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Calendar			
Nov. 10	Tues.	7:00 pm	LTPOA Board Mtg.
Dec. 8	Tues.	7:00 pm	LTPOA Board Mtg.

LTPOA Notes continue from previous column

Thankful for lot owners who pay their assessment on time so that we can keep improving our roads and meeting our expenses. We now have chipped & sealed the areas of most traffic and will be addressing the lesser-traveled areas next year.

Thankful for all that followed the pontoon NO WAKE rule. Yes, we have that rule, and for the most part, most of us followed it most of the time. Please read the Water Rules & Regulations at laketishomingo.com.

Thankful for all the personal upgrades made around the lake that continue to make Tishomingo the desirable place that it is. We have the highest number of building applications for upgrades that I can remember during a lake drawdown period. No wonder homes sell in less than a week!

Thankful for all the people of our community. We all have more in common than we may think. We can all agree that we love the Lake. I have missed our community gatherings during the summer as well as our monthly LTIA meetings and dinners. Hopefully that will change soon. ~ Steve

From Doug Leeker, Building Director

[This is a condensed version of an article that appeared in a previous issue of Tishomingo News.]

In recent years there have been dozens of high-quality projects installed at Lake Tishomingo. We have dozens more ongoing and upcoming. Our community is a wonderful place to live and a smart investment. Our real estate values have increased steadily. At the same time, we have maintained our charm and tradition, our safety and sense of community, our green space, good roads, and clean water.

The building rules are fairly simple. Any change of a home's exterior footprint requires Board approval. Any dock, lift, wall or patio construction on common property around the lake and/or on the lake requires Board approval. A ribbon of common ground surrounds the entire lake. This area and the lake itself are community property. It is very **important that ALL docks be marked with the owning residents' lot number and recorded on that property's deed.**

New builds, additions, decks, patios, fences, walls, and 6-8 ft stick-built sheds (on non-residential lots only) require approval.

What's This?

The LTPOA sponsored the printing and mailing of this issue of *Tishomingo News* to all Lake Tishomingo property owners. In this issue, you can check out regular features such as the LTPOA Board meeting minutes, the Lakeside Gardeners and Tishomingo Anglers news, updates from the PWSD#13 sewer board, and NatureNews. Don't miss the contact information for the leaders of Lake organizations on page 2! Many issues also include news of LTIA events, favorite recipes of Tish residents, and other items of interest. Read about the new Book Club on page 5.

Be sure to get on the list to be emailed future issues! Send your email address to news@laketish.com to receive this free and informative newsletter electronically. You can also find this issue and back issues on the Lake Tishomingo website at <http://laketishomingo.com>.

[I recommend that you access this newsletter online in order to view all the photographs in color or if you want to easily follow any of the hotlinks included.]



LTPOA Notes

From Steve Blaha, President

As you receive this newsletter, we are nearing the Thanksgiving season, and I have a lot to be thankful for. First off, I want to say I am most thankful for all the thoughts for my family and me during my bout with the COVID-19 virus. I am doing just fine, thanks to the medical staff and your prayers!

There are more things I am thankful for. Like fish that like to eat pond weed and Southern Naiad. We stocked 150 of these grass carp Monday the 5th of October.



photo by Steve Blaha

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Allow 7–10 days lead time			

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PWSD#13

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After-hours Sewer Emergency	District Liaison	888-970-1382	

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Classified Ads

▪ (Buildable) Lots for Sale

Northshore Drive - Second Tier
3 Lots: Block K56, K57, K58
Small shed on the property
Price: \$15,000
Call: Donna at 636-671-1992 (home)
or 314-910-2835 (cell)

▪ 2 Boat Seats with pedestals and covers

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Maggie 314/609-5152

▪ Free Dock

Excellent condition. Recently stained. 8'x18'. Must dismantle and haul away yourself.
Located at N24 5816 N. Lakeshore Dr. Call for photos
Maggie Griffiero 314/609-5152

Next Newsletter Deadline is December 20, 2020.

Approved projects can qualify for a 'temporary construction gate code.' The approval process also alerts the sewer board that new construction is coming. At approval, the BoD then follows along with the Jefferson County inspection and permitting process. The signed building application also protects our community from any road damage caused by heavy equipment and keeps track of who is inside our gates. Building Applications can be found on the Lake Tishomingo website.

