

Tishomingo News

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Lou's News

Another summer has come and gone and still the lake rolls on. The weather didn't do us any favors when we were unable to sing Carols and collect for the Hillsboro Food Pantry. We still welcome donations -- send or drop by a donation to Lou Harting at 7764 Fairview or any LTIA board member. If I'm not here just drop your donation in the door. Thank you in advance as the food pantry has always been very grateful for the donations from the very generous lake residents. And we have always been very open handed for them.

Our next effort will be the Super Bowl party with the super bowl being seen on our large projection screen. It will be on the 3rd of February and we will charge \$5 per person for hot dogs and chili. Hope we will see you all there as last year's party was a huge success and real fun. (P.S. Bring a snack to pass) Drinks are, of course, extra but cheap.

It's now time again to join the LTIA. At \$35.00 a real bargain as we have the dinners and many special events. Send a check to Jennie Kimmel or come to the next dinner (watch the announcement board) and join then.

I look forward to seeing all of you and hoping you take advantage of the opportunity to meet and mingle with your neighbors and have a nice relaxing evening.

Happy New Year to all,
LOU

LTIA Dinners

6:30 pm Sat Jan 12

6:30 pm Sat Feb 9

Super Bowl Party



Super Bowl Sunday Feb 3

5 pm Community House

Big Screen TV

Food, beverages, and fun!

This is the first big party of the year. Kick it off with your friends and neighbors. Come to view the game or the commercials -- enjoy the wide range of snacks.

The LTIA will provide chili and dogs, everyone else bring your favorite snacks.



The game will be shown on the big screen -- imagine the line of scrimmage in the middle of an 8-foot-wide screen. You will be able to see everything up close and in great detail.

We will also be accepting donations for the Hillsboro Food Pantry. So, even if you can't stay for the entire game, come by and say hello to everyone and drop off

a little gift for the Food Pantry.

Lake Tishomingo Improvement Association

LTIA



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2008 Calendar

Jan	8	Tue	7 pm LTPOA Board meeting
Jan	12	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner
Feb	3	Sun	5 pm Super Bowl Party
Feb	9	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner
Feb	12	Tue	7 pm LTPOA Board meeting

*laketishomingo.com***Website**

The color version of this newsletter is available at the website, laketishomingo.com. Recently posted also is the updated Project List.

Send your photos and news to post at the website to jhirsch@catenary.com.

Email

We have a list with many lake owners' email addresses to which we send meeting and event notices. Many names fell off this list due to a complete failure of a computer hard disk. To get back on the list or to join and receive these weekly announcements contact Janet Hirsch, jhirsch@catenary.com.

Classified Ads

- Lakefront Lot. O-8. 50 x 150 ft dock and shed. \$20,000. Jim & Lucille Clatto (314) 843-7391. cell: (314) 565-4274.
- Speedboat. '80 Beach fiberglass, 16 ft, '88 Marlin out-board motor, '73 ROLC boat trailer. \$2500. Ron Sansone (636) 271-4844.
- Sailboat. '88 Capri fiberglass sailboat, 14 ft, '88 Midi-shore 2-wheel trailer. \$3200. Ron Sansone (636) 271-4844.

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Stay Safe

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Many times drivers cannot see pedestrians on the roads. Especially at night and during these short, often dark days of winter please make sure you and your children wear light-colored outer garments with reflective coatings.

On Dec 29 two residents reported their vehicles were burglarized and tools were stolen.

Phone numbers

All property owners are asked to provide their telephone number and email address to the LTPOA Board. This is for your benefit, in case of emergency or property question.

Send the info to

Janet Hirsch

6089 S Lakeshore Dr
Hillsboro MO 63050

Bluebird Nest Boxes

Bluebirds readily accept appropriately placed manmade nest boxes, perhaps because of a shortage of natural nesting cavities. Nest boxes have the added advantage of excluding starlings if the entrance is 1½" in diameter. Boxes can increase the local bluebird population and offer many hours of enjoyment.

Place new boxes and clean out and refurbish existing boxes by March 1.

Place boxes in open, grassy areas with perching sites. Meadows, pastures, savannas, cemeteries or yards that are not too heavily shaded are ideal. It is best if the grass is short. Fence lines, power lines, scattered trees or nearby woods provide good perches. Boxes placed in forests, inner cities, shaded yards, cultivated fields or areas with only tall grass will probably be unsuccessful.

For best results, mount the box on a lone post. Posts can be fitted with a 24" long metal sleeve to discourage climbing predators. Posts in fence rows can become overgrown with brush, enabling black rat snakes and mice to enter the box. Tree trunks are often too shaded or easily climbed by squirrels and snakes.

Height: 4 to 5 feet. Bluebirds nest at almost any height, but this height is convenient for checking.

Related story: Flashes of Blue on page 14.

Dam Repair Scheduled for Spring 2008

Dam Committee Report for Dec 11, 2007 LTPOA Meeting

Rich Hirsch for the Dam Committee

Letter from Dave Taylor, Dec 04, 2007

Have been busy working on Lake Lorraine. As of today, we have successfully terminated 350 GPM or 100% of all leakage. This leakage problem has plagued Lake Lorraine for over 47 years. Now it's history and the lake should be able to maintain a normal pool elevation in the future. I am sure our completed work will significantly help property values there. Also, our work was completed under budget.

Regards,
Dave Taylor R.G.

