maintain position at the console & not continuously stand while driving if above idle speed.
- f. Ride on the upper deck of a pontoon.

4.11 No person shall operate a power craft upon Lake Santee during daylight hours at a greater speed than is reasonable, having due regard for traffic, surface and other hazardous conditions, with no power craft to exceed the speed of 35 miles per hour. Except that on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays the speed shall not exceed 30 miles per hour. No person shall operate a power craft upon Lake Santee from dusk to sunrise at a speed greater than idle speed. The period from dusk to sunrise shall be determined by observing the red signal light located at the south end of the Lake. The yellow signal provides a warning period during which you should begin to terminate high-speed operation, skiing and related activities.

4.12 No person shall operate a power craft within or through the shore zone or any cove at a speed greater than 5 miles per hour or a speed that creates a wake. The shore zone means that water area of a uniform width of 100 feet lying parallel and contiguous to the shoreline. The dam shall be considered a shoreline. No wake is defined as the lowest speed possible to maintain headway and navigation. A rule of thumb is that the wake of a boat should not move moored watercraft or other floating objects.

5.1 Water skiing shall be permitted on Lake Santee from sunrise to dusk, except in the posted fishing area, beach areas and coves. The period from sunrise to dusk shall be determined by observing the green signal light located at the south end of the Lake. The yellow signal provides a warning period prior to a red signal, during which skiing and related activities shall begin to be terminated.

5.2 There shall never, at any time, be more than two individuals pulled by any power craft.

5.3 No skiing, tubing or other similar water sport activity will be permitted without two (2) occupants in the boat, one for spotter. Spotters will be eight (8) years of age or older.

5.4 Any skier, tuber or anyone engaging in a similar water sport must have on his person a US Coast Guard approved type I, II or III personal flotation device.

Our security team has changed some due to the resignation of Rodney Hinson, which left open a full time position. We wish him luck in his new endeavors, and thank him for his time on the security team. We continue to have Rick on full time, and Randy on part time. We welcomed aboard Riley as full time staff at this time. He has been in the truck and on the water. It was a very busy Labor Day weekend. A lot of boat traffic and blazing sunshine. There continues to be some directional challenges when we have multiple boats driving on the main lake and other boats trying to enter and exit the coves. Please be aware the flow of the traffic is always counter clockwise, and if exiting a cove always merge right to start out on the main lake.

I want to thank the team for their continued support during EMS runs. We have had a few busy weeks. Please stay safe out there on the roads and in the water.

OLD BUSINESS

Ted Blahnik, our design engineer from V3, presented the design and construction plans for the Creek bank stabilization and sediment pond project. He answered several questions from various members.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board meetings available by video

A motion was made by Autumn to have future board meetings available by video. Gina seconded the motion, motion passed.

- Creek bank stabilization and sediment pond loan approval

A motion was made by Gina to approve the loan for Creek bank Stabilization and Sediment Pond project. Ryan seconded the motion, motion passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

I would like to request approval for the 2023-2024 Canadian Goose Hunt with open season being Sept. 9 – 17, Nov. 4 – Nov. 18 and Nov. 29 – Feb. 11. Hunters this year will be Brandon Litmer, John Lecher, Ryan King, Kyle Kennelly, Todd Pieczonka and Will Pieczonka.

A motion was made by Ryan to approve the 2023-2024 Canadian Goose Hunt open season being Sept. 9 - 17, Nov. 4 - 18 and Nov. 29 - Feb 11. Tony seconded the motion, motion passed.

The Lake Office is no longer open on Saturdays. We will start the Saturday hours again March 2, 2024.

We will begin lowering the lake the week of October 9th.

Heavy trash will be held October 10th – 22nd.

We collected \$1,378.19 from liens on a past due account and \$1,862.43 from payments on past due accounts.

We will be holding our next New Member's meeting October 7th at 9:00 AM. in the community room and then an Aquatic Invasive Species training at 10:30 AM. Both meetings are open to all members.

There being no further business, Gina moved to adjourn, seconded by Ryan, motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on October 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room.

The minutes are subject to approval by the LSPOA Board of Directors at the October 11, 2023 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Adelman, Secretary