The Board is very supportive of quality improvements. Please check with the BoD on your project PRIOR to spending time and money. We will help you navigate the restrictions and regulations.

Thank You for Your Support ~~ Doug

LAWNS AND LAKES

Our community has recently spent nearly \$4000 on treatments for water willow removal and the purchase of grass carp to rid the lake of pond grass and algae. A large reason that these plants thrive is the use of chemical fertilizers on lawns. Large portions of engineered fertilizer wash into the water. They are built to last. They are putting too much nitrogen in the lake.

Everyone appreciates a good-looking lawn. There is a product called MILORGANITE that has been around for decades, is totally organic, won't burn, and becomes one with the soil. If you must fertilize, please use this product and/or have your lawn company apply only this product.

Thank You ~~LTPOA Board of Directors



Sewer District News

PWSD#13 welcomes new board member John Fechter. John replaces Lora Thomas, who had to resign due to increased demands on her time. We thank Lora for the many years she spent on the board.

Also with regret, PWSD#13 bids farewell to Joan Jaeger, after-hours customer liaison. Joan did a great job but has decided to return to medicine. We thank her and wish her success in her new position.

Clip and Save

Sewer Emergency			
M – F	8 am – 4 pm	Water Resources Management	636-257-3976 support@waterrm.com
	Evenings, weekends and holidays	After hours emergency number	888-970-1382
Billing Questions			
24/7		Voicemail only; leave message	636-285-1778 pwsd13@charter.net (preferred)

PWSD#13 Board of Directors

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Pump Outs

The District is currently pumping out the STEP tanks for homes with the highest pump hours. The reports on the conditions of a few tanks that have been pumped out have been alarming. Several tanks had thick layers of grease/scum floating on the liquid layer. In some cases, the in-tank filter was clogged with excessive debris and other foreign matter. Excessive scum and debris clogging the filter will stress the pump and can lead to sewage flowing into the yard, or sewage backup into the home. To protect the environment and your home plumbing, be careful about what goes down the drain.

NON-FLUSHABLE MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Cooking oil or bacon grease
- “Flushable” wipes or any other kind of wipe
- Feminine hygiene products
- Human or animal hair
- Paint, stains, or solvents

For more information download the Homeowners Manual from the website:
http://www.laketishomingo.com/pwsd13/docs/homeowners_manual.pdf

Emergency Service

Sewer District PWSD#13 has an emergency number for homeowners to call in case of sewer problems during evenings, weekends, and holidays: 888-970-1382. For sewer problems during normal working hours, owners should call the sewer operator, Water Resources Management: 636-257-3976. Clip and save the table at the bottom of this page!

PWSD#13 Job Opening

Paid part-time position. The sewer district needs someone to talk to and visit with customers if they have a sewer problem during evening or weekend hours. Requires good communication skills. For more information, contact Cheryl Miller, cmille42@gmail.com.



Understanding Copperheads

If copperheads are a fear factor for you, there is hope and help. Since they don't look like other Missouri snakes, they are easy to identify and avoid.

Missouri's copperheads are pinkish tan with dark-brown markings along their backs that are shaped like an hourglass or bow tie. This camouflage look helps them hide from prey in leaves along rocky hillsides and forest edges.



Photo by MDC Staff, courtesy Missouri Department of Conservation.

They make excellent exterminators as their diet is mostly mice and voles.

Copperheads are active from April through November, and have young from August through early October. They are not aggressive and seldom strike unless provoked.

Discourage copperheads from around your home by getting rid of wood or rock piles and tall grass. Wear boots when in woods or brushy fields, and leather gloves when moving rocks, old lumber and firewood.

Copperhead Facts

- Copperheads hunt for a variety of small animals, but mice make up most of their prey, so copperheads play an important role in limiting their populations.
- Copperheads eat mice, lizards, frogs, small birds, insects (especially cicadas), and sometimes small snakes.
- Young copperheads use their yellow tail as a lure to attract small frogs or lizards.
- However, they often rely on their camouflage pattern when resting in dead leaves and will usually remain motionless when encountered.

For more about copperheads, visit the MDC Field Guide <<https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/eastern-copperhead>>.

“[Understanding Copperheads](#)” by Peg Craft was first published on September 28, 2020, on the Missouri Department of Conservation *Discover Nature Notes* blog, and it appears here courtesy of the Missouri Department of Conservation.



