

MEETING MINUTES SHAWNEELAND SANITARY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date

8/5/2024

Location

SSD Maintenance Building

In attendance

Present:

Gary Bailey

Micah Jacobs

Paul Gartner

Jason Croasdale

Rhonda Sargent

Kevin Alderman – Manager

**Joe Wilder, Director of Public
Works**

**John Jewell – Back Creek District
board of supervisors**

Approval of minutes

Micah Jacobs moved to approve the May 6th, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Rhonda Seconded the motion. No discussion and motion to approve the May 5, 2024, minutes was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed residents.

Committee members and county officials introduced themselves.

2024 SSDAC Meeting dates

**The last meeting of 2024 SSDAC will be held:
Monday November 18th, 2024**

FREDERICK COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT OF SHAWNEELAND MANAGER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2024

Lake Cherokee Update:

As we can all see, the lake level on Cherokee Lake has been on a steady decline since June 6th. At that time, the lake level was 1" above full pool. As of July 30th, the lake level is minus 61". This of course is a direct result of the unusually dry and hot weather conditions.

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to close the beach area due to the low water level conditions and remove Porta Potty to save money.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bailey

Pipe Replacement:

The staff has been replacing and upgrading deteriorated drainage culverts throughout Shawneeland. To date the staff has replaced 525ft. of culverts. In places that have water flow most of the year we are using HDPE pipe instead of the galvanized metal that we normally use, this will increase the life of the culvert by 3 to 4 times. The life expectancy of galvanized metal is about 20 years. Over the long haul this will save on the cost of culvert replacement. The culvert replacements will continue until all the scheduled culverts are replaced.

Grader Patching:

Usually by this time of year the motor grader asphalt patching would be well underway. This process has not yet started. Once we have all the drainage culverts installed, the asphalt patching process will begin. This will be an ongoing project that will take us into next spring. This type of asphalt patching is not a process that can be done during the winter months.

Tar & Chip:

We are approved to tar and chip 8.11 miles of trails in this current budget year. There are several steps to take place to prepare the roads for the tar and chip program. This includes cutting low lying limbs, so the tar and chip machinery have clearance to operate. Replacing all the damaged culverts is also part of this process. Repairing shoulders and ditches is the next step, then asphalt patching any spots that the road surface is breaking up, dips, broken edges, and potholes. The staff is still working on these steps and will not be completed in time for the tar and chip program in September as we usually do, therefore the tar and chip program will be delayed

until the latter part of May or the first part of June. This will allow the beforementioned tasks to be completed and ready for the contractor to start the tar and chip program at that time.

Mowing Trails:

The staff started mowing along the trails in the first part of May. At this point all the trails have had at least one pass with the mowing tractor. We will do a second round of mowing late summer and into fall.

Old Business

New amenities

Discussion - count, placement, budget. Covered tables and benches.

Speeding

Micha Jacobs updates contact with the sheriff's office on speeding in the neighborhood. Michah reported that Sherrif Gosnell advised that we go to the sheriff department website, send him an email provide days of the week and times that are a problem and request that we would like them to provide radar. Mr. Gosnell is waiting for us to provide him with this information.

New Business

Old Mailboxes update to mini libraries.

Mr. Croasdale advised that he had picked the mailboxes up from the maintenance building, modified them and delivered them to Jessica Brunot for painting.

New Business

Mr. Bailey addressed the Maple Trail bus stop and the safety concerns of the residents before the start of the new school year. Mr. Bailey asked if it would be possible to split the bus stops back to their previous configuration. Mr. Alderman said that we would need to contact Calvin Davis the school assistant director of transportation to make this change.

Public Comments (3 Minutes Per Person)

The following residents signed up to speak:

Steve Callahan

Vince Stupp

Lisa Croasdale

Steve Callahan

Question - Why was the bus stop originally moved after 30 years?

Mr. Alderman responded that there had been a lot of complaints about the bus stop, so he got the Sheriffs department, and the school transportation department involved, and they are the ones who made that determination. Another resident commented that she used to drive a school bus and never had any problems.

Vince Stupp

Roads are getting heavy use and asked if we could impose a bond or permit fee for the community.

Mr. Wilder explained that this is an impact fee that is by Virginia law not allowed by the county. Public works tries to minimize the impact to the community by new construction at the permit phase.

John Jewell reiterated that that Public Works Department is working hard with the state to fix the issue and that there are over five thousand lots in Frederick County available for building presently.

Lisa Croasdale

Mrs. Croasdale points out a dangerous situation at the intersection of fir trail and Tomahawk Trail and suggests a sign at the plateau warning of blind rise. Mr. Alderman said we can add sign/signs at that location.

Meeting adjourned. 8:44 PM.