

Tishomingo News

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Lou's News

by Lou Harting, LTIA President

A quick reminder.....

You will all have received the special notification concerning the ballot for the assessment of \$1 per foot for two years. This is needed to fix the leak in the dam. Please come out and vote on March 29th as this is most important to the health of our community.

Secondly, as you know our community is a volunteer driven organization. There are no paid positions within the lake. However, I would like to take a minute of your time to say thank you on behalf of the community to Rich and Janet Hirsch and Ken and Bev Jost for spending the last five or six weekends installing new wainscoting in the community house. As you know there has been a hard push to upgrade and modernize our community building. The efforts of the Hirsch's and the Jost's have gone an exceptionally long way to this being achieved. Once again a hearty thank you for these giving people on behalf of our community.

Thirdly, come out and enjoy Reuben Sandwiches again for the annual "St. Pats" celebration at 6:30 p.m. on March 8th. Don't forget to wear your green.

Fourth, our date for the HOME, GARDEN & BOAT SHOW is May 3rd 2008. Mark your calendars now for our first annual show. Volunteer to make this a roaring success. More information will be forthcoming.

And.... Time for all potential candidates for the King or Queen of Lake Tishomingo for the 4th of July celebration, to contact Mary Leiweke 274 9002 to let her know you want to participate.



LTIA Dinners

6:30 pm Sat Mar 8 -- St Pat's Party
 4 pm Sat Apr 26 -- Crawfish Boil



Children's Easter Party

1 pm Sun March 16
 Bring: snack to share

Crawfish Boil

4 - 6 pm Sat Apr 26

Tickets: \$14 each
 2 for \$25

Each ticket includes 2
 drink vouchers

kids under age 10 free



Purchase tickets at the
 March 8 LTIA dinner or contact Jennie Kimmel at
 636-274-2295 – jkimmel@hrh-advantage.com by
 April 17, 2008

Earth Day Road Cleanup 9:30 am Sat Apr 19

See page 5

Home, Garden, and Boat Show Sat May 3

Details on page 3

Lakeside Gardeners Plant Sale 9 am - 12 n Sat May 10

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2008 Calendar

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| Mar 8 | Sat | 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner St Patrick's Day Party Corned beef, reuben sandwiches, bring a side dish to share |
| Mar 11 | Tue | 7 pm LTPOA Board meeting |
| Mar 16 | Sun | 1 pm Children's Easter Party |
| Mar 29 | Sat | 11:30 am Special Assessment Election |
| Apr 8 | Tue | 7 pm LTPOA Board meeting |
| Apr 19 | Sat | 9:30 am Earth Day Road Cleanup, Free Lunch for all workers |
| Apr 26 | Sat | LTIA Dinner, Crawfish Boil |
| May 3 | Sat | Home, Garden, & Boat Show |
| May 10 | Sat | 9 am Lakeside Gardeners Plant Sale |

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The color version of this newsletter is available at the website, laketishomingo.com. 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.

Newsletter

Deadline for next issue: April 20. Submit photos, articles, and ads to jhirsch@catenary.com.

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Call Pat Harting at (636) 285-1971, loupat4@earthlink.net to help your lake make this YOUR success.

If you are a lake resident and wish to exhibit please call Pat at (636) 285-1971, loupat4@earthlink.net.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

LTIA News

SUPER BOWL PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

The second annual Super Bowl Party held on February 3rd at the Community House was a resounding success. Fun, food and good fellowship was abundant. Even the little guys who showed up with their parents had a fun time.

Over 60 people attended, bags of food were donated to the local food pantry and over \$350 was raised for community use. Thank you all again for attending and see you next year.

2008 LTIA Special Events

..... Everyone is invited

- Mar 8 **St Pat's Party** -- corned beef & Reuben Sandwiches
- Apr 26 **Crawfish Boil** -- tickets in advance
- May 3 **Home, Garden, & Boat Show**, open to public
- Jun 14 **Lakewide Boat Poker**, followed by dinner
- Jul 4 **Boat Parade & Fireworks**
- Aug 9 **Pontoon Boat Races**

Earth Day Road Cleanup

Saturday April 19

John Dauernheim, a long time resident of the Lake and past board member, has for many years arranged the road clean-up day here at the lake. Typically, there have been anywhere from 8 – 15 people show up on a bright and sunny, or cool and cloudy spring day to pick up trash along the road.

Tishomingo Road is 2-1/2 miles long. 2 people get dropped off at half-mile increments and that's all they have to do - a half a mile. With 12 people, it takes about an hour.

Afterwards, LTIA is providing lunch for the volunteers. So you can get in your exercise and get fed too. Also, remember to involve your children. They are an important part of our community.

Put Saturday April 19 on your calendar. Join us at the Community House at 9:30 am. Together we can make a difference.

In Sympathy

We sadly report the recent passing away of Frances Jost, mother of lake resident Ken Jost. Our sincere condolences to Ken and Bev Jost and their entire family.

We sadly report the recent passing away of Frank Uhlenbrock, father of lake homeowner Jerry Uhlenbrock. Our sincere condolences to Jerry and Sandy Uhlenbrock and their entire family.

