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Lakeview

A Smiling Face at Lake Tish

by Ray Lauer

Tomasz Moroz visits Lake Tishomingo one day each work week, however, few property owners are acquainted with this congenial young man, whose industrious spirit is highlighted by his quiet demeanor and his continual smile. So, just who is this frequent visitor to our neighborhood? Does he have the most sought after occupation?

If one were to envision the perfect job, perhaps the criteria would include being outdoors forty hours every week, driving a relatively new truck through the countryside, having a radio tuned to your favorite station where music is the normal fare, and having little or no daily contact with your supervisor.

Sounds ideal, right? Well, here are a few qualifiers that perhaps detract from these supposed amenities. Being outdoors is great, as long as weather conditions are

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Kendera Droege Sweeney and Ken Sweeney with 4-ft 50-lb flathead catfish Ken caught in front of M-26 July 14, 2006.

Dinner Meetings

6:30 pm Sat Sep 9 -- Soup & salad
 6:30 pm Sat Oct 14 -- Octoberfest!



Adult Party Event . . .

Halloween Party

7 pm Sat Oct 28
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 Come in costume and bring a snack
 Music by DoubleTake, Dancing
 Best Costume contest

Teenagers Party Event . . .

Teen Party & Bonfire

6 - 8 pm Sat Oct 21
 Come in costume and bring a snack

And just for fun, for the Kids . . .

Children's Halloween Party

1 - 3 pm Sat Oct 21
 Come in costume and bring a snack
 Join in with games and crafts

**14th Annual Lake Tishomingo Golf Tournament
 Saturday, September 23, 2006**

House Springs Golf Course, Dulin Creek Road
 2 pm Shotgun Start
 4-Person Scramble Format

Dinner, Cocktails, Awards and attendance prizes at Lake Tishomingo Community House after the tournament. \$55 per person (non-players \$20) includes green fees and cart, cocktails, beer, soda dinner and dessert. Makes checks payable to L.T.I.A. and mail to Elmer or Emelia Richards 6567 Murdoch Ave. St. Louis, MO 63109. If you are interested in being a Hole Sponsor please send \$40 along with your company logo.

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Website

Recently posted are the ATV Rules and the revised Building Regulations. 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. If you would like to receive these messages or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for the website or this newsletter contact Janet Hirsch, jhirsch@catenary.com, (636) 285-0813.



2006 Calendar

- Sep 9 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting - Soup & Salad
- Sep 12 Tue 7 pm LTPOA Board Meeting
- Sep 15 Fri Burn Season begins
- Sep 19 Tue 7 pm Sewer District Meeting
- Sep 23 Sat 2 pm Golf Tournament
- Oct 10 Tue 7 pm LTPOA Board Meeting
- Oct 14 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting - Octoberfest
- Oct 17 Tue 7 pm Sewer District Meeting
- Oct 21 Sat 1 - 3 pm Children's Halloween Party
6 - 8 pm Teen Party/Bonfire
- Oct 28 Sat Halloween Dance, Adults
- Nov 11 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting - Turkey
- Dec 9 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting - Chili Cookoff!
- Dec 16 Sat 3 pm Christmas Caroling
- Dec 17 Sun 1 - 3 pm Children's Christmas Party

Classified Ads

Classified ads are free for LTIA members

FOR SALE



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Electric Water Heater Whirlpool Energy Smart 40-gal water heater, 1-1/2 yr old. \$50. Gail Lents (636) 274-4245.

Maytag Dryer. Neptune propane (we switched to all electric). Like new, model MDG4000AWW. \$200 OBO. Janet Hirsch. (636) 285-0813.

WANTED

Kayak we are looking for a 2- or 1-person used kayak. Skip Fluegel (636) 282-2282.

August LTIA Murder Mystery Dinner

Who Done It?



*The players:
Ruth Neuner,
Dixie Bryant,
Rick Lippitt,
Gail Lippitt,
Eric Leiweke,
Sandy Uhlenbrock,
Jerry Uhlenbrock, and
Kathy Hopfer.*



Sandy Uhlenbrock, co-winner of the best actor award.