Rena Rockwell

Invasive Bush Honeysuckle

As you may have read in our past Lakeside Gardeners columns in this newsletter, we are trying to manage the invasive plant species that are negatively impacting our community. One of these plants is the invasive Bush Honeysuckle, which is overcoming our precious roadways, pathways, uninhabited lots and the land that surrounds our entrance roadway. Late fall and winter are the ideal time to remove this plant permanently. Are you willing to volunteer an hour or two on a Saturday morning? We would be thrilled for you to join us on the second Saturday of each month, starting in November.

Here are the dates:

- 11/14
- 12/12
- 1/9
- 2/13
- 3/13



Photo by MDC Staff, courtesy Missouri Department of Conservation

Weather permitting, meet us at the flagpole at 9:30 a.m. with gloves, a tarp and a rake or some loppers. This activity is great for all ages.

To Compost, Mulch or Burn—That Is the Question

The problem with leaves is what to do with them. Left on the lawn, they smother the grass. Left in the flower beds, they mat down in a wet mass, hampering spring flower emergence. Let's start with burning leaves, which seems to be most prevalent in our community.

Burning. The smoke from the open burning of leaves contains a number of toxic, irritant, and carcinogenic (cancer-causing) compounds. Leaf smoke also contains carbon monoxide. The visible smoke from leaf burning is composed of tiny particles that contain a number of pollutants. Breathing smoke can increase the chances of respiratory infection, reduce the volume of air inhaled, and impair the lungs' ability to use that air. It can



also trigger asthma attacks in some people. Damp and poorly burning leaves also produce some carcinogenic hydrocarbons. The carbon monoxide produced by burning leaves reduces the amount of oxygen that can be carried in the blood. This is especially dangerous for infants, smokers, the elderly and people with heart or chronic lung disease.

Photo by Rich Hirsch

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Of course, in addition to these health concerns, burning leaves is a fire hazard. [EPA. 1992. *Residential Leaf Burning*. EPA-452/F-92-007]

Under no circumstances should leaves be raked or blown into the lake! Leaves decomposing in the lake use up oxygen that is needed by native plant and animal inhabitants. Low oxygen can even kill fish!

Mulching. Leaves make great fertilizer and wonderful mulch. They build topsoil or humus. It's a simple formula: year after year, the trees shed the materials you need to make your yard or garden more beautiful. Thin green nitrogen-rich maple leaves, which fall to the ground in early autumn, will rot quickly. Thicker oak leaves fall later and rot more slowly. A rotary mower, run in a spiral clockwise pattern over a leaf sprinkled lawn (edge first), will shred most leaves into bits, which, like grass clippings, will be washed down onto the soil between the grass blades during the next rain. Earthworms will turn leaf bits and grass clippings into black humus topsoil around the grass roots. [Missouri Department of Conservation. 1995. "Autumn Leaves—Myth and Reality."]

Composting. Composting is a safe and environmentally sound method of managing leaves and other yard trimmings. Proper composting does not cause health or fire hazards and, in fact, can be beneficial to gardens and lawns. Composting is a simple process that involves placing yard trimmings and other organic materials in a pile or bin, maintaining adequate moisture, and turning the pile periodically to mix in air. Microorganisms gradually break down the yard trimmings into a humus-like product called compost. It is fine to compost only leaves, but other materials such as grass clippings, coffee grounds, and vegetable and fruit peelings can be composted as well. Compost can be used as a mulch in flowerbeds and around shrubs, or it can be added to the garden as a soil conditioner. It can also be spread on lawns as a top dressing. [EPA. 1992. *Residential Leaf Burning*. EPA-452/F-92-007]

For more information about how to compost:
10 Tips for Winter Composting
<https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/10-tips-winter-composting/>
Composting at Home <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>



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Book Club

Wonderful reads, interesting discussions, and (safely) socializing with your neighbors: find all this and more at the Lake Tishomingo Book Club.

Meetings are held twice a month on Thursday mornings (9:30 a.m.) at the Community House. Upcoming dates are November 5, November 19, December 3, and December 17.