Letter of Intent, Dave Taylor, Dec 09, 2007

RE: Letter of Intent to Perform Leakage Remediation

Dear Trustees,

It is our intent, following Trustees authorization, to perform pressure grouting services designed to significantly reduce leakage presently occurring in the right abutment of Lake Tishomingo Dam.

Our estimated charges to perform this work should be in the range of \$100,000 to \$120,000 depending on subsurface conditions encountered.

Work would be scheduled to begin approximately April 14, 2008 with estimated completion by May 16, 2008.

We suggest you retain Mr. Don Eskridge, P.E. as Project Engineer. He will be required to secure construction permits from DNR/Dam Safety and provide engineering support.

We would work directly with Mr. Eskridge to draft applicable remedial procedures to maximize grouting effectiveness and control costs.

Following your acceptance of this letter, by February 15, 2008 we will submit our detailed proposal/contract outlining our specific scope and estimated charges.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Respectfully yours,
GROUTING SERVICE CO.
David G. Taylor, R.G. #0269,
Manager Grouting Services

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RHH Comments

1) Dave Taylor called me to explain the \$100,000 to \$120,000 estimated cost in the LOI. He said that he really didn't think it would cost \$120,000 but since he hasn't done the work he cannot be absolutely certain that it won't cost \$120,000.

2) Dave Taylor also said that the cost of diesel fuel, steel casings, and cement greatly affect his costs and that at this point he does not know how much these materials will cost when he starts work in April 2008. He will give us a better cost estimate in February 2008.

3) A letter of intent ("LOI") is a document outlining an agreement between two parties before the agreement is finalized.

- Signing a letter of intent shows a commitment to each other and to the deal.
- It also shows a commitment to a time line.
- Once the LOI is signed Dave Taylor will prepare a formal proposal.



LTIA News**December 8, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

President Harting began the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and bring food for the chili-cook-off. He said that the work on the ladies bathroom was progressing. He thanked all those who have worked on the ladies bathroom recently. The ceiling tiles are now done and lights have been installed. If you have not looked at them lately, please do so.

He then thanked retiring board member Gail Lentz for her work during the past year. Gail was presented with a departing gift from the board. He then introduced the following new members to the board: Kathy Hindrichs, Social Director; Bev Jost, Ways and Means; Pat Harting, Secretary.

Prizes for the winner of the chili-cook-off were given to: Ken Jost, 1st place; Rick Lippitt, 2nd place; Lou Harting, 2nd place.

Kenny Lanning was thanked for his work during the year of ensuring that garbage is removed from the building. He was not present but a thank you gift will be given to him.

Treasurers Report: Jenny Kimmel was absent but the treasurer's report was available. President Harting asked all those who have bills for payment to contact Jenny as soon as possible as she would be on vacation over the Christmas period.

Geldbach Petroleum had replaced the regulators on the propane tank and checked for leaks at a cost of \$266.81. They also put in a tap that could be hooked to a barbeque pit etc. Glebach reported that nothing had been done to the tank since it had been installed 40 years ago. They asked if they could keep the regulator for the museum! They said that we were lucky that the tank had not exploded.

Ways and Means: Bev Jost reported on the calendar for next year. If you have any nice pictures please contact Janet Hirsch. Orders will be taken shortly. If you wish to purchase them, please contact Bev.

Bev said that on January 12th there would be a wainscoting volunteer day. Please meet at the community house at 10 a.m. The old wainscoting would be replaced by the new wooden wainscoting. It was suggested that volunteers wear masks.

The annual super bowl date will be announced when the date

is known. The cost will be \$5 per person. Chili, wings and hot dogs will be provided. Those who came last year were very impressed with being able to watch it so large with the new projection system in the community house.

If you are still looking for a Christmas gift, the lake has cookbooks for sale at a cost of \$10 each and also etched Lake Tishomingo glassed for \$10.

Social: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Christmas caroling would now be in the community house at 5 p.m. Please bring items for the Hillsboro food pantry to the community house.

The children's Christmas party will be on Sunday December 16th beginning at 1:30. Joe De Roode has agreed to be Santa this year. Please bring a snack and a gift to share.

There will be a New Years Eve karaoke party beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your own beverages and snacks. If anyone has karaoke discs they are asked to bring them.

Maintenance: Lou reported again on the progress of the bathroom renovation. He thanked Joe Hejnal for helping him with putting in the ceiling, Rich Hirsch for working on the vanity and Ron Sansone for installing the lights and cleaning the bathroom. Rich and Joe also installed a new outside light. A new filter will be put in the water line as soon as possible.

Welcome Wagon: Mary Leiweke will catch up with the welcome wagon when the weather improves. It was suggested that we invite all new lake residents to attend a meeting/event to receive their basket.

Janet Hirsch reported that 354 copies of the newsletter had been mailed. It is also available on our web site.

The Lakeside Gardners will meet on Wednesday December 12th at the home of Gail Lippitt. Please bring your favorite dessert to share.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Ken Jost celebrated a birthday.

Mary & Mike Leiweke were celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary.

There being no further business motion made by Mary Leiweke second by Janet Hirsch to adjourn. Motion carried.

Pat Harting - Secretary

**Bathroom Bonds**

The remodeling of the ladies bathroom in the Community House is progressing. The floors and walls have been tiled. The toilets, partitions, drop ceiling, and vanity installed. We are in the process of permanently installing the sinks.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project. It is a big project and lots of volunteers have contributed lots of hours working on it.

We still need help financing the project, so please help by buying a bathroom bond.