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A tale of two men But no truck

By Ray Lauer

Some guy named Samuel Johnson once uttered, "No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money." I have no idea of that man's identity. I'm not acquainted with anyone named Samuel Johnson. Probably don't care to meet him, either. But, I figure he may have been referring to me. I've written a lot of documents in my day, and a fair number of articles for publications. Assuredly I've received nary a penny for those efforts. By the same token, people may correctly say this blockhead, me, doesn't deserve a cent, and that's not surprising.

Anyway, after a respite of several months and not offering anything for the publisher's consideration, thought I'd pen some words about two men who are residents at the lake, and explain why I chose them as my topics.

First Impressions – Each of us has countless experiences in life, and no doubt, we remember first impressions, especially if they are lasting.

The initial visit to Lake Tishomingo for my wife, Bev, and I occurred in the late 70s. We drove here with a friend who was serving as the executor of an estate. Furnishings were being sold from the home at Lot O-1, 5794 North Lakeshore, which had been owned by an acquaintance, the late Fr. Charles Hofer. We stayed but few minutes and were impressed by the surroundings. In reality, from our vantage point at that area of the lake, we had no idea about the size or breadth of this body of water and this magnificent part of the world.

It was perhaps a dozen years later when we considered purchasing a weekend house on a lake and decided Lake Tishomingo would be the ideal location. It was convenient traveling here because it was not too distant from our home in southwest St. Louis.

Driving here to look for property which was for sale on North Lakeshore, with only one of our children in the car, the most outstanding thing we observed was a mailbox at the top of a driveway, fashioned from a used boat motor. That was a neat first impression for the three of us.

The following day we returned for a closer inspection of the property, and on this occasion our daughter accompanied us. The mailbox made an immediate impression on her, too. The date was January 15, 1990.

When we later became property owners there was no inkling when we would purchase a boat, if ever. When observing boaters and skiers on the lake our first summer, of course, made us want to join in the festivities. But, because of other financial obligations, we didn't purchase our first pontoon boat until the spring of 1993.

Then a neighbor informed us that if you own a boat, the motor will occasionally require maintenance and you need to get acquainted with Morris Sallee. When inquiring about the identity of this person named Morris, we were

told, "He's the man with the mail box that looks like a boat motor."

He was easy to locate, because of our first impression, and because we passed his home each time we arrived at the lake. And, we did as suggested. Bev and I stopped to see Morris one afternoon, introduced ourselves, had a pleasant conversation, and we've been friends ever since.

Besides having a mailbox that is a recycled boat motor, Morris in many other ways is an interesting individual. Knowing him prompted me to wonder how he first became acquainted with Lake Tishomingo, and so he and I recently sat in his living room while he regaled me with stories about the lake.

Morris' First Impression – When queried how he first came to know Lake Tishomingo, Morris offered that in 1960 he was working part-time at a Gulf Oil Station on Watson Road in St. Louis County. The owner, Jim Anderson, was an early property owner at the lake.

One day Jim told Morris he had a 10 h.p. motor on his boat which needed repair and asked if he would be available to come to the lake to get it in working order. Even though he didn't know much about reconditioning a boat engine, Morris drove to Lake Tishomingo and was able to make the necessary repairs. He not only accomplished that task, but also he witnessed a body of water that he just knew would prove interesting and enjoyable.

Morris mentioned the lake to his father-in-law, Archie Kiser, and they drove here in the following weeks. His father-in-law really approved of the lake and because he liked it so much he negotiated the purchase of a single lot, M-25. Only a few of the houses now seen around the lake and in the upper tier roads existed in 1960.

"As long as it wasn't raining, our family came to the lake every weekend," Morris added. "My son and two daughters just loved being around the water, swimming, boating and they learned to water ski, too." Kenny Droege was an outstanding skier, and he taught his skills to the Sallee children.

Those first years Morris and his wife and children, along with his in-laws, would pitch a tent, bring some food for barbecue, and just have an enjoyable time. "It was like heaven to us," Morris said. When asked, Morris said the first boat they owned was a 12-foot aluminum skiff equipped with a 25 h.p. engine. "That was pretty classy for that time period," he chuckled.

Sometime either in 1963 or 1964 a white stone house situated on three lots, G9, G-10 and G-11, was placed on the market. When Morris made inquiries, he learned the property was being offered for \$10,200. He suggested to his mother-in-law, Virginia Kiser, they should buy the house, and she demurred, saying, "That's an awful price." It was soon sold to someone else. If Mrs. Kiser were alive today, she no doubt be truly surprised about the increased property values at the lake.

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A Tale of Two Men, continued from page 5

A Land Baron – Morris decided to purchase property for himself and his family in 1974 and invested in three lots on South Lakeshore, E-19, E20 and E21. That's next to where Mike Jones and his family now have their home.