Kathy Zoresku, Gail Lents, Rick Lippitt, and Mary Murray.



Eric Leiweke played Bo-Jo, the murderer.



Ed Melchior, Fred Steinmetz, Marco Griffiero, Pat Griffiero, Arlene Steinmetz, and Betty Melchior.



Ruth Neuner, co-winner of the best actor award.



Help Beautify the Lake, Please Cut Your Weeds

To keep your property looking neat and trim use a string trimmer or lawn mower to cut the tall grass and weeds. Your property will look better, you will enjoy the result, and your neighbors will appreciate it.

Tall grass and weeds along the road create an unattractive appearance.

Tishomingo Anglers

Proper Handling and Management of Fish:

100% Catch and Release versus Fisheries Management

Catch and release has become popular in recent years and is a successful way to improve a fishery. If we catch a fish and handle it carefully with wet hands, the fish has a 95% survival rate if we take precautions to avoid gut hooking it, avoid removing its slime coating, and return it to the lake immediately. Although catch and release is a great practice, we must not forget about the importance of harvesting some of the smaller bass and other fish species to ensure good fisheries management.

Avoiding Gut Hooking

We can minimize fish mortality by implementing measures to prevent gut-hooking a fish. The first method is to avoid using live bait. This reduces the number of gut hooks. If you do use live bait, watch your line and set the hook right away. Don't wait for the fish to swallow the bait whole. The same goes for plastic worm fishing. Set the hook within a second or two of the hit or else your risk gut hooking a fish.

Be sure to carry a good pair of needle-nosed pliers as well as a strong wire cutter. With the needle-nosed pliers, you have a decent chance of removing the hook with minimal damage. If you do accidentally gut hook a fish, you can cut the hook as low down as possible with the wire cutters. The remaining part of the hook will dissolve over time and the fish will survive in most cases.

Avoid Slime-Coat Removal by Wetting Hands

Have you ever seen a fish with a dark black spot or with a moldy white spot on its body? This is because the fish was previously caught, mishandled, and the slime coating was removed. The slime coating can be removed by touching a fish with dry hands, allowing a fish to flop around in the boat, or by using an abrasive, dry net to land a fish.

To avoid the slime coat from being removed, if you lip a fish, wet your hand in the water first before lipping or holding a fish. Get your net under water before using it. Also, don't let the fish land in the boat and flop around. This is harmful to the fish. Instead, lip the fish in one wet hand while removing the hook with the other wet hand.

Practice Catch and Release

If you catch fish in the restricted sizes, release them immediately. Have a camera ready so you don't have to go back for one. Release bass over 13 inches. Carry a golden ruler or other measuring device. Wet it and measure the fish to verify its length. Don't guess.



Proper Fisheries Management Requires Some Harvesting

One problem some people do not understand is that 100% catch and release is not good fisheries management. Some people get so caught up with catch and release that they forget that in a lake with good recruitment, we actually need to remove some fish in each generation in order for the fish in that generation to grow.

As an example, Lake Tishomingo has had successful bass and bluegill spawns during the past two years. Water levels were up in the spring, and there are plenty of shallow areas for spawning. The result is the propagation of a lot of juvenile fish. For bass, you will see 2-4 inch fish, then 4-6 inch fish, and 6-10 inch fish, all different generations of fish. Once the fish reach this 6-10 inch size, we have to start harvesting some of them or else they will stunt somewhere in the 8-12 inch size.

For years and years, Lake Tishomingo had a problem with stunted bass at 8-12 inches. The Tishomingo Anglers Association has remedied this problem by promoting limited harvesting of the small bass and by scheduled stockings of golden shiners for food.

By harvesting some of the smaller bass, food is more readily available for the other fish in that size bracket, and those fish are able to grow without as much competition to the next size bracket, 12-15 inches.