Community House Improvement Bond

We work together, we help each other, we are a community

Yes, I want to help finance the remodeling of the Community House Bathrooms. Enclosed is my check made out to the LTIA for \$ _____. This is a loan to be repaid after the project is completed.

name

lot(s)

SEND TO: Janet Hirsch, 6089 S Lakeshore Dr, Hillsboro MO 63050

The remodeling of the Community House bathrooms is a joint project of the LTIA and LTPOA organizations.

Children's Christmas Party

After the snowfall of December 14-15 we had 6-1/2 inches on snow on the ground, the Christmas Caroling had been canceled, but that did not stop Santa. He arrived at

the Children's Christmas Party on December 16 in jovial good spirits with gifts for all the children.



Santa with the Leiweke Family.



Santa and the girls. Clockwise from upper left: Mary Leiweke, Marilyn Meyer, Chyree De Roode, Bev Jost, Pat Harting, Santa Claus, Janet Hirsch.



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Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

LTPOA

REPORT

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Sunrise December 16 with 6-1/2 inches on snow on the ground.

LTPOA Meeting Minutes November 13, 2007

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the following board members present: Kevin Seelbach, Janet Hirsch, Ron Sansone, Pat Harting, Marilyn Meyer, Larry Kimmel, and Joe Hejnal.

President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the minutes which had been posted on the web-site. Motion made by Janet Hirsch, seconded by Marilyn Meyer, motion passed.

Presidents Report

President Sansone began the meeting by reporting on the progress of silt removal. He said that in the last 4 days probably 250 loads have already been removed from the lake and trucked to the junkyard. A decision needed to be made as to how long the dredging should continue. He said that the lowering of the lake had been a test and fortunately the siphon pipe had worked very well so that it had been possible to lower the lake about a foot a week. The lake was lowered 3 feet by the siphon. It had also been possible to clean out the creek. He went on to say that when the process began it was not known exactly how much silt there would be. He

said that more progress had been made than had been anticipated. Fortunately it had been possible to make arrangements with the owner of the junkyard to move the silt onto his site. Ron said that we would not have been allowed to take the silt over public roads because of the mess that it would have created by the wet silt dripping from the trucks.

Other coves in the lake have also used the opportunity of the lake being so low to move their silt to the junkyard. The only problem at the moment was that it had not been anticipated that everything would go so well and monies had not been appropriated to remove much silt. The initial project was to fix the ramp. He said they this would be discussed further on in the meeting but a lot of progress had been made and when the silt went up to the junkyard it did not have to be dealt with again. He said that with preliminary estimates 2,760 cubic yards of silt have been removed from the lake to date and we have enough budgeted money to continue trucking for 5 more days. Whether the lake

would be lowered again was questionable given the controversy over installing the siphon but he felt that we would be very silly not to take advantage of the lake being so low to remove as much silt as possible. He said that yes given a bad rainfall year we might lose the lake for a year, but since he had lived here he had never seen a spring when water did not go over the spillway. He said this would be discussed later in the meeting.

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Committees

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Treasurers Report

Marilyn Meyer, Treasurer, reported for November

There are 12 Delinquent Regular Assessments for 2007-2008

There are 10 Delinquent Special Assessments for 2007-2008

There is 1 Delinquent Property Owner for 2004-2006

Larry Kimmel made a motion, seconded by Joe Hejnal to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Marilyn presented the following bills for payment:

West Trucking - Entrance Road Resurfacing 53,454.00

LTIA - Partial Payment for Bathroom 5,000.00

Stamps 19.85

McLaren Grading - Creek Clean 4,570.00

Legal - Third Quarterly 1,702.00

Columbia Insurance - Second Quarterly 1,104.25

Motion made by Joe Hejnal seconded by Larry Kimmel to pay the bills. Motion passed.

Treasurer Meyer said that the portable outside toilet would be kept until the dredging process was finished.

Finance Committee

Janet Hirsch said that the Finance Committee had produced the YTD financial summary and these were available. She said that we were presently doing very well financially.

Security

Larry Kimmel reported that security had been very quiet probably because the boats were now off the lake. There had been a couple of gate breakages due to equipment being brought in but these were quickly resolved.

Communications

Janet Hirsch said that the newsletter had been sent out and if anyone did not receive one please contact her. A full color copy had also been posted on the website.

Building Director

Larry Kimmel reported on the following permits:

Toscano - D13-15A - Repair dock and waterside patio

Construct fence on D13 and D15A - awaiting survey results

Fuller - K25 - Change wood dock to concrete to match work already done

Thomas - K41 - Replace seawall and dock - this is a grand fathered dock

Hukenbeck - G22-23 - Replacing seawall with interlocking bricks

Mills - G24-25 - Replacing seawall and moving dock so that it is perpendicular to the seawall - measurements have been taken and no problem is anticipated

Clark - A32-34A - Build 2 car garage - issue our permit contingent upon obtaining building permit from Jefferson County

Condict - H17 - Replace steps and install dock - same type as by clubhouse

Motion made by Janet Hirsch, seconded by Kevin Seelbach to approve the permits with the contingencies for Toscano - verification of the lot lines and Clark - obtaining permit from Jefferson County. Motion carried.

Maintenance

Kevin Seelbach said that he was in the process of making sure the salt truck will be in working order. A portable shed will be installed to keep the bobcat out of the bad weather over the winter.

Web Site

Janet Hirsch reported that RSS feed had been added to the web site. *[If you add this RSS feed to your homepage, you will be notified when something new is posted to the Lake Tish website.]*

Dam Committee

Richard Hirsch reported for the committee.