At that time, recounted Morris, the assessment was 55 cents per foot. The board had hired a man to do maintenance chores, Bill Hitchel. He took care of the roads, tended to grass cutting and was responsible for a host of other chores. Morris said Bill could not, in reality, take care of everything that was needed to support the lake's needs, so a number of property owners volunteered their time and, due to their combined efforts, were capable of keeping the subdivision in good shape. Additionally, there were annual picnics to support lake operations and volunteers were the reason for the success of these endeavors. Morris especially remembers how the women would bake cakes and pies, and help prepare the dinners that were served during the two-day picnics. Families volunteered to operate the various booths where items were vended, and annually raffle tickets were sold. The lucky winner was awarded a new car.

Learning to become a mechanic - When asked what piqued his interest in working on boat motors, Morris answered that as he completed grade school classes in 1946, he enrolled at the former Hadley Tech Vocational School on North Grand Avenue at Bell, in St. Louis. He began the study of aeromechanics, but after one year changed to vehicle mechanics. He graduated from the school in 1950. Over the years he was hired by a variety of companies, one of which was Bud's Place on Chippewa, an enterprise that sold boats. Using his mechanical talents and the skills learned while at the vocational tech school, he began working on boat motors. A natural progression allowed him to repair motors at his current home, where there is a small, well stocked workshop. "I can't even imagine the total number of boat motors I've worked on through the years. I do know that I've made innumerable friends," Morris said.

During his years of employment Morris also worked at a variety of other businesses doing mechanical work, and he particularly remembers his job at the former McMahan Pontiac agency, on Gravois, between 1954 and 1956. Three of his fellow employees included Andy Barni, who owned property here at the lake and built several homes in the D Cove. The other two, car washers at the time, were Bill Schicker and Pete Bommarito. They became successful businessmen. Bill is the owner of McMahan Ford and McMahan Pontiac in St. Louis, plus three other automobile agencies in various parts of Missouri. Of course everyone recognizes the Bommarito name and the influence that family has in a number of automobile agencies throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area. At the time of retirement, Morris was working as a mechanic for Churchill Truck Lines, keeping over the road trucks in operable condition.

Through the years Morris has honed his skills by attending various classes aimed at qualifying him to work on Yamaha boat motors. Framed certificates of accomplishment, attesting his successful completion of these classes, are now hung on the walls of his workshop.

The Patrol Boat – We recall seeing the present patrol boat parked outside Morris' house the first time we took our pontoon boat around the lake in 1993. On occasion he could be seen making contact with people who violated the lake's rules.

When asked if that was the only patrol boat owned by the lake, Morris said there had been an earlier boat and some years back it sank. "It's buried near the dam," Morris offered.

Morris related that over time volunteers have helped on the patrol boat, principally Bob Droege, Sr., who scheduled the volunteers. In addition to Bob and Morris, another one who donated countless hours working to keep the lake safe was Ed Melchior. Volunteers were provided with a badge, and they were given a whistle while on patrol, to warn and stop offenders. "When we first began operations on the patrol boat, it was a lot different than now. People that were stopped because of violations generally were receptive to the warnings issued about their improper conduct," Morris said. "It seems some people now want to openly violate our regulations, and then are somewhat obnoxious when cautioned about the misconduct. The only reason for volunteers to be on the patrol boat is to provide a safe environment for all lake users," he added.

Roger Hovis now has assumed responsibility for the patrol boat and continually seeks volunteers to assist him with the boat's operation during the summer season. Helpers, though, have been scant in the past several summers.

Morris said he's mostly retired from working on boat motors. He still gets on the lake on his pontoon boat, and if he witnesses a water violation, he's not hesitant about stopping and warning the violator. Morris told me, "I just remind them about the need for safety while operating a boat or pulling a skier on our lake."

Finally, Morris is looking forward to the start of repairs to stop the leakage at the dam. He said that although he personally recalls one previous time when the leak was addressed, he was told about the serious leak that occurred in the first year after the lake was completed. In 1951, according to sources, the lake drained because of a leak. After that, the dam was widened and after several years water again filled Lake Tishomingo.

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Can there be two first impressions? – One summer afternoon while friends were visiting us at our first property we headed out onto the water with them on our pontoon boat so they could see the beauty of Lake Tishomingo. After turning at the dam and starting along the houses on the south side, we passed a home where there were a number of cutout figures made from wood. They were painted with great detail and obviously someone who was very talented had constructed the figures. Two of the designs, one of a young boy and the other depicting a little girl, were of particular interest. In fact, using a bit of imagination, one could wonder if the little boy might not have been relieving

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Lake Tishomingo, November 2007. Photo by Russ Wilner.

Special Election Saturday March 29, 2008

A special meeting of the Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association will be held March 29, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at the Community House. After the meeting the voting for the election will begin. The polls will remain open until 2:30 p.m. Directors will be available for your questions.

The election will be to consider the question of a special assessment to repair the dam.

Points to Remember

- ✓ Money from this assessment will be used ONLY for repair and maintenance of the dam.
- ✓ By passing this assessment the total assessment bill will be \$4/front foot, the same as last year.
- ✓ It will be cheaper to repair the dam now than any time in the future.
- ✓ Work is scheduled to begin in April and be completed in May 2008.
- ✓ The lake level drops about 1 inch per week due to the leak -- about 50 inches a year.
- ✓ Last time the leak was repaired was 1965 -- 43 years ago.