The book for November is *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert. You may recognize Gilbert's name because of *Eat, Pray, Love*, her popular 2006 memoir. *City* is historical fiction, set in New York's theater world in the 1940s. It was nominated for the Goodreads Best Historical Fiction award; the audiobook version won an "Audie" in 2020. First line: "In the summer of 1940, when I was nineteen years old and an idiot, my parents sent me to live with my aunt Peg, who owned a theater company in New York City."

Other titles the book club will be reading include *House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea, *Invisible Girl* by Lisa Jewell, *Everything I Never Told You* by Celest Ng and *Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza.

Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, email lindablaha@charter.net.



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Tishomingo Anglers

Tishomingo Anglers are seeking volunteers to help with the aluminum can recycling effort. If you are interested, contact Brian Stephens (573-247-2796) or Mark Stubits (314-479-7101). Also, the Anglers thank the LTPOA for stocking the lake with 150 grass carp to help clean up the water.



A Letter to the Editor

I am addressing this to the entire lakeside community, in an earnest plea to optimize our private little environment. I am not desiring to become some elitist, restrictive neighborhood, yet I do have some concerns about some notable trends over the last year.

First and foremost, I love the serenity and natural beauty of our lakeside sanctuary. It has become even more vital to our family's mental, emotional and physical well-being since the massive changes we've encountered these last months during the pandemic. As such, it pains me when I leave the gate, and notice regular contributions of litter along the drive up to the corner. Often I see beer cans and bottles strewn about the roadside, and weekly I stop and pick up the annoying debris. Beyond the troubling notion that someone might be drinking while driving, they are also carelessly tossing their empties into the beautiful countryside.

Is there any motivating statement we can make to have this thoughtless action cease and desist? Not only is littering an actual offense, in my eyes it shows a disregard, apathy or even contempt towards the beauty of our neighborhood.

Secondly, as I live close to the gate and entrance, I often audibly witness the "hot-rodding" and dangerous, loud and aggressive acceleration by several drivers as they leave the gate area. I can definitely pinpoint the actual vehicles in question, but will take the high road (so to speak) and leave their embarrassing actions anonymous. Can we please check our road assertiveness for another, safer outlet?

My family has lived here only four years, but we love it here and really savor the atmosphere of Lake Tishomingo. I hope we can all band together and do our best to keep this a wonderful place to live.

Kurt Jaeger

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Starting the Siphon

The siphon was started on October 1, 2020, to lower the water level at the lake for sea wall and dock repair. On Tuesday, October 13, the water level was about two feet below full pool. On October 23, it was about three feet down.

Siphon Startup Crew: Steve Blaha, Al Ferrell, Ed Hill, Janet Hirsch, Rich Hirsch.

Other Siphon Stats:
~The siphon is 240 ft from the top of the tee to the outlet.
~The pipe diameter is 8 inches.
~Each section of pipe is about 20 ft long.



Photo by Rich Hirsch

~Time to fill siphon using 120v, 6a sump pump with 1.5" hose: about 20 min.
~The rate of drop averaged 1.57 in/day after four days.
~The discharge rate is calculated to be 3600 gal/min.
~Lake Tishomingo's surface area is 120 acres according to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Watch the siphon in action:

From the front or dry side of the dam:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF15ecvgSws>

From the lake side of the dam:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1u2SrijdR0I>



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LTPOA Meeting Minutes

Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

LTPOA Minutes August 11, 2020

Board members present Steve Blaha, Shelby Reneski, Mark Stubits, Jon Riche, Doug Leeker, Mike Steeno, Ken Stojeba.

There were 5 residents in attendance.

President Steve Blaha called the meeting to order.

President's Report

Steve asked the board members if they read the July minutes and if they had any additions, corrections or deletions. Shelby made a motion to approve and dispense the reading of the minutes and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

Treasurer's Report

Shelby read the financial report for August 2020. July had a cash inflow total of \$115,413.25 which included \$4.94 from interest, \$175 from gate cards and trailer rental, \$800 from 2019/2020 assessments, \$113,486.31 from 2020/2021 assessments and \$947 from a refund from MEM insurance for credit card payment made by Shelby.

