

Lake Latonka Property Owner's Association Board Update January 2020

Happy New Year! This is a monthly summary of Board activities for our 650 Members. We would like to thank the staff for their service to the Members during 2019 and are looking forward to a productive and safe 2020. We continue to get more Members engaged through Committees and thank them for their service. The LLPOA has a wide range of responsibilities and the talented committee Members help us accomplish more with our \$1.5M budget and seven dedicated employees. **(Reminder: 2020 Dues / Assessments paid by February 15 receive a 5% discount)**

Healthy Lake: Keeping the lake healthy is critical to our community and it is an ongoing challenge because it continues to age and there are so many factors that impact our lake. This is a very complex issue that will require a multi prong and ongoing approach to address.

The Lake Water Quality Committee and Board Members have met with EnviroScience (a water quality consultant firm) and our treatment advisor and applicator AquaDoc, as well as Everblue that provides lake aeration systems and biological treatments. Other meetings are planned with Clean-Flo technology and Solitude Consulting. The committee has also done significant independent research and spoke to representatives at numerous other lakes.

They continue to develop a comprehensive strategy as well as short term and long term recommendations to the Board. We are also preparing for a Town Hall meeting on this important issue. We have applied to amend our existing DEP lake permit to include additional coverage and chemical as needed. In addition, the PA DEP has agreed to study part of the Coolspring Creek watershed. This could be a start of addressing long term problems fed by this stream, and learning more about how to work with the DEP and other organizations to help improve Lake quality.

We encourage you to attend the February 27 Open Meeting at 7 PM and the Town Hall (date TBD) to learn more about the research and plans to preserve and improve the quality of our Lake Water. Some of the solutions being considered would cost significant amounts of money.

Financial: We have included some summaries as an appendix that Jim Hart shared at the January Open meeting. A detailed 2020 budget is available in the office.

Systems: The staff's hard work in 2019 led to the start of using the TOPS (www.topssoft.com) Community Association software system to more effectively and efficiently maintain our infrastructure and to better serve Members. This replaces systems that have been in place for 20 years. We ask for your patience as we transition to this new system.

Roads, Culverts and Bridges: Culvert pipe replacement and ditch work continues during the winter before road-work later this year. Improperly functioning culverts impact the run-off into and ultimately the health of the Lake, and good storm water management is important to appropriate road maintenance. The Roads Committee has been busy planning for the upcoming season as well as considering better long term approaches.

Rules: The Rules Committee has also been busy and reviewed their work to date with the Board in January. They have also received feedback from a couple of Members with talents in this area. 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. On a related matter, Member Dick Harper and Board Member Denis Meinert have been appointed to a Barn House Compliance Committee to work with an LLPOA attorney and Jackson Township to address this nuisance. The Board also passed a Motor Vehicle Waiver at the January meeting. Based on Member feedback we have asked our attorney to take another look at it. We believe that it is important to protect the LLPOA and all Members to the extent we can.

Other: The Board has decided to add several electronic speed signs to remind drivers that the speed limit is 25 mph. The signs will also record data that security can use. Please obey the speed limit to help make us all safer. A few years ago a Member's dog was killed by a speeding car as their children were walking the dog. Dock #15 shoreline work will also be started soon, with a riparian buffer and new docks to be added in the spring. Other shoreline work is also planned. Board Member Mike Turton will be working with the Dam Committee to discuss their role and to add new Members. During January the Board elected officers Denis Meinert – President, John Chamberlain – Vice President, Graig Filer – Secretary, Jim Hart – Treasurer, and Glenn Graeves – Asst. Treasurer.

Thanks for the role so many of you play in helping to making Lake Latonka special. 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.

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

Financial Results Summaries may be requested in the office.