You are urged to vote "YES" for the special assessment to repair the dam by the members of the Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association Board of Directors, the Dam Committee, and the Finance Committee.

SAMPLE BALLOT

**Lake Tishomingo
Property Owners Association
Special Assessment Election
March 29, 2008**

Question: Shall a special assessment of \$1 per front foot be charged for two years to pay for repairing the leak in the dam?

This will provide a total of \$108,000 to pay for dam repair.

- Billing for this special assessment will be included with the regular assessment billing. Payment will be due August 1, 2008 and August 1, 2009.
- Money collected from this assessment will be used only for repair and maintenance of the dam.

YES
 NO

**Election Workers Needed
Saturday March 29
11 am - 3 pm**

To volunteer contact:
Election Commissioner
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mbleiweke@aol.com

LTPOA Meeting Minutes January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Present were Kevin Seelbach, Joe Hejnal, Larry Kimmel, Marilyn Meyer, Ron Sansone, and Janet Hirsch. Absent was Pat Harting. There were 23 people in the audience.

Minutes

Marilyn Meyer made the motion to approve the December meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter, seconded by Joe Hejnal. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Marilyn Meyer, Treasurer, reported for December

Larry Kimmel made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Janet Hirsch. Passed unanimously.

Marilyn presented the following bills to be paid.

- * Income taxes, \$101.14
- * Missouri Lawyers Media, election notice, PSWD #13, \$44
- * Portable Toilet, \$90
- * Morton Salt, \$1,341.14
- * McLaren, \$20,407.50
- * Joe Hejnal, jr. snow removal, \$360

Larry Kimmel made the motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Janet Hirsch. Passed unanimously.

Security

Larry Kimmel reported that the night of Dec 29 there were several vehicles on the south side that were vandalized and subject to theft.

Communications

Janet Hirsch reported that the newsletters were sent out Monday, Jan 7 and everyone should have received one by now.

Buildings

Joe Hejnal reported the following applications for building permits.

- * Dierzbicki, L-9-10-11, repair of boat dock
- * Sharpless/Miller, F-20-21-22, remove and replace seawall

Kevin Seelbach made the motion to approve the building permits, seconded by Marilyn Meyer. Passed unanimously.

Janet Hirsch reported that the Millers, I-65-69 & I-37, contacted Jefferson County about a neighbor having about 12 truckloads of excavated silt from the excavation of the L-M cove on the north side dumped on his property. Also, this individual is delinquent in his assessments. He will be sent a letter stating that he must pay the assessments and he must contain the silt with proper controls. He will be held responsible if silt comes across the road. Unpaid assessments will be turned over to the attorney for prosecution.

Maintenance

Ron Sansone reported that a new silt basin was constructed on the lake side of the southside bridge. The rock dam forming the basin will be raised about another foot. Currently the rock dam is at the level of the bottom of the main pipe in the southside bridge.

Rich Hirsch reported that we received 2.7" rain Monday, the new silt basin restrained the flow of water into the lake and the lake level is now down 8'1" and the water temperature is 41 deg F. This rain raised the level of the lake about 6 inches.

The boat ramp has been removed and will be replaced. The large culvert pipe that ran parallel to the road approaching the southside bridge has been removed because vehicles could not get across it and when plugged it blocked water coming along the road.

Kevin Seelbach reported that the snow removal crew did a good job in December and there is salt and sand in the bins on S Lakeshore.

We need to replace the blade on the snowplow and order a new load of salt. This Spring the salt spreader has to be removed

from the truck and the truck bed repaired.

Several areas on the lake roads need repair and will be done when the weather improves.

Dam Committee

Rich Hirsch submitted this report. The letter of intent to repair the dam was accepted by the Board, signed, and returned to Dave Taylor. The estimated cost is \$100,000 - \$120,000 and we will need a special assessment to pay for the repair.

Silt Removal

Ron Sansone reminded everyone that at the Nov 27, 2007 meeting the Board approved spending an additional \$50,000 to excavate silt from the east end of the lake. He reported that we are probably at \$55,000 and recommended that we continue with the silt removal as long as the weather permits.

Many Board members and people in the audience spoke for and against continuing silt excavation. A summary of the arguments:

Pro

- * this is a rare opportunity, the lake is low and we have a place close by to dump the silt
- * property owners at the east end of the lake want deeper water

Con

- * we have exceeded our budget and will have to borrow money to continue the silt excavation
- * an increase in assessments must be voted on by property owners to raise the money to fund the silt removal.
- * if the property owners do not vote in favor of raising the assessments to pay for the silt removal, we will have a very difficult time financing lake operations for the next couple of years.

With a show of hands, the audience indicated about 50% of those present approved of continuing with silt removal.


Kevin Seelbach made a motion to go up to an additional \$100,000 from this point to continue to remove silt, if the occasion arises, until June 2008. Motion seconded by Joe Hejnal. Voting in favor of the motion: Kevin Seelbach, Joe Hejnal, Larry Kimmel, and Ron Sansone. Voting against the motion: Marilyn Meyer and Janet Hirsch. Motion passed.

The excavator removing the silt will be instructed to stay at least 50 feet away from private docks and shore. Any property owner who wants his shore area excavated should contact McLaren Excavating directly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.