The good news is that our efforts are paying off. We had fish 14-18 inches shocked up this Spring by the Missouri Department of Conservation. This can make for some fun fishing to catch a 4-6 pound bass, as some reports have come in this summer. However, remember to handle the fish carefully and return them to the lake immediately.

When you want to have a fish fry, catch some catfish (over 14 inches), bluegill (any size) and bass (under 13 inches). You might even try a grass carp some time. You won't be hurting the lake. In fact, you'll be helping it and enjoying what we have worked hard to produce.

Remember to return any crappie and redear (sunfish with red spot on the gill plate). These fish are not at sustainable levels for harvesting yet. Harvesting them will hurt our efforts to increase their numbers.

If you do catch a trophy bass, pass up the temptation to cook it or mount it. Eat 4 small bass instead and get a fiberglass reproduction. I have never had any fish taxidermied; however, I have both skin mounts and fiberglass mounts I have bought on E-Bay. Most of the skin mounts I have are yellowed and the fins are damaged. They start to look rather gross. However, the fiberglass reproductions look realistic, new, and are holding up over time.

All in all, get out and enjoy the lake and fishery, but be a good steward and obey the posted creel limits.



Lakeside Gardeners

Johnstons Receive Garden of the Month Award

by Janet Hirsch



John and Julie Johnston.

The Lakeside Gardeners awarded John and Julie Johnston, I-50, Garden of the Month for July 2006.

The Johnstons have a beautiful garden around their second tier home. They are located on the north side of the lake near the dam. Be sure to take a drive and view their garden.

Projects

In the upcoming months the Gardeners will be finishing the work on the bus shelter and cleaning and making repairs to the sales office. In December the Gardeners will be sponsoring Portraits with Santa.

The big project of the Gardeners is helping

with the restoration of the Lakefront recreation area. The LTPOA will do some of the grading done and electrical work, then grass can be planted this fall. We will be selling native Missouri trees to help fund the project and to help lake owners beautify their property. (See below.)

Parents and grandparents are invited to participate in the selection and purchase of playground items for the children's play area.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lakeside Gardeners will be 10 am Saturday September 9 at the garden of Gail Lippitt, 6308 N Lakeshore, 274-5034. Everyone is invited to join -- it's free, it's

Fall Planting Time is Near

by Bill Reininger

Believe it or not it is time to starting thinking about fall planting. Fall is the best time of the year to plant new trees, shrubs, and perennials. The plants will have time to get established well before the heat of summer arrives. Roots will grow through out the winter as long as the ground is not frozen.

The Lakeside Gardeners are offering a tree ordering program this fall. In order to encourage residents to plant native trees, we are making trees available for sale from Forrest Keeling Nursery. They specialize in native trees, some of which are difficult to locate. By planting native trees residents will help to perpetuate the "woody" feel of the lake development. The danger is that people will plant "urban" trees and over time the lake will start to look like an urban subdivision.

The trees being offered are in 3-gallon pots and are \$15 each. This size is easy to handle, establishes quickly, and is economical. There is a good mix of both shade and flowering trees to choose from. The orders will be taken and the trees will be delivered and available for pick-up on a Saturday this fall. Information on each tree can be located on the internet, simply Google the tree or go to Missouri Botanical Garden's website.

YES! I want to help support the Lakeside Gardeners' beautification efforts and promote the planting of native trees.

Indicate the number the trees you want of each kind from the list at the right. There is no limit. Each tree is \$15.

Include your check for the total amount made out to **Lakeside Gardeners** and send to

Fran Hovis
Lakeside Gardeners
7688 Lakeview Dr
Hillsboro MO 63050

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Total number of trees _____

Total amount enclosed _____

Shade Trees Common Name

- _____ Shagbark Hickory
- _____ Pecan
- _____ Black Cherry
- _____ Blackgum (not gumball tree)
- _____ White Oak
- _____ Swamp White Oak
- _____ Shingle Oak
- _____ Post Oak
- _____ Sassafras
- _____ Baldcypress

