

SOUTH SHORE ASSOCIATION MINUTES 7/21/2021

Call to Order: President Jim Valsa called the meeting to order at 6:31pm; there were 17 people present.

Roll call of Officers: Jim Valsa, President: present. Lynn Zapolnek, Vice President: absent. Marge Meyers, Treasurer: present.

A special election was held to fill the vacancy of Secretary. Jim Valsa nominated Amy Oestreich. Seconded by Wendel Carlson. Passed.

Prior meeting minutes: Highlights from last month's meeting were read by Anne Valsa.

President's remarks, correspondence, thank you's:

- Thank you to Gale Curtis for mowing and trimming around the mailboxes.
- Thank you to Grant Township Supervisor Scott Wendt and Treasurer Misty Filsinger of Copper Harbor for volunteering at Dumpster Days.
- Thank you to all that volunteered to support Dumpster Days
- Heartfelt thank you to all the ladies that organized all the "stuff" for the Rummage Sale.
- Thank you to Marge Meyers for all she does. Birthday brownies and song were presented for her birthday.
- Thank you to Anne Valsa, for making Marge's birthday brownies.
- Thank you to Jim Valsa for picking up garbage during your walks.
- Thank you to Judy Mitrovich for promoting SSA resulting in new members.

GUESTS:

No new guests were present.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report and approval: Marge Meyers read the Treasurer's report. Sharon Stocken moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Debbie Talvensaari.
Passed.

Report Highlights: The Rummage Sale raised \$2,598.05. Fifteen new SSA members joined in June. The Keweenaw Consignment has raised money for the SSA.

Grant Township: Ned Huwatscek was not present but had reported all was running well.

Lac La Belle Parks: Jim Valsa walked the proposed site for Union Park with Grant Township Supervisor Scott Wendt, and he seems to show support for the park.

Please see Jim Valsa or Rick Olson if interested in joining committee.

NEWSLETTER:

The last newsletter contained the dates for SSA summer activities. Nothing new to add right now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kids Fishing: Lynn Zapolnek, Vice President, will not be able to hold the Kids Fishing event this year. Since it is too late to find someone to help this year. There will be no Kids Fishing event. SSA is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over this project/event for next year. Please contact an officer of the SSA if you are interested.

Men's Activities: Greg Dudek is proposing a get together for the Men of the South Shore to meet, catch up and exchange numbers to feel comfortable asking for help with odd jobs. The first meet and greet is scheduled for 5:30 pm Wednesday July 28 at Haven Falls. Chili and hotdogs may be provided. BYOB.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recycling in LLB is HERE!: Starting Monday July 26, a single stream recycling container will be located near the existing garbage container and open from 3-6pm on Mondays. Recycling Rules will be located on the community board and the container itself. A full list of rules and items that are accepted may be read at www.wm.com/recycling.

Discussion followed pertaining to the importance of adhering to these rules and helping each other during this trial period. Neighbors need to help each other to make this program work. We need to put the word out to not abuse this program otherwise we risk losing it.

Dumpster Day Policies: Concerns were raised of a commercial business abusing the system. Discussion followed as to how to regulate loads. Rick Olsen suggested a ticket system. Ideas generated included residents receiving 1 free load (1 trailer) with option to purchase a second load; requiring business to purchase and limit their loads and possible weight limits. It was suggested to talk to Vern Barber of Mt Bohemia to either limit their load size or perhaps purchase their own dumpster.

Adopt A Highway: Jim Valsa stated official "Adopt A Highway" signage is only available for State Roads. SSA could make their own sign to inform residents of SSA existence and promote SSA, however majority of attendees did not want more signs on the road. Debbie Talversaari suggested using our tax role to mail SSA membership flyers to residents.

Amazon Smile Program: Anne Valsa suggested SSA become a charity option for Amazon's Smile (charity donation) Program. She will supply required information to Amazon and have this information available to members at the next meeting.

LLB Marina: The marina has new signs and cameras to monitor boaters' length of stay and usage. Camera footage may help with enforcement and prove abuse of extended stays.

Channel: The Mendota Canal is shallow at the entrance. Jim Valsa contacted the Duluth Army Corp of Engineers to request an inspection and survey. Timeline is 2-3 weeks out to inspect and longer to fix. Recommendations made to contact our local congressmen and suggest the LLB Fishing Charters (commercial businesses) to request an inspection.

Sumerfest: Sunday August 1, 1-4pm. Food is ordered. Marge Meyers and Jim Valsa will look at supplies Monday July 26 at 1pm at the LLB Fire Hall. During this time a volunteer schedule will be available. Please contact Marge or Jim to sign up. This year's entertainment will be provided by Jan Arnold.

Fish Boil: Saturday August 7, noon-6pm. Tickets are still available. Contact Rick Olsen or any LLB volunteer firefighter for tickets. Contact Rick Olsen to volunteer. Meet at the LLB Fire Hall to peel potatoes and cut onions on Friday August 6 at 6:30pm.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- **Women's Get-Together:** Tuesdays at 10:00am at the LLB Fire Hall
- **Summerfest:** Sunday August 1, 2021, 1- 4pm, Haven Falls Park.
- **Fish Boil:** Saturday August 7, 2021, noon-6pm, LLB Fire Hall. It will be organized like last year for pickup only. Tickets will be pre-sold with a maximum of 300 tickets. Contact any LLB firefighter for tickets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Rick Olsen commented that Federal Funds are loosening and may be available for Union Park development. It was suggested that Sandy (lastname?) be contacted to do the grant writing for this.
- Debbie Talvarsaari asked if we should consider removing unused/ abandoned mailboxes. It was suggested to contact Kenny our mail carrier, for advice.
- Bob Meyers commented that a local stump dump/yard debris dump may be available and needs approval. Ray Rinne would maintain the dump if approved.
- Jim Valsa reminded everyone that tires must be disposed of properly. Most tire shops will recycle used tires for a small fee.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Meyers, seconded by Wendell Carlson.
Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Oestreich