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LTPOA August continues from previous column

The cash outflow for July totaled \$15,371.42 which included: Jon Riche for certified letter and assessment letter stamps (\$226.75), Shelby Reneski to reimburse a payment for our insurance audit (\$948), Charter (\$69.99), Ameren (\$109.54), Phone.com (\$19.38), Happy Grass for mowing (\$1,620), Red Oak Landscaping mow and trim dam (\$1,100), Mooney Landscapes for french drain, retaining wall, rip rap and rock (\$3,290), Curb Appeal Pros for cleaning of maintenance yard fence (\$125), Rottler Pest for termite treatment (\$207), Holloran Contracting for road repair and drainage near 6208 N LSD (\$3,224.21), and A&S Security for 114 hours (\$2,508), Brown and James Law Firm for legal work on the restrictions (\$1,899) and Recorded or Deeds for a lien release (\$24.55).

The checking account balance was \$251,010.01 as of 07/31/2020. Interest accrued in the Major Projects Fund account in the amount of \$9.94, resulting in a balance of \$117,358.31 as of 07/31/2020. Jon made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Doug. MOTION PASSED.

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Shelby asked for approval to pay August bills totaling \$3,702.91 which included; Doug Leeker for computer ink and paper (\$117.96), Charter (\$69.99), Phone.com (\$19.38), Ameren (\$110.58), Happy Grass for mowing twice from the gate to 4 way stop (\$400), Rita Brooks a reimbursement for gate cards (\$15) and A&S Security (\$2,970). Jon made a motion to approve paying the bills and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

Security

Mark detailed a minor incident when a lady was spotted walking in the gate. The individual whittled a spear out of a stick, performed karate at the boat ramp and dipped her head in the lake. The Sheriff was called and the woman was found outside the gate, in an undergarment, wiggling on the ground. The Sheriff confiscated a knife in her possession and sent her on her way.

Aaron from A&S called the Sheriff regarding a couple in a dispute right outside the gate. The Sheriff was called and arrested both individuals.

Aaron also noted an encounter with a person backing a boat into the lake at 7 PM. The person had no tags and his boat and trailer plates expired in 2011. Aaron confronted him about what lot he owned and he could not answer. Aaron threatened to call the Sheriff and told him to leave, which he did.

Extended hours for the Labor Day weekend were then determined.

Building

McKinnon O8, submitted an application to build a block wall 3' tall x 36' long. Jon made a motion to approve the wall and it was seconded by Mark. MOTION PASSED.

Carnie I3 and I4, submitted an application to replace an existing dock, steps into the water, new patios and 6 foot of sea wall repair. Jon made a motion to approve the wall and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

Diersbicki L8-11, submitted an application for a new 87' sea wall, to replace an existing patio, new patio in the yard and add a new lift next to an existing dock. Jon made a motion to approve the wall and it was seconded by Mark. MOTION PASSED.

Applications previously approved over email:

Matzger F23-25
Engineered block wall and new parking area.

Schaab H4-7
Replace existing dock and new sea wall.

Holloran M23-25
New garage with carport and roofed breezeway.

Steen G13 and 14
Repair portion of block wall. *continues in next column*

Kelly A27 and 28
Replace existing sea wall, new 4' wide walk way atop sea wall.

Hickenbotham C37-40
Retaining wall with engineered block 3' x 30' with 15' 90-degree sides.

Rockwell I27 and 28
Installation and attachment of kayak lift/holder to existing dock.

Garner N17
Replace sea wall and patio.

Griffero N24
Replace existing sea wall with concrete sea wall, new concrete patio, boat ramp, shift existing dock and add a boat lift.

Gate

Steve read a report by Rich of the gate use. There were no excessive uses of any codes for the month.

Maintenance

Ken reported on his upcoming plans to order salt, repair the Bobcat and get the plow truck checked.

Finance

The annual budget meeting took place just before the monthly meeting. The budget allocated funds of \$235,055 which is \$8,211 over our annual income of \$226,844. The allocated budget includes several items which are present just in case there is a need. It is common to save on some items and need to spend extra on certain items. It is expected that the \$8,211 deficit will likely not come to fruition. Jon made a motion to approve the budget and it was approved by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

Old Business

Shelby reported on 10 prior (2019) assessments that have not been paid, totaling \$5,389. Letters will be sent warning the individuals and then we will follow up with the appropriate liens.

There is a culvert at N11 which needs to be excavated and then concrete will be poured to advance water flow. Matt Holloran has offered and bid of \$1,840. Jon made a motion to approve the bid and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

New Business

Jon discussed some ideas for improvements at the entrance in regard to the bollards, signage, gate arms and an entrance sign with landscaping in the turn around area. The plans for these improvements are in preliminary discussion. However, there was unanimous approval for enhancing the appearance of the entrance.