Scientific Name

- Carya ovata*
- Carya illinoensis*
- Prunus serotina*
- Nyssa sylvatica*
- Quercus alba*
- Quercus bicolor*
- Quercus imbricaria*
- Quercus stellata*
- Sassafras albidium*
- Taxodium distichum*

Flowering Trees Common Name

- _____ Downy Serviceberry
- _____ Redbud
- _____ Yellowwood
- _____ White Dogwood
- _____ Blackhaw (shrub)

Scientific Name

- Amelanchier arborea*
- Cercis Canadensis*
- Cladrastus lutea*
- Cornus florida*
- Viburnum prunifolium*

July Fourth


Alex Farwig is Miss Tishomingo 2006



Front row: Heather Stork, runner up; Alex Farwig, Miss Tishomingo 2006; Jack Kardell, Mr Tishomingo 2005. Back row: Erin Roberts, Bob Roberts, Janet Farwig, Dale Farwig, Sharon Kardell, and Rick Kardell.

From the entire lake community . . . **Thank you, Alex Farwig and Heather Stork.** These young women collected a total of \$3063.55 for next year's fireworks. About 35 people were present for the coronation to thank and congratulate the competitors.

The fireworks were spectacular this year due to the extraordinary efforts of **Jack Kardell and Alex Farwig**, who collected over \$4000 last year to pay for this year's display.

We are fortunate to have young people who are willing to work so hard for their community. They sell raffle tickets at the gate and go door-to-door and do a great job. This year the winner of the \$100 raffle drawing was Matt Silhavy. 

Ryan Family Takes First Place in Boat Parade



Gary Ryan pilots the first place "Pirates of the Tishomingo."



Second place: "Under the Sea," Steve Blaha.



Third place: "Fish Lake Tish," Leiweke and Jost.

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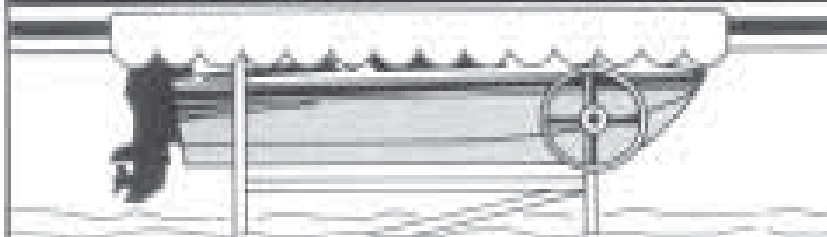
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Ray Lauer has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Special Olympics of Missouri and invites everyone at Lake Tish to join in the support of the organization:

“Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) supports the activities of more than 14,000 athletes in a variety of sports activities throughout each year. In order to be successful in raising the necessary funds, a donation of \$5 will provide the opportunity to receive a chance to win the 2006 Dodge Charger pace car shown here. If you would like to make a donation and get a chance on this beautiful car, please either stop by our home at 7756 Mohawk Trail or contact me at 285-3328. -- Ray Lauer”

In Sympathy

Our sincere condolences to lake residents for the loss of their family members:

William Knuth, A-31, on the recent passing of his grandmother, former lake resident, Ruth Knuth.

Faye Hallemann, A-47, on the recent passing of her sister.



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LTPOA Annual General Meeting

June 17, 2006

The meeting opened at 11:30 AM with the following board members present: Marilyn Meyer, Pat Harting, Ron Sansone, Larry Kimmel and 62 lot owners.

The minutes of the annual general meeting dated June 18, 2005 had been posted on the web site, inserted in the newsletter and passed out at the meeting. President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Motion made by Marilyn Meyer, seconded by Larry Kimmel, motion passed.