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*Dam Committee Report
Jan 08, 2008 LTPOA Meeting*

The Letter of Intent from Dave Taylor (12/09/2007) that was signed by the LTPOA Board to repair the leak in the dam was sent back to Dave Taylor. In mid-February we should receive a detailed proposal/contract with his estimated charges.

On Sunday Jan 6, 2008 the flow rate of the leak was measured to be 250 gal/min. Temperature of the leak water was 40.5 deg F. (Temperature of the surface water off our dock at F-29 was 41 deg F.)

Lake level at 8 AM on Jan 8 was down 8 feet (96.375 inches).

Lake level at 12n on Jan 6 was down 8 feet 5 inches (101 inches).

Rain received on night of Jan 7 was 2.6 inches, which caused lake level to rise 5 inches. (We only need 16 more rainfalls like last night to fill the lake.)

Rich Hirsch for the Dam Committee



Thank you, Charlene Sansone

Over the past five years Charlene Sansone has given the lake hundred of hours of volunteer work by managing the computer system that keeps track of all our finances. This year Charlene has stepped down and will be able to spend more time on her own projects. When you see Charlene please thank her for all she has done for our community.

And if any one would like to help with the accounting please contact Marilyn Meyer (636) 274-1812 or Janet Hirsch (636) 285-0813. You only need a Windows computer and a willingness to learn. We appreciate any assistance you can give.

*Dam Committee Report
Feb 12, 2008 LTPOA Meeting*

Dear LTPOA Board Members,

As you are aware, work to repair the dam is scheduled to begin mid-April 2008 with expected completion by mid-May 2008. The estimated cost of this repair is \$100,000 to \$120,000. Payment for this work will be due in June 2008.

The Dam Committee after consultation with the Finance Committee recommends a special assessment specifically to raise the money for this project.

The Dam Committee makes the following recommendations:

- A special assessment of \$1 per front foot to run for two years. This will provide a total of \$108,000 to pay for the dam repair.
- Billing for this special assessment should be included with the regular assessment billing. Payment will be due August 1, 2008 and August 1, 2009.
- Money collected from this assessment shall be used only for dam repair and maintenance.

To charge this special assessment an election must be held and the assessment approved by vote of the property owners.

The committee recommends announcing the election at the Feb 12 LTPOA meeting and that the election be held March 29.

By receiving approval for the special assessment from the property owners in March we will be able to obtain a short-term loan and thus be able to pay for the repair in June. The special assessment money will be available in August and we can begin repayment of the loan at that time.

Respectfully,
Rich Hirsch, for the Dam Committee

Lake Tishomingo Dam Committee:

- Lou Harting
- Janet Hirsch
- Clarue Holland
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LTPOA Meeting Minutes February 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Present were Joe Hejnal, Larry Kimmel, Marilyn Meyer, Ron Sansone, and Janet Hirsch. Absent were Pat Harting and Kevin Seelbach. There were 9 people in the audience.

Minutes

Marilyn Meyer made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes as posted at the website, seconded by Larry Kimmel. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Ron Sansone reported that the silt removal project has ended. A wide path for boats was cleared along the north side from the boat ramp as far as lot N-24. The large concrete pipe from the side of the road will be removed. Additional boulders will be brought in for the creek. The boat ramp will be soon be reworked, made steeper, longer, and rougher.

Treasurer's Report

Marilyn Meyer, Treasurer, reported for January

Larry Kimmel made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Joe Hejnal. Passed unanimously.

Marilyn presented the following bills to be paid.

- * Ron Sansone, antifreeze, grease gun, etc., \$40.24
- * Joseph G. Hejnal, snowplowing, \$585.00
- * Joseph Hejnal, snowplow blade, \$192.40
- * Bobcat of St. Louis, service calls, \$283.95
- * Matt Holloran Contracting, salt and road cleanup, \$500.00
- * Columbia Insurance, quarterly, \$1,094.75
- * Mo. Lawyers Media, sewer ad, \$29.25
- * Dennis Tesreau, quarterly, \$3,562.20
- * McLaren Grading Inc., silt removal, \$15,000.00

Larry Kimmel made the motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Janet Hirsch. Passed unanimously.

Marilyn Meyer reported on the status of the silt removal project.

The board approved an agreement with Stephen Marler that he allow us to dump silt on his property through June 1, 2008, he will pave the first 20 feet of his driveway, and we will forgive all past due assessments.

Reporting for the finance committee Janet Hirsch said that McLaren is allowing us to pay \$10,000 per month and consequently we will be able to pay for the silt removal project out of regular assessments over the next year.

Security

Larry Kimmel reported that there have been no problems this month. If you are the victim of vandalism or theft contact the sheriff.

Buildings

Larry Kimmel and Joe Hejnal reported the following applications for building permits.

- * Kline, N-13-14-15-16, remove and replace garage
- * Timmersman, I-38, install seawall
- * Shea, H-8, construct modular block seawall
- * Rohm, M-19-20, replace seawall
- * Kimmel, M-21-22, garage addition, ramp extension
- * Holloran, M-29, replace dock
- * Harvey, O-6, replace dock
- * Steinmetz, K-39, replace dock

Joe Hejnal made the motion to approve the building permits, seconded by Janet Hirsch. Passed unanimously.