LTIA

The following events are planned for December:

December 8 - Chili Cook-Off

December 15 - Christmas caroling and food pantry collection

December 16 - Children's Christmas party

December 31 - New Years Eve party

Old Business

Janet Hirsch reported that \$10,000 had been set aside [in the siphon and silt budget] for repair of the boat ramp and President Sansone explained about how the ramp would be repaired to make access for boats easier by making it possible to get the trailers further down in the water.

Discussion on the dredging began with a question from the floor as to how much silt had been removed from the "volcano" and how much had it actually cost compared to the cost of digging it out. Ron replied that very likely 600 to 800 loads had been moved onto his property in 4 years. The cost for this had been approximately \$300,000 which included the dredge. So far approximately 250 loads have been moved for \$8,000.

President Sansone addressed the concern some people have at the possibility of not having the lake for a season, but he again stressed that we would be foolish not to take advantage of the opportunity we now have to get as much silt removed as possible. Joe Hejnal said that McLaren said it would take approximately 5 to 6 weeks to remove all the silt by the clubhouse but this would cost in the region of \$40,000.

Keeping the new catch basins cleaned out every year and if possible put in another one on the side of the pipe. It will cost approximately \$5,000 to clean out the catch basins. Ron reported that the board was already anticipating cleaning them yearly and was also looking into further catch basins as silt had to be kept from coming back into the lake. Ways of preventing the water hitting against the sides of the basins, e.g. big boulders was discussed so that the silt did not get out of the basins. The creek has also been cleaned out which is the main cause of silt build up.

Rick Hannick opened up discussion on the use of the \$30,000 set aside for the dam leak to be used to remove as much silt as possible and if necessary get a short term loan for the dam repair next spring. The cost of the exploratory phase of the dam repair was \$50,000 with \$80,000 to \$100,000 total for the entire leak repair project.

Janet Hirsch reported that the lake has enough money to dredge for a further 4 to 5 days. She said that the only way to go any longer was to use money which had been set aside for other projects. After considerable discussion and concern about not having spring rains, President Sansone asked for a motion that we go further than 4 days and how much further we want to go and then decide if we want to lower the lake further. He said that if we get as much out as we can, we will not have to deal with this problem again for 5 to 10 or even 15 years. Pat Harting made the motion, seconded by Larry Kimmel - that we extend the

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digging for at least two extra weeks and if necessary take out a short term loan to pay for the difference in what we have and the money we will spend. Discussion followed on clarification of the motion - that it was to extend beyond the 4 days we have money set aside for, for an additional ten days making 14 days total and if necessary a short term loan would be obtained. Ron said that this motion had to be made before a decision could be made as to whether the lake should be lowered further. However, if it rains tomorrow, the whole thing is over with as it will be too wet to do anything. Finally a roll call vote was taken on the motion on the floor with the following results:

Yes - Kevin Seelbach, Ron Sansone, Pat Harting, Larry Kimmel, Joe Hejnal. No - Janet Hirsch and Marilyn Meyer. Motion carried.

President Sansone then asked if the lake should be lowered. He said that it was questionable as to whether any benefit would be realized taking into account the possibility of winter weather. The board decided this should be considered further after conversation with McLaren as to where he should dig taking into account that the closer you get to the creek the wetter the silt becomes so it might be advantage to work on the north side first.

Marilyn Meyer said that she had been approached by a property owner to help with the cost of a culvert pipe. She felt that property owners who were good enough to clean out their coves and improve the paths with the necessary culvert pipes the board should consider helping them with the cost of the pipe. Janet Hirsch made the motion, seconded by Larry Kimmel that \$500 be used to assist property owners with the installation of culvert pipe to improve the path if they are digging out their cove to remove silt. Motion passed.

President Sansone informed the meeting of the conversation he had with the owner of the junkyard and again reiterated how much money everyone has saved because of being allowed to put as much silt as necessary on his property and Mr. Marler would put this in writing. However, we are owed just under \$2,000 in assessments from him and President Sansone said that we should consider doing away with this and Mr. Marler has requested that we put this in writing for him. President Sansone said that he also had discussion on the need for Mr. Marler to pave his driveway. Marilyn said she felt that Mr. Marler should fulfill his obligations first before we forgive his assessments. Joe Hejnal made the motion, seconded by Marilyn Meyer, that his slate is cleaned of his unpaid assessments but he will have to pave his driveway and pay his assessments next year. And we have to receive written

Dam Committee Report for Nov 13, 2007 LTPOA Meeting

The dam leak was checked on Sunday Nov 11, 2007. The flow rate of the leak was the same as last month, between 250 and 300 GPM. Leak temperature was 49 deg F. This compares to 48 deg F in Oct. The water sample was crystal clear with no turbidity and a moderately strong H2S odor. The leak pool still contained lots of white fibrous algae.

At our dock at F29 the water level was down 6 ft 2 inches (-74"). Surface temperature was 55 deg F. If the water temperature drops a few more degrees and the wind picks up, the lake should turn over.

Dam expert Dave Taylor indicated he will get a Letter of Intent to the LTPOA Board for their approval by the Dec meeting.

Much of the debris in the spillway has been cleared and burned by Joe & Chyree De Roode and Rich Hirsch.

Rich Hirsch for the Dam Committee



permission to put silt on his property. Motion passed.

Marilyn Meyer said that lot A60 will be sold on the county courthouse steps for over \$3600 in back taxes. We are owed this year's assessments on the lot, but to us the lot is not worth paying \$3600 to purchase. A decision was made not to buy lot A60 from the county.

