

Lake Latonka Property Owner's Association Board Update March 2020

This is a monthly summary of Board activities for our 650 Members. As we told you last month LLPOA now has ownership of the Barnhouse. We are working on a plan for clean up the property. We changed the Open Meeting scheduled for March 26 to an Executive Meeting via video-conference. The 45 minute recorded meeting will be sent out to Members. **REMINDER: Annual Dues are due March 31.** If you need a payment plan please contact the office. Our streets are full of activity so **please obey the Speed Limit.** The new electronic speed limits are now installed to remind all of us. Due to COVID-19, the LLPOA office and facilities are closed, the office staff is working from home, security shifts have been increased, and facilities continue to be monitored and maintained.

Healthy Lake: Keeping the lake healthy is critical to our community and an ongoing challenge. It is a complex issue that requires a multi-prong approach. The Lake Water Quality Committee has been active, and continues to work on developing a comprehensive short and long-term strategy. For 2020 they expect to recommend chemical treatments focused on algae suppression and reduction of active phosphorous starting earlier than in the past. They believe that a long-term solution can best be determined by completing a Lake Loading Response Model (LLRP). This will include a bathymetric survey, sediment core sampling, tributary nutrient load sampling, and incorporating data previously collected, as well as data we collect in the future. This model should serve us for the next 10-15 years and guide us to the most effective ways to improve the health of our lake. The Committee is working through our procurement process to finalize the vendor recommendation and they expect the cost to be around \$50,000 for an LLRP.

At the March meeting the Board approved a bathymetric survey with Aqua Doc for \$7,500. The Board has also discussed a phosphorous ban in Lake Latonka because it can contribute to an unhealthy lake and is something within our control. It is our understanding that the state of PA is currently considering a ban and that phosphorous is not available in fertilizer you buy from a store, but some lawn companies still use it. While the promised Town Hall meeting is on hold, the committee will be sharing some education on this important issue in the meantime.

Financial: Jim Hart reviewed financial summaries at the March meeting and we are on track year to date. The review requires some explanation so we encourage you to view the meeting recording for more detail.

Roads, Culverts and Bridges: We received many excellent bids for roads due to the expertise and leadership of Member Art Fischer and the Committee. At the March meeting we awarded bids not to exceed \$210,000 for the following roads: Comanche Trail, Itawambi Trail, Kutenai Trail, Modoc Trail, Mohican Trail, Shawnee Trail, and Taas Trail. We are not sure of the timing of this work in the current environment.

Rules: The Rules Committee continues to update the proposed rules. Their work will be followed by a review by an LLPOA attorney, and then presented to Members for their feedback at a Town Hall before changes are made.

Committees: We approved the following Members that volunteered to be part of the Lake Comparison Committee led by Garth Stewart: Tim Cooper, Connie Federbusch, Brian Hammrich, and Cathy McDonald.

Thanks for the role so many of you play in helping to making Lake Latonka special, in particular those that are reaching out to help their neighbors during these challenging times. There are so many examples of this often enumerated in the Latonka News including in reports by the Social Club, Fish Club, Women's Club, Latonka Players, Garden Club, etc. After reviewing an LLPOA Club application by a Member, the Board approved the LLPOA Bible Study Club in March.

Please provide suggestions or feedback to us at meetings or when you see us at the Lake.

LLPOA Board of Directors: Chuck Becker, John Chamberlain, Graig Filer, Glenn Graeves, Jim Hart, Denis Meinert, Tom Rizzo, Garth Stewart, and Michael Turton