Maintenance

The bobcat, salter, and snowplow have been repaired. Kevin will order more salt.

This Spring the salt spreader has to be removed from the truck and the truck bed repaired.

Dam Committee

Rich Hirsch reported the committee's recommendation for an election for a two-year special assessment of \$1 per front foot to be held March 29 to pay for repair of the dam. He also reported that the lake is down 6 feet 10 inches, Dave Taylor will have a contract ready for us by February 15, and Mike Leiweke will have the weir box ready to install very soon.

Janet Hirsch made the motion that the LTPOA hold a special election on March 29, 2008 for the purpose of passing a two-year special assessment of \$1 per front foot to pay for the repair of the dam. Motion was seconded by Larry Kimmel. Passed unanimously. A mailing will be sent to all property owners announcing the election and containing a summary of reasons for the assessment, the work to be done, and sample ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.



Final comments on the silt removal project

Bill McLaren did not charge us for moving his equipment or when he worked removing silt. After Dec. 8th we were not billed for Sat. overtime, or when the equipment was down or stuck in the lake. We are making monthly payments to McLaren interest free.

Our roads were cleaned 12 times by volunteers using our bobcat: Kevin, Joe (Jr.), Ron and Larry. Some of the contractors worked to clean up the mess plus homeowners swept the roads. This was greatly appreciated.

Ron Sansone allowed us to use his yard for access, provided his men to remove a section of his seawall and build the road. Dumping the silt on his property across the road made the turn around for unloading the trucks twice as fast. He was billed \$2100 for silt removal in front of his seawall.

Rick Kardell allowed us to use his yard for access for silt removal, this was a big help.

The creek was cleaned out in October. The major project on the lake silt removal began 11-6 and was finished 1-31 which amounted to 51 days at a cost of \$150,120.86. We have estimated that 1,500 to 2,000 truck loads or 13,000 to 18,000 cubic yards of silt have been removed with our project. This clean out should last us a very long time. Our major focus now will be to prevent additional silt from coming into the lake.

Marilyn Meyer
Feb. 12, 2008



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A Tale of Two Men, continued from page 6

himself against a tree, where the figure was situated.

Our guests, a co-worker and his wife, were the parents of two young children, a boy and girl. The father said, "Look at that. That could easily represent our son. He wouldn't hesitate to stand with his back to the water to do that."

Little did we know at that time that the creator of the wooden people, Ed Melchior, would some day be our next-door neighbor. But, when we purchased our current home in 2004, the first people we met were the Melchiors.

Getting to know the Melchiors – During the past four years, we've become well acquainted with Ed and Betty, just as many others have here at the lake. Knowing them, and having spoken with both on many occasions, prompted me to want to learn more about this talented man, and then to share his story. So, on a recent Saturday afternoon I was invited to their home where both Ed and Betty told an intriguing story about how they were influenced to eventually move to the lake. I might add the house is filled with items that have been personally designed and constructed by Ed. More about that later.

Ed is a military veteran, having served his country during World War II. After his discharge, he held various jobs and met his future wife, Betty. Both of them were avid roller skaters and frequently visited the now demolished rink that was located next to the Arena on Oakland Av-

enue as often as four times each week. They were married in 1947 and that union has brought four children into the world, three girls and a boy, now all grown and married.

One of his first jobs was that of a St. Louis fire fighter, but that only lasted for a year. "In those days," related Ed, "we were only paid \$60.00 a week and I couldn't raise a family on that salary."

While working as an automobile mechanic at a location near his home, a friend advised a job was available in the metal lathe union. That became more than a temporary job. He retired in 1980. "I'm proud of the special jobs where I was assigned. We did much of the work on various rides at Six Flags, the animal enclosures at Grant's Farm, the Queeny Tower at Barnes Hospital and a lot of other major projects throughout the area," Ed told me.

Introduction to Lake Tishomingo – Everybody has a story regarding how he or she learned about the lake. In the case of Ed and Betty, they were friends with a property owner, Bob Droege. Ed and Bob enjoyed scuba diving and thus, in the 1960s, shared their talents as teachers at the Mid-County YMCA on Brentwood Boulevard.

When Bob decided to build a home at the lake, it was Ed Melchior who helped in the construction process. Ed was familiar with house construction, having built his own home in South St. Louis County years earlier. Visiting the lake each week while assisting Bob, he became familiar with the area and believed this would be a good location to bring his family for recreational purposes.

One afternoon in 1969, while riding on a friend's boat, they passed the property currently owned by them. There was only the boat dock that is still situated there and the standard 8-foot by 8-foot shed that had been placed on each lot by the lake's developer. A man, the previous owner, was seated on the dock when Ed called out to inquire if they could purchase the property. The owner answered in the affirmative, and soon the Melchiors were the new proprietors.