Adjourn

Ken made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Doug. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.





photo by Al Ferrell

Lighting Trees for Christmas The Christmas tree was adopted in upper-class homes in 18th-century Germany, where it was occasionally decorated with candles. Candles for the tree were glued with melted wax to a tree branch or attached by pins. Early electric Christmas lights were introduced with electrification, beginning in the 1880s.

The first known electrically illuminated Christmas tree was the creation of Edward H. Johnson, an associate of inventor Thomas Edison. While he was vice president of the Edison Electric Light Company, he had Christmas tree light bulbs made especially for him. He proudly displayed his Christmas tree, which was hand-wired with 80 red, white and blue electric incandescent light bulbs the size of walnuts, on December 22, 1882 at his home on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

Outdoor Trees "The tradition of decorating evergreen trees with Christmas lights dates back to 1956 when the McAdenville [North Carolina] Men's Club conceived of the idea of decorating a few trees around the McAdenville Community Center," according to the Library of Congress.

Happy Holidays!

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LTPOA Minutes September 8, 2020

Board members present Steve Blaha, Shelby Reneski, Mark Stubits, Jon Riche, Doug Leeker, Ken Stojeba

There were 6 residents in attendance.

President Steve Blaha called the meeting to order.

Security

Mark informed the board that a letter from our attorney was sent and received by a resident who has been recklessly driving their ATV's. The individual had previously ignored warnings by security officers. The individual called Mark upset about the letter and called the claims an exaggeration. Mark stated that multiple people saw the reckless driving, including security officers and board members.

Mark discussed a former resident, Glen Orton, who has been entering the subdivision and launching his boat on a regular basis. During a recent incident the Sheriff was called. The board discussed further actions that may be taken in order to deter this behavior. Aaron from A&S suggested a sign in the community lot detailing trespassers and towing of their vehicles.

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Steve thanked Aaron for the work A&S performed over the summer.

Treasurer's Report

Shelby read the financial report for September 2020. August had a cash inflow total of \$62,907.91 which included \$7.33 from interest, \$80 from gate cards, \$920 from 2019/2020 assessments and \$61,900.58 from 2020/2021 assessments.

The cash outflow for August totaled \$3,713.33 which included: Doug Leeker for computer ink and paper (\$117.96), Charter (\$69.99), Phone.com (\$19.85), Ameren (\$110.58), Happy Grass for mowing twice from the gate to 4 way stop (\$400), Rita Brooks a reimbursement for gate cards (\$15), A&S Security (\$2,970) and Colburn Consulting for monthly website hosting (\$9.95).

The checking account balance was \$310,204.59 as of 08/31/2020. Interest accrued in the Major Projects Fund account in the amount of \$9.94, resulting in a balance of \$117,368.25 as of 08/31/2020. Doug made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Jon. MOTION PASSED.

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Shelby asked for approval to pay September bills totaling \$7,653.86 which included; Charter (\$69.99), Phone.com (\$19.85), Ameren (\$106.49), A&S Protection Services for 141 hours in August and 65 hours in September (\$4,532), Colburn Consulting for 6 months of website hosting (\$59.70), Happy Grass for 2 cuts from four way to gate, 2 common ground cuts and 1 interior roads cut (\$950), Jon Riche for gate arm sleeves, bollard covers, gates, stakes and spray paint (\$708.25),

Janet Hirsch for new PVC pipe for gate arm (\$14.25) and Steve for fuel and parts for the patrol boat (\$93.33). Jon made a motion to approve paying the bills and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

Steve extended a thanks to Tim Lutrell for volunteering his time to repair the patrol boat.

LTPOA Board Meetings are open to all property owners. Join us! Please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

Building

Doug reported on an application from Glen Feager C19 to replace his current driveway. Jon made a motion to approve the driveway and it was seconded by Shelby. MOTION PASSED.

An application was received from the McKinnon residence for a concrete pathway on lot O8. Jon made a motion to approve the application and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

An application was received from the Hill D12 residence to replace and repair the concrete dock and decking. Mark made a motion to approve the repair and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

An application for the Steeno residence was submitted to replace a seawall at N13-16. This application was approved over email.

