

# **SOUTH SHORE ASSOCIATION      MINUTES 9/17/2024**

**Call to Order:** By President Jim Valsa at 6:32 pm with 17 people present

**Roll Call of Officers:** President Valsa, VP Zapolnek, Treasurer Meyers, Secretary Shelonzek

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by W. Carlson, second by G. Dudek - approved

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** unread

**President's Remarks, Correspondence, Thank you's:** Thanks to Greg Dudek for helping with road trash pickup out to firepole 425 and back to the fire station.

**Guests:** Bob Pokorski, candidate for Grant Township Trustee, discussed his qualifications. He lives close to Hunters Point, formally outside of Houghton. He wants to work for all of Grant Township and believes that Grant should have more of a voice for the Heartlands. He then took questions and a tally of present voters.

**Memorials:** none

**Newsletter:** Steve Oviatt said it was a good year with the hottest day and also the record low for snowfall. Steve is working on an email blast for the three candidates for township Trustee.

## **Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report & Approval:** All accounts are in order. Kid's Fishing will carry over unused funds for next year. Motion to approve by W. Carlson and G. Dudek - approved

**Grant Township:** Sunsetting a property no longer being considered to purchase.

**Lac La Belle Parks:** Township approved funds for 2 days of rental equipment from Houghton Building Supply. Jim Valsa and Ray Rinne will use the equipment to prep the ground at Union Park prior to top soil being added. Jim was able to negotiate a discount price that almost cut the cost in half.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**Summerfest:** Discussion about having this event every other year. This would be a good alternative when there is a Rummage Sale event due to the amount of preparation needed for it. This helps to avoid "activity burn out".

**Bridge Walk:** A definite success with plans to continue next year. Approx. 20 people were there. This event may help to balance a biannual Summerfest schedule. An increased promotion should be done.

**Recycling in Winter:** Working on getting township approval to have recycling days twice a month over winter. This may require an additional person to attend the recycling container.

**Rummage Sale:** There needs to be a limit on what items are acceptable. Items that are unlikely to be sold should not be accepted.

**New Business:**

**2025 Calendar:**

Dumpster Days & Rummage Sale - July 12 & 13 (if the Fire Dept. agrees)  
Kid's Fishing will move to July 26, 2025

**Events/Activities:**

Grant Township meeting in CH - Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 pm  
SSA meeting - Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm  
Women's Get-Together on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the LLB Fire Hall  
Quilting, Sewing, Crafts on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm at the LLB Fire Hall  
Women's sewing retreat 9-25 to 9-27 from 9 am to 8 pm (Wed & Thur)  
9 am to 5 pm (Fri)

**President's Announcement:**

Jim Valsa stated that he has been president for 8 years. He feels that it is time for him to retire and to bring new energy and ideas to the SSA. There is no time frame for retirement, but sooner, or later, it needs to happen. Members should consider serving to keep this very viable and needed organization moving forward.

**Public Comments:**

Greg Dudek discussed "Guys Night" and shared information for those that may be interested.

Grant Township stated that one option being looked at is for a fee to recycle.

**Adjourn:** Motion by W. Carlson at 7:36 pm - approved