New Business

Lot owner Jim Gray asked if the asphalt company was still working at the lake as he already has grass growing down the center of his drive.

Wayne Brukardt requested time to pave his driveway as he was going to do extensive remodeling and did not want to do the driveway first. Janet Hirsch said that the board had discussed this and they were advising lot owners to apply for a regular building permit and then request an extension if necessary for driveway paving.

The problem of people doing "donuts" in the parking lot was discussed and also why the parking lot was not paved. President Sansone said that this obviously had been discussed but that at the moment it was too costly

The bathroom partitions are now up and work on the vanity is in progress. Janet Hirsch asked anyone willing to donate funds for the project contact her.

We will be receiving a proposal from Dave Taylor for the dam repair shortly. A special assessment for either one or two years for the \$100,000 anticipated cost of the repair will be presented at the annual election.

A meeting will be held on November 27 beginning at 7 p.m. to continue discussion on the silt removal.

There being no further business, Larry Kimmel made a motion, seconded by Marilyn Meyer to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
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LTPOA Meeting Minutes December 11, 2007

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the following board members present: Janet Hirsch, Ron Sansone, Pat Harting, Marilyn Meyer, Larry Kimmel, and Joe Hejnal.

President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the November minutes which had been posted on the web-site. The following change was made: Marilyn Meyer said that lot A60 will be sold on the county courthouse steps for over \$3600 in back taxes. We are owed this year's assessments on the lot but to us the lot is not worth paying \$3600 to purchase. A decision was made not to buy lot A60 from the county. Motion made to accept corrected minutes by Marilyn Meyer, seconded by Larry Kimmel, motion passed.

Janet Hirsch read the minutes of the November 27 lake silt removal progress meeting. These have been posted on the website.

Presidents Report

President Sansone began the meeting by reporting on the progress of silt removal. He said that approximately 1200 to 1400 loads of silt have been removed to date. The recent rain has stopped work for the moment. He was hoping that we could get a few more days of dry weather in order to dig a 200ft wide channel out to the deeper water. However, once the creek starts running they will have to stop. The equipment operator said that he thought that we had caught the silt at the right time, any more would have become a real problem. President Sansone said that he had spoken to the operators regarding putting a shot rock silt basin at the end of the creek. This location would be easier to keep cleaned out due to the road access. The creek has also been dug out to solid rock at this point. Without adequate silt basins the silt will come back in after a heavy rain. There is a property owner who has a dock where the silt basin will be located and this owner will be contacted to discuss the matter.

President Sansone then reported on the dog which had recently been run over and killed on the north side. He said that people are driving too fast and it is beginning to get dangerous particularly on long straight stretches. He said that the board was looking into getting speed limit signs up. However, because we are private it is very difficult to get any police assistance in enforcing a speed limit.

The possibility of putting in speed bumps will also be investigated and our attorney and insurance agent will be contacted. The consensus of those present was that people should take responsibility for their own actions. Larry said that many people drove responsibly and he thought that it was unfortunate that the Board has to legislate compliance for a few individuals. However, people are driving cars too fast, going round corners on the wrong side of the road and thankfully this time a child or an individual had not been killed. The problem of ATVs was again discussed. These vehicles are prohibited from using the lake roads and lot owners should not invite people to come out here to use them. This problem hopefully will be addressed with the new stickers.

Janet Hirsch made a motion that pending favorable response from our attorney and insurance agent that a total of 5 speed bumps be installed, motion seconded by Larry Kimmel. The vote was 2 yes and 4 no. This will be brought up again after all the ramifications are investigated.

Janet Hirsch said that she thought that speed bumps would be a very good solution right now. President Sansone said that maybe one should be tried to see how it worked. A lot of service vehicles, e.g. ambulances and fire departments do not like to have to negotiate speed bumps. Larry Kimmel said that he appreciated the emergency services do not like them but he would hate to feel that that was the only reason for not installing them as he does not want people to continue driving so fast. President Sansone said that he would be installing the five speed limit signs as soon as possible. Russ Wilner asked how the rules could be enforced. Larry Kimmel said that the board does have the authority to make new rules. At the moment legal action has to be taken against offenders and they

have had success in fining people who break the gate. Perhaps a neighborhood watch can be started to help enforce the lake rules and regulations.

Treasurers Report

Marilyn Meyer, Treasurer, reported for November

There are 10 Delinquent Regular Assessments for 2007-2008

There are 10 Delinquent Special Assessments for 2007-2008

There is 1 Delinquent Property Owner for 2004-2006

There is approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 now owed in delinquent assessments

Larry Kimmel made a motion, seconded by Janet Hirsch to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Marilyn presented the following bills for payment:

Culvert Pipe 500.00

Joe Hejnal jr - Repair of Salt Truck 65.00

Two Quit Claim Deeds 54.00

Extra Liability Insurance 60.90

Taxes 1,821.82

McLaren - Silt removal 30,407.50

(This amount will be paid as follows - \$10,000 this month with the remainder 90 days same as cash.)

Motion made by Janet Hirsch seconded by Joe Hejnal to pay the bills. Motion passed.

Finance Committee

Janet Hirsch reported that copies of the year to date summary of income and expenses are available. She said that as of the end of November we were still in very good shape with regard to the budget having spent \$41,000 out of a budget of \$51,000 however we could run into trouble in the next few months when the bills come in.

Security

Larry Kimmel reported that most of the security issues had been already addressed as most of what he would have reported was the incident on North Lakeshore Drive where a NuWay truck struck and killed the dog. He again expressed concern for the safety of people walking on the roads and hoped that somehow a solution to this problem could be found. The use of reflective clothing may help. It was suggested that a copy of the incident be sent to the owner of NuWay.