To be continued next issue

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December 31, 2007 Financial Statement

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Cash Inflow | |
| Regular Assessments 2007-2008 | 1,351.35 |
| Special Assessments 2007-2008 | 125.01 |
| Legal | 200.00 |
| Interest Accounts, Assessments | 102.78 |
| Total Cash Inflow | 1,779.14 |

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Cash Outflow | |
| Bobcat Payment | 1,166.20 |
| Payroll | 670.80 |
| Property Taxes | 1,815.09 |
| Two Quit Claim Deeds | 54.00 |
| Portable Toilet | 90.00 |
| Grass Cutting Three Times | 855.00 |
| Lakenan Insurance | 60.90 |
| Utilities | 122.40 |
| Total Cash Outflow | 4,834.39 |

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Checking Account Balance | 24,766.00 |
| Millenium Account Balance | 32,310.20 |
| CD's | 61,139.16 |
| Total Cash on Hand | 118,215.36 |

There are 5 Delinquent Special Assessments
 There are 4 Delinquent Regular Assessments
 Outstanding Delinquent Assessments \$2,000.

January 31, 2008 Financial Statement

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Cash Inflow | |
| Regular Assessments 2007-2008 | 1,568.35 |
| Special Assessments 2007-2008 | 275.00 |
| Legal | 838.14 |
| Interest Accounts, Assessments | 664.38 |
| Newsletter Ads | 210.00 |
| Silt Delivery | 260.00 |
| Total Cash Inflow | 3,815.87 |

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| Cash Outflow | |
| Bobcat Payment | 1,166.20 |
| Payroll | 1,006.20 |
| Portable Toilet | 180.00 |
| Service to Salt Truck and Snow Removal | 425.00 |
| Mo. Division of Employment Security Adjustment | 77.76 |
| U.S. Treasury Income Tax | 101.14 |
| Mo. Division of Employment Security, 4th Quarter | 254.80 |
| Mo. Dept. of Revenue, 941 | 28.00 |
| U.S. Treasury 940-V | 56.00 |
| U.S. Treasury 941-V | 638.40 |
| McLaren Grading | 30,407.50 |
| Morton Salt | 1,341.14 |
| Culvert Pipe Reimbursement | 500.00 |
| Mo. Lawyers Media Sewer Election | 44.00 |
| Beth Mahn Property Tax | 6.73 |
| Utilities | 140.20 |
| Total Cash Outflow | 36,373.07 |

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Checking Account Balance | 33,064.36 |
| Millenium Account Balance | 52,593.80 |
| Total Cash on Hand | 85,658.16 |



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Lake Tishomingo Sewer District Update Slow but Significant Progress

by Rich Hirsch, Secretary PWSD #13

Our last update on the sewer project was 10 months ago (*Tishomingo News*, May/June 2007), so we thought another was due.

Q Tell us about the District's new engineer.

The District's engineer until April 30, 2007 was William Brunjes. The Board felt he needed to be replaced. Five engineering firms that were well versed in sewer design and maintenance were interviewed in the search. The Board selected Taylor Engineering, Farmington MO because:

- Project engineer had worked for Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MO DNR) which should be an advantage in securing funding.
- President of the company had read the project documents and was ready to discuss the project when he arrived.
- References for Taylor were all very enthusiastic, more so than for the other engineering firms.

Q What will the monthly user fee be?

At this time the user fee is projected to be \$72 per month. This assumes a substantial grant from MO DNR. Your Sewer Board is not satisfied with this high a user fee and will continue to work to lower it. Towards this end we have contacted Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, US Rep. Carnahan, State Sen. McKenna, and State Rep. Belinda Harris. All have written letters of support to MO DNR for grant funding for users in the District. In reality it is still too early to accurately predict what the actual user fee will be.

Q Besides user fees, how will the sewer system be funded?

The District has secured funding from USDA Rural Development (USDA-RD) in the form of a loan (4.125% for 35 yrs). USDA-RD presented a mock check for \$2,243,000 to the District in Oct. 2007.

Also, we are hoping to get substantial grant money from MO DNR (\$366,800 and \$1,616,000). Without this money from the DNR it is unlikely that the sewer system will be built.

History of PWSD #13

- Oct 2005** district is formed by court order
- Apr 2006** election to form the district passed, 61% majority.
- Nov 2006** election to issue \$8 million in revenue bonds passed, 60% majority
- Oct 2007** USDA Rural Development presents a \$2,243,000 mock check to PWSD #13. This check represents a loan promised to the District to serve as major funding.
- Nov 2007** PWSD #13 is added to the MO DNR Water Protection Program list of projects that could be funded based on the project's "priority points."
- Jan 2008** PWSD #13 is placed near the top of the "contingency" funding list for fiscal year 2009.

Q How likely are we to get grant money from the MO DNR?

In Jan. 2008 our District was placed near the top of the "contingency" funding list for fiscal year 2009. Our project could be funded if one or two of the 17 projects on the "fundable" list is not ready to move forward. We should have more information on where we stand by July 2008. If we are not funded in 2008 we should move up the list and receive grant money in 2009.

Q When will sewer construction begin?

Our engineer has given us this schedule:

- Construction should begin 8 to 12 months after DNR awards us grant money. Possibly as early as spring 2009.
- Sewer construction should take 12 to 18 months.



