

Lake Latonka POA Board Update August 2020

This is a monthly summary of Board activities for our 650 Members. We appreciate the 7 Members who applied to run for election to the Board before the August 31, 2020 deadline.

“Virtual” Boston Marathon: A reminder that this will take place around the lake on Sunday morning September 13th. More details to follow closer to the race.

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. Beach E.coli counts from our sampling have been low and are available on the website weekly. The lake continues to be treated every two weeks by Solitude. The Lake Water Quality Committee’s summary of our lake advisors work in August was shared by email. They will also hold a virtual Town Hall meeting on September 9, 2020 at 7 pm. The Fish Club has made a generous donation funding over half of a \$16,000 fish study that will help us gauge the health of the lake. They are soliciting funds to pay for the rest and your generosity will help.

Financial: Jim Hart reviewed the attached YTD finances at the August meeting. The Board is working with a lawyer to more aggressively pursue and collect unpaid dues. In addition, when we updated real estate records as part of the implementation of the TOPS property association software, we discovered that a number of property transfers in the community happened without paying an initiation fee over the last several years. We will be contacting those Members to confirm our findings and to collect any initiation fees that are due. We would also like to thank Glenn Graeves who worked with Mercer County to confirm the tax-free status of LLPOA common properties.

Roads, Culverts and Bridges: The paving project will be completed when the edges of recently paved roads are backfilled with gravel to prevent damage to the roads. If you want to backfill with topsoil or other material it must be completed before September 20th. We would also like to thank Bob DiVito for donating his time to dig a drainage ditch near the beach.

Ice Rink: John Chamberlain has made a very generous offer to donate a 30’ X 60’ hockey rink. It could be used as an Ice Rink and/or Hockey Rink. We appreciate his generosity and continue to work through the details based on some feedback at the August Open Meeting. We are reviewing liability and safety concerns as well as the location. The two leading contenders for the location are near the tennis courts or in the grass area between the Duke & Lola’s side of the Community Center parking lot and the boat launch parking lot. A cement area will be needed, along with water and electricity. The cost of maintenance is also a consideration. We plan to finalize a decision at the September 24 Open Meeting so please share any feedback before or at that meeting.

Other: On behalf of Kimbell Midwest, Garth Stewart hosted a cutting tool safety seminar for the Maintenance staff by Kimbell Midwest at no charge to the LLPOA. After a suggestion by a Member at the July Open Meeting, two Pickleball Courts have been painted on the tennis courts by volunteers Dave Horn, and Mike and Kim Richey – thank you! Several people have donated funds and 2 Pickleball nets have been ordered. More donations are welcome and will support future maintenance of the courts.

A number of Committees have been active, and we appreciate the Members who are sharing their knowledge and time to help our community. The Dam Committee will be working with outside engineers on the annual dam inspection in September. The cost is \$8,350.

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. Duke & Lola's and the Social Club sponsored the Latonka Luau which was fantastic and had a huge turnout – THANK YOU!! The Social Club donated 4 new swings for the beach and Dock 17. The Latonka Players helped out with paint supplies for the Gazebo.

Please provide suggestions or feedback to us at meetings or when you see us at the Lake or email the office: office@lakelatonka.org to get us a message.

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

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