Communications

Janet Hirsch said that the deadline for the next newsletter is December 20. A revised project list has been posted on the website. Russ Wilner has separated this into current projects in progress and completed projects.

Building Director

President Sansone said that the dry hydrant located at the dam needs to be lowered. He asked that if anyone would be willing to give access to lake residents where the lake is deeper please contact him. He said the Board would improve the property the 20ft needed for boat access. He also said we need to find suitable places for the needed dry hydrants. Insurance rates may be if you are within 1,000 ft of a dry hydrant. Unfortunately, there are very few places suitable for dry hydrants around the lake. Larry has spoken to a lake resident who is currently in the process of digging out his cove but the timing issue made it not feasible. Larry said he discussed this at length with him and left the situation open.

Joe Hejnal reported on the following building permits:

· Winslow - F57-60 - Replace existing driveway with concrete.

· Hegger - C23-24 - Construct concrete seawall.

· Holland - D31 - Construct concrete ramp at water's edge.

· Blaha - A36-37 - Replace seawall - Moveable boat slide - if the boat slide is made permanent it will have to be attached to the dock.

· Bruckhardt - N11 - Replace dock removed during cove excavation

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vation.

· Fluegel - D17-19 - Add 10ft to existing patio on east side of house. Repair existing dock.

· Lane - A9-11 - Build fence along edge of lot A11 next to public path. A survey is required for this as the fence cannot go into common ground or lake property nor on the public path.

· Schopp - G1-G4 - Cove excavation

· Frauenfelder - K32-33 - Further discussion required.

Motion made by Marilyn Meyer, seconded by Joe Hejnal to approve the permits. Motion carried.

Maintenance

Joe Hejnal reported that the blade on the salt truck needs repairing. At the end of the winter season, the truck bed will need to be sand blasted. Janet Hirsch said she had been contacted by Barbara Fitzgerald concerning a very dangerous corner in the 5900 block of North Lakeshore where brush and trees need to be trimmed. This is a stretch of undeveloped lots. Ron said he would look at it and possibly use the bobcat to knock the trees down.

Joe Hejnal reported on his meeting with Meramec Paving. He said he went over all the sites with them on the south side that had been marked for repair and the entrance to the forest. He said they were in the process of giving him an estimate for the repair and also would provide a list of what had been done and what still needed to be done. Several residents still needed elective work and it was disappointing that Meramec had not yet contacted them. The siphon will be turned off this coming Saturday.

Web Site

Janet Hirsch reported that she is receiving a lot of emails on the site. She received one from Ray Lauer expressing his opinions and concerns on the silt removal project. He feels that a lot of people feel they were lied to in that it was first announced it would be lowered 4ft and then more recently taken down to 8ft. He was very unhappy about this and wants the siphon stopped and the silt removal stopped also. President Sansone said that the biggest cost (approximately 60%) in the silt removal is having somewhere to take it. Fortunately we currently have somewhere and have taken advantage of that fact.

Lake property owners who have received silt will be billed \$65 per load.

Dam Committee

Richard Hirsch reported for the committee. See report on page 3.

Janet Hirsch made the motion that we accept Dave Taylor's letter of intent to repair the dam this spring. Marilyn Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LTIA

The following events are planned for December:

December 15 - Christmas caroling and food pantry collection

December 16 - Children's Christmas party

December 31 - New Years Eve party

New Business:

It has been reported by the Quick Stop that their dumpster is being used by someone. The police have been called.

A lake resident asked if the bobcat was available for private use. Unfortunately, it is not due to insurance liabilities. Certain members of the board are certified to use it.

The Wiler truck is being parked illegally on the grass at the lakefront. There is concern that this will tear up the grass and leave big ruts which will have to be addressed next spring.

The problem of people parking on the road was brought up. This will be looked into with regard to lake restrictions.

Rock needs to be put under the pipe at the southside bridge to prevent further erosion from spring rains.

There being no further business, Larry Kimmel made a motion, seconded by Janet Hirsch to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Harting

Silt Removal

In the last newsletter, Nov/Dec 2007, we predicted that the lake would be down a total of 73 inches after three weeks of siphon operation. Nov 3 the siphon was turned off and by time of the November 13 LTPOA meeting the lake was down 74-1/4 inches.

November 6 McLaren Excavation began digging silt from the area around the boat ramp. As they progressed they discovered that the silt was only about 2 feet deep and below that level there is solid rock.

The Board made arrangements to have the silt taken to the junkyard at the entrance to Lake Tishomingo Road and instructed McLaren to continue silt excavation.

By the November 13 LTPOA Board meeting approximately 250 truckloads of silt had been removed from the area and taken to the junkyard. At that meeting there was a lot of enthusiasm for the progress being made and the Board voted to continue the excavation for another 14 work days.

The Board made this decision knowing that they would soon consume the \$40,000 budgeted for the siphon and silt projects.

At a special silt progress meeting November 27 it was reported that about 700 truckloads of silt had been removed. Among the audience and the board there was a lot of support for continuing the project. Everyone recognized that this is a unique opportunity. The combination of dry weather, low water level, and a local site for dumping the silt make it especially attractive.

Many people spoke of the need to remove the silt. Several suggested the use of larger equipment. Some spoke against continuing the project because there is no more money in the budget and there is the very high probability of going into debt to pay for it.

Overall, the feeling in the room was enthusiasm for continuing the silt removal.

