

SHADY BEACH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
Monday, April 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Brad Filips at 7:04 pm via ZOOM. The minutes from the March meeting were presented. A motion was made by Barb Swaab and seconded by Eric Cohen to accept the minutes as presented. minutes.

**Attendance** – Brad Filips, Eric Cohen, Rick Cumbo, Larry Goss, Peggy Donovan, Jill Segal, Veronica Collins, Mark Hoffman, Ryan and Heather Wardia, Dave Sullivan, Greg Root, Karen Myers, Marcus Evangelista, Barb Swaab

**President's Report** – Brad Filips reported that he reached out to the board for approval to add an additional bubbler at the canal. We will now have 5 and an additional 30 Nano pods. Both of these additions should continue to improve our canal health. The company gave us a discount and allowed us to lock in our future costs as we will serve as one of their “ambassadors” and they can use as a referral. Brad will have a further report in Old Business and New Business.

**Vice President's Report** – Eric Cohen noted that our annual cleanup is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Grant Doherty will be dumping mulch. He will leave the trailer to help us move the mulch around. He noted the Easter Egg Hunt /Spring Fling was a huge success. A lot of neighbors attended.

**Treasurer's Report** – Rick shared the March Operating Statement. Dues and dock fees have been coming. Our expenses have been pretty normal other than the expected fence repair payment. He noted that he held back \$500 until it is completely repaired. He noted he will not be surprised if they never show up. He paid the electric bill and “condo” insurance along with the fee for our SBIA domain. Rick explained the entire report to all in attendance. A motion was made by Barb Swaab and seconded by Jill Segal to accept the minutes as presented.

**Recording Secretary's Report** – Jill brought up a discussion about the \$25 assessment. Some retirees and some board members have paid the assessment. It was decided that we will allow retirees the option to pay or not pay and all board members should pay the assessment.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – No report.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS** – Larry Goss shared this in an email to the board:

*Rick and I attended the USCLA meeting last week via Zoom and I have this update to share for our SBIA meeting:*

1. *The first exploratory drilling took place last week. The representative from the County indicated that it resulted in **very positive geological findings** at about 220 – 265 ft. deep.*
2. *This depth is much deeper than private wells and the lake bottom and there is a thick layer of clay separating our lake from this potential aquifer. So no impact on wells or the lake.*
3. *Tuesday they plan to begin drilling the 8” test production well. This will provide more data as to the potential capacity of the future augmentation well.*
4. *Assuming that the results of the test well are as positive as expected, the process to design, bid out, and install the 16” production well will begin.*
5. *It will take several months for engineering design, site plan approval, bidding, bonding approval, construction of well house, etc. We were told to **expect Oct/Nov before construction starts** – if everything goes smoothly – which is not typical. Working over the winter should be possible unless temperatures are extreme.*
6. *Bottom line – **if things go “well” next week, there will be no exploratory drilling at Shady Beach, and the augmentation well should be fully online by Spring 2021.***

**There was also considerable discussion about how the lake management/ lake quality program will be handled this year.**

- *An expanded committee was formed focusing on lake management issues. They made a very thorough presentation, looking at the data and contracts over the past several years, and made their recommendations to the Board. (A copy of that committee report should be available soon.)*
- *Harvesting and chemical treatments will again be done this year in specific areas of concern. Three companies were solicited for bids. Savin and Progressive A/E were the preferred bidders. Savin for chemical treatment and weed harvesting. Progressive for analysis and review of Savin's work.*
- *The budget will be about \$72,000 this year, and could be slightly less for the two following years. This new program is about \$30,000 more than in previous years, but was unanimously approved.*
- *The strategy currently is to have the lake consultant hired every 3 years to assess the weed control process and outline plans of action.*
- *Currently the cost of the weed harvesting and chemical treatments is paid via individual and association contributions. For example: Bayside reportedly contributes \$100 for each boat moored at their marina.*
- *USCLA is hoping to make the lake management funding more sustainable by trying to get residents to agree to an annual SAD in a couple of years after the dam and lake augmentation well projects are complete.*
- *How the SAD assessments would be shared is an open issue. One comment was to divide it up by the same “benefit” formula used for the dam and augmentation well.*

He will have a further report in New Business.

Regarding the Kayak spots at the beach and the garage have been assigned as follows:

BEACH: 1 – Jill Segal, 2 & 3 – Tobie Scheibel, 4 & 5 – Carl Sterr, 6 & 7 – Brad Filips, 8 – Audrey Gitre, 9 – Natalie Eisenhardt.

GARAGE: 1a & b – Open, 2a – Karen Myers, 2b – Eric Cohen, 3a – Karen Myers, 3b – Doug Peacock, 4a & b – Open, 5a & b – Open.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Our beach and launch signs should be installed this week. Regarding the basketball hoop, Brad noted that we need to get a new rim and backboard. We don't want an adjustable one that kids can shorten to hang on.

There was a discussion regarding the hoop and if we should even get another.

Barb Swaab noted that someone had reached out about dog parks. She noted that West Bloomfield Parks and Rec have a limited number of spots for non-residents. We do have to pay \$80 and she said they register in January every year.

It was noted that the city will be picking up all the loose rubber on the roads. Eric reminded all that the work party will start at 9:00 am on Saturday. Jill will grab coffee and bagels.

Brad and Eric met with Grant Doherty who will do some gravel fill-in work behind the sea wall. He will be also be delivering 15 yards of top soil and seed for the area. It will be \$2165 for labor and materials. Brad will aerate the beach and dock areas. Grad will also build up the kayak area at the beach to make it more accessible. There will be a sand base, topsoil and the area will be extended. The cost will be \$750. A motion to approve this work was made by Jill Segal and seconded by Barb Swaab. The motion passed. We discussed the upper level at the beach where the old oak tree was taken down. We should probably consult a landscaper. Someone who understands our limits because of the proximity to the water. At the very least we could put a bench up there.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Rick noted that USCLA will continue to do weed harvesting this year. They have changed to a different consultant. He said there is new leadership in this group and they want to maintain the herbicide and weed harvest. Lake associations donate different amounts. SBIA gives \$1000 and our members also contribute. The association suggests a donation of \$100 per moored boat. SBIA got hit hard for the dam assessment. We may consider bumping our contribution next year. They are taking lake management seriously. There was a lengthy discussion regarding a special assessment district.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm. The next meeting will 5/17/21 at the beach.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jill Segal*

Jill Segal, Recording Secretary