

SOUTH SHORE ASSOCIATION MINUTES 8/18/2021

Call to Order: President Jim Valsa called the meeting to order at 6:31pm; there were 22 people present.

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

Prior meeting minutes: Highlights from last month's meeting were not read.

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

- Thank you to Gale Curtis for mowing and trimming around the mailboxes.
- Thank you to Steve Oviatt for composing the newsletter.
- Thank you to all that volunteered and helped make Summerfest a success.
- Thank you to Jan Arnold and Dave for playing music at Summerfest.
- Thank you to Rick Olson and Ned Huwatscek for a smooth and profitable Fishboil.

GUESTS:

We welcomed Grant Township Supervisor, Scott Wendt.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report and approval: Marge Meyers was not present. Jim Valsa read the Treasurer's report. The rummage sale was very successful for the fire department.

Grant Township: Scott Wendt spoke for Grant Township. He reminded people of his LLB open office hours. He is pleased with the recycling program.

Scott announced the creation of a Recreation Plan Steering Committee and is looking for people interested in joining. Commitment starts in approximately 2 weeks and will run until approximately February 1st, consisting of about 8 meetings that may be attended virtually. Another committee will be formed to provide ideas and feedback regarding a proposed 5,800-acre parcel of land that may be available to become a hiking and equestrian park with ADA accessible trails and campgrounds. For more information and/or if you are interested in joining, contact Scott Wendt or Ned Huwatscek.

Lac La Belle Parks: There is an interest to have electricity brought to Haven Falls Pavilion for events. Grant Township pays for the light across the street from the park. Jim Valsa will contact KCRC and Grant Township to check the feasibility of such.

Please contact Jim Valsa, Lynn Zapolnek or Rick Olson if interested in joining the Lac La Belle Parks committee.

NEWSLETTER:

Steve Oviatt is currently working on the Newsletter. Please submit pictures directly to Steve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kids Fishing: Lynn Zapolnek, Vice President, was not able to hold the Kids Fishing event this year. SSA is looking for volunteers to help Lynn with this event for next year. Please contact an officer of the SSA if you are interested.

Men's Activities: Greg Dudek proposed 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. 5 men met at the first get together and enjoyed hot dogs and chili. The next meet and greet is scheduled for 6 pm Wednesday August 25 at Haven Falls.

LLB Recycling: Recycling is well received and running smoothly. Each Monday has brought 15-20 cars and the container was filled in 3 weeks. Discussion followed as to whether recycling hours would continue through the winter. Due to snow and less residents, it was unanimously decided to halt recycling in LLB from November 1 – May 1 this year. Recycling may be taken to Copper Harbor during the winter. Topic may be reevaluated next season.

UPPCO Appliance Pick Up: Call UPPCO, (800) 562-7680, to schedule a pick up by August 21. UPPCO will pick up appliances at your location and pay you \$50.

Dumpster Day Policies: Grant Township decided to add another container to accommodate the amount of debris collected since local business are allowed to use the dumpsters. This decision was made at the Township level.

Amazon "Smile" Program: Anne Valsa is continuing to research how to add SSA as a charity/nonprofit under the Amazon Smile Program. Once listed, purchasers may choose SSA as their charity/nonprofit and SSA will receive 0.5% of the purchase.

Mendota Channel: The Mendota Channel continues to remain shallow. An engineer from Duluth conducted a survey at the end of July. Desired channel depth is 12', current readings show depths as shallow as 4'7". There is still no timeline on this project. Recommendations were made to contact our local congressmen and advise them of the need for dredging as there are recreational and commercial fishing operations that use this channel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Movie Night: Jim Valsa inquired if there was an interest in bringing back movie night. Date was set for Saturday September 11, 7pm Fire Hall. Popcorn will be made and provided, BYOB.

Mailboxes: Abandoned mailboxes have been marked with blue tape. Damaged mailboxes have been removed. Contact Kenny, our mail carrier, or the Mohawk Post Office if you would like a mailbox. If you know of a mailbox not being used, please contact Jim Valsa.

SSA T-Shirts: Contact Shirley Dudek if you are interested in purchasing a South Shore Association T-Shirt.

Stump Dump: Bob Meyers presented the possible opening of a stump dump that would be located near the old dump. Ray Rinne would maintain the dump. It will be gated with hours posted. The timeline for this to open is approximately 2 weeks.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- **Women's Get-Together:** Tuesdays at 10:00am at the LLB Fire Hall.
- **Men's Meet and Greet:** Wednesday August 25 at 6pm at Haven Falls Park.
- **Movie Night:** Saturday, September 11 at 7pm at LLB Fire Hall.
- **Grant Township meeting in LLB:** Tuesday September 14 at 6pm at the Fire Hall.
- **SSA Meeting:** Wednesday September 15 at 6:30pm at the Fire Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Steve Oviatt met with Lonie Glieberman of Mount Bohemia, to discuss interest in a meeting between Lonie and the SSA. Lonie invited the SSA to an open-air meeting at Bohemia where pizza would be provided. Lonie announced the possible opening of a new restaurant at the Marina Cabin location and expressed interest in community input. SSA members discussed preference for Lonie to attend the regularly scheduled meeting in September at the Fire Hall, with no pizza. Jim Valsa will invite Lonie to the next meeting. Discussion followed as to what topics may be addressed at this potential meeting.
 - Concerns were raised about the mailboxes and whether they placed on the road right of way.
 - Rick Olson commented that skiers are skiing into the road and crossing the road which raised safety concerns.
 - Judy Mitrovich suggested a crosswalk with lights be installed from Bohemia's parking lot to the ski entrance.
 - Wendell Carlson commented that the many shuttle buses driving on the road may be causing damage.
- Ed Jenison commented that traffic and ATV's are driving at excessively high speeds and inquired if police patrolling is happening.
- Ned Huwatscek reiterated that Grant Township did pay for extra policing and that they are indeed patrolling Bete Grise and Lac La Belle.
- Shirley and Greg Dudek commented that children had been riding a golf cart up and down the road and expressed concerns for their safety.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn made by Anne Valsa, seconded by Jim Valsa. Passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Oestreich