The Board decided by a vote of 5:2 to restart the siphon and to lower the lake a maximum of an additional 2 feet and spend a maximum of an additional \$50,000 removing silt. The siphon was restarted Friday November 30.

By the December 11 LTPOA Board meeting the lake level was down a total of 95 inches and approximately 1300 truckloads of silt had been removed from the area and taken to the junkyard. The silt in the creek bed is much deeper than at the boat ramp. It's a least 4 feet deep and that increases the estimate of the total amount of silt accumulated in the lake. The siphon was scheduled to be turned off after the two weeks of operation on Friday December 14.

December 14 the siphon was turned off and the lake level at that time was down 8-1/2 feet. The silt excavation will continue until we have spent the additional \$50,000 or the weather brings the work to a halt.



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October 31, 2007 Financial Statement

Cash Inflow	
Regular Assessments 2007-2008	3,937.20
Legal	50.00
Pontoon Trailer Rental	200.00
Interest Accounts, Assessments	210.42
Gate Passes	15.00
Total Cash Inflow	4,412.62

Cash Outflow	
Bobcat Payment	1,166.20
Payroll	670.80
Engineer, Dam Leak	1,143.00
Insurance, Liability, CAP, WCP, CMP	9,275.35
Labor Siphon Installation	412.50
Siphon Pipe	4,004.88
Mo. Division of Employment Security, Quarterly	218.40
Postage Siphon Letter	85.41
Utilities	114.54
Total Cash Outflow	17,091.08

Checking Account Balance	95,108.86
Millenium Account Balance	32,162.21
CD's	61,139.16
Total Cash on Hand	188,410.23

There are 10 delinquent Special Assessments 2007-2008
 There are 12 delinquent Regular Assessments 2007-2008
 There is one delinquent property owner for 2004-2006

November 30, 2007 Financial Statement

Cash Inflow	
Regular Assessments 2007-2008	2,060.00
Special Assessments 2007-2008	287.00
Legal	300.00
Interest Accounts, Assessments	114.62
Total Cash Inflow	2,761.62

Cash Outflow	
Bobcat Payment	1,166.20
Payroll	670.80
U.S. Treasury, 941 Third Quarter	547.20
Mo. Dept. of Revenue 941 Third Quarter	24.00
Portable Toilet	90.00
West Paving Entrance Road	53,454.00
Internal Revenue Income Tax	936.00
LTIA Bathroom Renovation	5,000.00
Culvert Pipe	500.00
McLaren Grading Creek	4,570.00
Legal Third Quarter	1,702.00
Columbia Insurance	1,104.25
Postage	19.85
Utilities	116.94
Total Cash Outflow	69,901.24

Checking Account Balance	27,896.54
Millenium Account Balance	32,234.91
CD's	61,139.16
Total Cash on Hand	121,270.61

There are 10 Delinquent Special Assessments
 There are 10 Delinquent Regular Assessments
 There is one Delinquent Property Owner 2004-2006



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Flashes of Blue

by Julie Lunstead

Darlings of the avian world, bluebirds are thriving in Missouri.

"There goes number three!" I shouted as the third bluebird fledgling rocked back and forth in the entrance hole of the bluebird box in my backyard. Suddenly he took a headfirst plunge into flight and landed in a nearby tree, leaving behind the safe confines where he spent the first 17 days of his life with his four brothers and sisters. Number four took her first flight to the neighbor's roof, nearly 75 feet from her nest box. Would all five successfully leave the nest?

I held my breath as another small, blue, spotted face with big, dark eyes peered from the nestbox. After a few moments hesitation, he sprang from the box as if crying "Yahoo," and he, too, was quickly gone. Seeing those five bluebirds take their first flight turned me into a lifelong "bluebirder."

The eastern bluebird, Missouri's state bird, has won many hearts across their eastern U.S. range, but especially in Missouri. Their gentle ways and pleasing looks have made them a favorite of many people. Bluebirds have come to be seen as symbols of hope, spring and happiness. Bluebirds are desirable neighbors, and they consume many nuisance insects, such as grasshoppers, making them a favorite with gardeners.

The bluebird, known to early settlers as the "blue robin," readily accepted man's habit of clearing the land for homesteads. This cousin of the American robin then began to lose its foothold on our landscapes. Destruction of natural bluebird habitat and competition for nesting sites with introduced species, such as the European starling and the English house sparrow caused bluebird populations to shrink. Until recently, many Missourians had never seen the brilliant flash of blue or heard the uplifting 'chur-a-lee' of the bluebird song in spring. Fortunately, eastern bluebird numbers have rebounded and reports show them four times as numerous as they were 20 years ago.

Bluebirds are secondary cavity nesters, meaning they are unable to excavate their own nesting cavity. They depend on abandoned cavities of other species of birds, such as woodpeckers, that excavate a new cavity each year. However as people removed older, rotting trees, bluebirds were left with fewer nesting options.

Concerned citizens joined together to help save the bluebird. They placed artificial, handmade nesting cavities wherever they found good bluebird habitat, including

suburbs and on large open lawns with few bordering trees. Bluebirds readily accepted these artificial nesting sites and

their numbers soared. A drive along many of Missouri's roads usually reveals bluebirds perched along utility wires and fenceposts.

Determination may well be the bluebird's middle name. When the pair of bluebirds selected the nest box in my backyard, I began to fully understand their struggle to carry on their species. The male arrived first. After surveying the area he began to sing. His crooning soon attracted a female, who began building a nest.