Doug reported on an application approved over email for Kalin A17, 18 to replace the decking on their docks. Doug also reported on an application approved over email for lot A77. The lot will be cleared to make way for a 20 foot paved driveway and graveled parking area.

Gate

The in-gate gate arm fractured and sagged due to a loose bolt. The arm was replaced later that day.

Maintenance

Estimates are being obtained to service the bobcat.

LTIA

Matt Holloran hosted an event at his residence to replace the canceled boat poker event. The event raised \$1,565 for the LTIA. Another event is being planned for October.

Old Business

Steve discussed some bids he received to have the newsletter printed, folded, taped and ready to be addressed. The best bid was from Arnold Printing for \$300 for 375 copies.

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Jon spoke on a bid from Aquatic Control to complete a fish survey for \$1,700. After the survey, recommendations would be given in regards to stocking and limits. The timing will not work for this year, however, it was discussed to keep in mind for the coming spring or next fall. Also, the water willow application will be upcoming. Jon reported on the individuals who would like to keep their water willow and stated he would be reaching out to anyone that hasn't responded.

Dan Ewen asked about algae and other weeds found in the water this year. Jon responded that during the initial tour of the lake, Aquatic Control noted the weeds to be Southern Naiad. Aquatic Control stated that much of the algae is present because it gets caught in the Southern Naiad. This weed is on the grass carp menu and Aquatic Control has provided the board with a bid and suggestion of 150 grass carp. The amount is based on the vegetation acreage and not the total acreage of the lake. This will help to promote a healthy fish population while controlling the unwanted vegetation. It is thought that the control of the Southern Naiad will help to control the existence of algae in the water as well.

New Business

No new business

Adjourn

Ken made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Shelby. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.



Gate Email Change

The new email address for receiving access codes or directory listings is

gate.ltpoa@gmail.com

Please mark this as a safe sender in your email applications. The previous address has not been reliable for receiving or sending messages.

All applications for access codes or directory listings should be placed online through the website. For information about the operation of the security gate visit the www.laketishomingo.com website.

REMEMBER: All boats are limited to no wake until the lake level returns to full pool.

Any questions should be directed to the LTPOA board.

LTPOA Financial Reports

Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

September 2020

Cash Inflow for August

Interest	\$ 7.33
Gate cards	80.00
2019/2020 assessments	920.00
2020/2021 assessments	61,900.58
Total Cash Inflow	\$62,907.91

Cash Outflow for August

Ameren	110.58
Charter	69.99
Phone.com	19.85
Doug Leeker—computer ink and paper	117.96
Happy Grass—mowing	400.00
Rita Brooks—reimbursement-extra gate cards	15.00
A & S Protection Services—July	2,970.00
Colburn Consulting Inc—monthly hosting	9.95

Total Cash Outflow **\$3,713.33**

Checking Account Balance 8/31/2020 **310,204.59**

Major Projects Fund 7/31/2020 **117,358.31**

Interest 9.94

Major Projects Fund 8/31/2020 **\$117,368.25**



October 2020

Cash Inflow for September

Gate cards and remotes	\$ 90.00
2020/2021 assessments	25,327.28
Interest	7.80

Total Cash Inflow **\$25,425.08**

Cash Outflow for September

Ameren	106.49
Charter	69.99
Phone.com	19.85
Colburn Consulting Inc.—6 months website hosting	59.70
Happy Grass—mowing	950.00
Jon Riche—supplies for gate and stakes, spray paint	708.25
Red Oak Landscaping—mow and trim dam and spillway 8/3	1,100.00
A & S Protection Services—206 hours, August 1—September 7	4,532.00
Janet Hirsch—pvc pipe to repair gate arm	14.25
Steve Blaha—fuel, parts and sign	93.33
Axe Tree—tree cut down and removed	975.00
John Johnston—flagpole light repair	92.14
Ken Stojeba—2 trees removed and stumps ground at gate turnaround	1,600.00
Returned check	700.00
Total Cash Outflow	\$11,021.00

Checking Account Balance 9/30/2020 **324,608.67**

Major Projects Fund 8/31/2020 **117,368.25**

Interest 9.62

Major Projects Fund 9/30/2020 **\$117,377.87**



Some photos of the dam being built. Courtesy of the De Roode family via Al Ferrell.





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