Year-To-Date LTPOA Financial Report

| Cash In Flow: Assessments | Aug-07 | Sep-07 | Oct-07 | Nov-07 | Dec-07 | Jan-08 | YTD | | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| surplus from previous fiscal year | 51240 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51240 | | | |
| Regular (2007-2008) rec'd in 07/07 | 65137 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65137 | | 65137 | |
| Regular (2007-2008) | 57828 | 30528 | 3937 | 2060 | 1351 | 1568 | 97273 | | 97571 | 298 |
| Special (delinquent) | 784 | 437 | 0 | 287 | 125 | 275 | 1908 | | | |
| Regular (delinquent) | 150 | 1480 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1630 | | | |
| Cash In Flow: Other | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lot Sales | 0 | 4000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4000 | | | |
| Legal fees recovered | 828 | 1481 | 50 | 300 | 200 | 838 | 3697 | | | |
| Interest | 127 | 457 | 210 | 115 | 103 | 664 | 1677 | | | |
| Silt delivery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 260 | 260 | | | |
| Newsletter ads | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 210 | 230 | | | |
| Pontoon trailer rental | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | | | |
| Gate Passes | 50 | 55 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 | | | |
| Total Incoming Cash Flow | 124925 | 38438 | 4413 | 2762 | 1779 | 3816 | 176132 | | 162708 | |
| Cash Out Flow: Expenses for Lake Operations | Aug-07 | Sep-07 | Oct-07 | Nov-07 | Dec-07 | Jan-08 | YTD | YTD Budget | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
| Silt removal | 0 | 0 | 4417 | 4570 | 0 | 30408 | 39395 | 20000 | 40000 | 605 |
| Insurance | 0 | 0 | 9275 | 1104 | 61 | 0 | 10441 | 7500 | 15000 | 4560 |
| BobCat payment | 1166 | 1166 | 1166 | 1166 | 1166 | 1166 | 6997 | 6996 | 13992 | 6995 |
| Bathroom remodeling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5000 | 0 | 0 | 5000 | 2500 | 5000 | 0 |
| Legal | 3122 | 0 | 0 | 1702 | 0 | 0 | 4824 | 4000 | 8000 | 3176 |
| Security guard | 1006 | 671 | 671 | 671 | 671 | 1006 | 4696 | 4250 | 8500 | 3804 |
| Paths & area above spillway | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 500 | 2000 | 500 | 1000 | -1000 |
| Employment tax | 0 | 0 | 218 | 571 | 0 | 1055 | 1845 | 1750 | 3500 | 1655 |
| Property tax | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1815 | 7 | 1822 | 600 | 1200 | -622 |
| Dam maintenance (+mowing) | 1795 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1795 | 2250 | 4500 | 2705 |
| Snow removal (wages & salt) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1766 | 1766 | 3000 | 6000 | 4234 |
| Community docks/boat ramp | 1538 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1538 | 750 | 1500 | -38 |
| Dam leak repair | 0 | 200 | 1143 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1343 | 15000 | 30000 | 28657 |
| Grass mowing & tree removal | 0 | 400 | 0 | 0 | 855 | 0 | 1255 | 813 | 1625 | 370 |
| Tax | 0 | 0 | 0 | 936 | 0 | 101 | 1037 | 750 | 1500 | 463 |
| Utilities | 131 | 128 | 115 | 117 | 122 | 140 | 753 | 1000 | 2000 | 1247 |
| Admin, newsletter, postage | 384 | 106 | 85 | 20 | 54 | 0 | 650 | 1700 | 3400 | 2750 |
| Portable Toilet | 90 | 90 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 180 | 540 | 225 | 450 | -90 |
| PWSD#13 expense | -88 | 528 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 484 | 1000 | 2000 | 1516 |
| Motor fuel | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 250 | 500 | 452 |
| Maintenance yard | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 250 | 500 | 468 |
| Dry hydrants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Security equipment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Bldg maintenance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Equipment repair | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Water quality testing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 225 | 450 | 450 |
| Gate & Security | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 300 | 300 |
| Lakefront area restoration | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtotal: outflow for lake operations | 10224 | 3290 | 17091 | 16447 | 4834 | 36373 | 88260 | 77959 | 155917 | 67657 |
| Cash Out Flow: Expenses for Major Projects | | | | | | | | | | |
| Entrance road repair | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53454 | 0 | 0 | 53454 | | 54000 | 546 |
| Total Cash Out Flow | 10224 | 3290 | 17091 | 69901 | 4834 | 36373 | 141714 | | | |
| Net Cash Flow | 114701 | 35148 | -12678 | -67140 | -3055 | -32557 | 34418 | | | |
| Checking account balance | 123104 | 157936 | 95109 | 27897 | 24766 | 33064 | | | | |
| Certificates of Deposit | 20780 | 21050 | 61139 | 61139 | 61139 | 0 | | | | |
| Millenium account | 22056 | 22103 | 32162 | 32235 | 32310 | 52594 | | | | |
| Total Cash on hand | 165941 | 201089 | 188410 | 121271 | 118215 | 85658 | | | | |



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- Apr 26 LTIA Dinner, Crawfish Boil -- 4 - 6 pm

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