The next afternoon another bluebird pair decided this nesting box was a perfect site for them to raise their young. The first pair stoutly defended their territory. I later learned that bluebirds only fight other bluebirds of the same sex. The four bluebirds were soon on the ground in two clouds of dust.

The fight went on for only a few seconds, and the second pair flew off in a hasty retreat. Although victorious, the first female had injured her leg and was unable to stand. For a month her mate closely guarded her and fed her insects. I frequently found them perching side by side on the same branch, the male warbling softly. When she was able to stand, they built their nest and successfully raised the five young I saw take their first flight.

This early success helped motivate me to search for other opportunities to place nesting boxes. I was given permission to place approximately 30 nesting boxes at a large park near my home. Because bluebird boxes left unattended may cause more harm by attracting undesirable birds, such as starlings or house sparrows, I monitored these boxes carefully.

I am proud to report that the last nesting season was a success. Eighty three bluebird young fledged and successfully left the nest. Of 96 bluebird eggs, two were lost to snakes, six failed to hatch and a few were destroyed by house wrens. Unfortunately, two nestlings perished due to hypothermia. In addition to the nestlings and eggs, two adult bluebirds defending their nest boxes were killed by house sparrows and one adult bluebird was killed by a house wren.

Come next spring you'll find me checking and repairing bluebird boxes once again. I'm hoping to break my record of 83 bluebird fledglings. Like the adult bluebirds, I am determined and committed to help them raise their young.

Related story: Bluebird Nest Boxes on page 2. More bluebird info: <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/>



LTPOA Financial Report November 30, 2007

Cash In Flow: Assessments	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	YTD	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Regular (2007-2008)	57828	30528	3937	2060	94353	97571	3218
Regular (2007-2008) rec'd in 07/07	65137	0	0	0	65137	65137	
Regular (delinquent)	150	1480	0	0	1630		
Special (delinquent)	784	437	0	287	1508		
surplus from previous fiscal year	51240	0	0	0	51240		

Cash In Flow: Other

Interest	127	457	210	115	910
Gate Damage	0	0	0	0	0
Gate Passes	50	55	15	0	120
Legal fees recovered	828	1481	50	300	2659
Lot Sales	0	4000	0	0	4000
Newsletter ads	20	0	0	0	20
Sales of used equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Pontoon trailer rental	0	0	200	0	200

Total Incoming Cash Flow	176165	38438	4413	2762	221777	162708
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Cash Out Flow: Expenses for Lake Operations	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	YTD	YTD Budget	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Dam leak repair	0	200	1143	0	1343	10000	30000	28657
Pipe to lower lake, wages + equipment	0	0	4417	0	4417	8333	25000	20583
Silt removal	0	0	0	4570	4570	5000	15000	10430
Insurance	0	0	9275	1104	10380	5000	15000	4620
BobCat payment	1166	1166	1166	1166	4665	4664	13992	9327
Security guard	1006	671	671	671	3019	2833	8500	5481
Legal	3122	0	0	1702	4824	2667	8000	3176
Snow removal (wages & salt)	0	0	0	0	0	2000	6000	6000
Bathroom remodeling	0	0	0	5000	5000	1667	5000	0
Employment tax	0	0	218	571	790	1167	3500	2710
Dam maintenance (+mowing)	1795	0	0	0	1795	1500	4500	2705
Admin, newsletter, postage	384	106	85	20	596	1133	3400	2804
Utilities	131	128	115	117	491	667	2000	1509
PWSD#13 expense	-88	528	0	0	440	667	2000	1560
Dry hydrants	0	0	0	0	0	667	2000	2000
Grass mowing & tree removal	0	400	0	0	400	542	1625	1225
Community docks/boat ramp	1538	0	0	0	1538	500	1500	-38
Tax	0	0	0	936	936	500	1500	564
Property tax	0	0	0	0	0	400	1200	1200
Security equipment	0	0	0	0	0	333	1000	1000
Bldg maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	333	1000	1000
Equipment repair	0	0	0	0	0	333	1000	1000
Paths & area above spillway	1000	0	0	500	1500	333	1000	-500
Maintenance yard	32	0	0	0	32	167	500	468
Motor fuel	48	0	0	0	48	167	500	452
Portable Toilet	90	90	0	90	270	150	450	180
Water quality testing	0	0	0	0	0	150	450	450
Gate & Security	0	0	0	0	0	100	300	300
Lakefront area restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: outflow for lake operations	10224	3290	17091	16447	47052	51972	155917	108865

Cash Out Flow: Expenses for Major Projects

Entrance road repair	0	0	0	53454	53454	54000	546
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Total Cash Out Flow	10224	3290	17091	69901	100506
Net Cash Flow	165941	35148	-12678	-67140	121270

Checking account balance	123104	157936	95109	27897
Certificates of Deposit	20780	21050	61139	61139
Millenium account	22056	22103	32162	32235
Total Cash on hand	165941	201089	188410	121271



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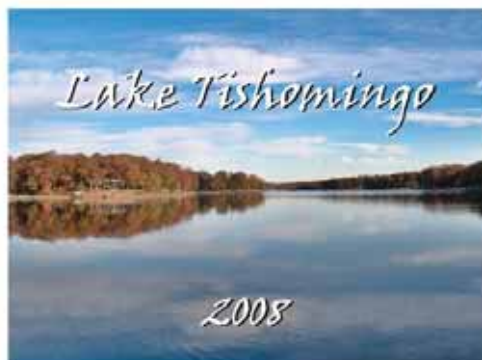
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