Presidents Report

President Sansone opened the meeting by thanking all those who were present and said that he appreciated the turnout. He said that the most important thing that had been accomplished in the past year was that the loan had been paid down to \$69,800 from two years ago when it was approximately \$450,000. This was in part due to the sale of the dredge which reduced the debt by \$75,000. He said that thanks to the Financial Committee we were now able to track our revenues and expenditures so we are always able to know our present financial situation and for helping to put the lake on a sound financial footing. At their recommendation CDs had been purchased by the lake. He went on to say that the second item was the speedy prosecution of late assessments, which is the only source of income for the lake. He said that approximately \$18,000 had been saved by the volunteers who cut the grass, raked leaves and kept culverts clean and did numerous things to beautify the lake. He thanked the Garden Club for their work around the lake, particularly at the entrance. He thanked all those involved in monitoring the contamination of the lake and said that the few problems which they had been found had been quickly addressed. The boat ramp and seawall has been redone with all new materials and this had been accomplished with mainly volunteer labor. He said that the "volcano" was disappearing and this would be replaced in the new year with a new lake front. He said that architectural drawings were available showing the proposed new lake front. This was thanks to the Garden Club and Bill Reininger who works for Forest Park. In the maintenance department, the old salt spreader has been replaced and the snow plow has been repaired. A bobcat has been leased to replace the old worn out tractors. The center seam of the road has been sealed. The sales office has been cleaned up and is now usable again. He also thanked all those who assisted in the "Great Flood of 2005". He thanked Matt Holloran who took off a week from his work to get the lake front back in order. He said that Matt did not charge us for his time only for the cost of the 600 tons of rock he purchased for repairs and one operator. Ron then went on to say that we are now our own Water and Sewer District, he said that this was the first step to securing sewers at the lake. The dam has been monitored for leaks to see if repairs are

warranted. He said that the board was looking into rock catch basins for silt control and a siren for tornado warnings. He thanked Janet Hirsch for her work on the newsletter which he said continues to be the source of communication around the lake. In closing he thanked everyone for a good year.

Treasurers Report

Marilyn Meyer said that the board had worked diligently during the past year to save money. Copies of the Year to Date financial report were available for inspection as well as the May financial report. She said that thanks to the volunteers we were ending the fiscal year in good shape. The account balance for May 31 last year was \$42,836. This year the balance is \$75,900. The loan balance last year was \$189,979, this year it is \$93,893. She said that as of today we now owe \$69,892. She said that in the past year 14 homes have been sold, 5 LTPOA lots have been sold and 5 other lots have been sold between homeowners. Of the special assessments 278 have been paid. 378 invoices were sent out so 80% of these have been paid. She asked for everyone to answer the survey on the voting table as this will give the Finance Committee direction for the future.

Finance Committee

Janet Hirsch unfortunately was unable to be present.

Security Director:

Ray Lauer was unable to be present. His report was read by Secretary Harting.

"I regret that I am unable to be present this morning, however, a family obligation dictates that I should be elsewhere. The reports that have been submitted in the past 12 months fairly characterize the security duties that have been performed during the last year. I have nothing particular to report to this meeting. I do wish to express my appreciation to my fellow board members for their support during the 24 months I served on the board. I believe that we have accomplished a great deal on behalf of the lake's property owners. Also I want to offer congratulations to those candidates who are competing to serve on the board during the coming year. Whoever is chosen will be joining at least several incumbents. As anyone knows who has attended the monthly meetings in the past 12 months there has been some acrimony expressed during various discussions and decision making efforts. Nothing good can occur if these sentiments continue with the incoming board. Hopefully for the benefit of the property owners there will be an effort for all to work harmoni-

ously and thus allow for meaningful decisions which will be for the betterment of our community. Once again, thanks to all of those who have offered encouragement and support."

Building Director

Larry Kimmel said that he had nothing to report.

Maintenance continues on next page

Committees			
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Tishomingo Anglers	Gary Ryan	274-7126	h2owillow@yahoo.com

Annual Meeting, continued from previous page

Director

Kevin Seelbach unfortunately was on duty at the fire station. President Sansone said that plans were underway to make repairs on the road. Following this the roads would be sealed. This bid had been finalized last year and the contractor had held to his bid. This was for approximately \$57,000.

Web Site

President Sansone thanked Janet Hirsch for her work on the web-site and also for her outstanding job on the newsletter.

Old Business

President Sansone opened up the floor for comments.

The first comment was that the floor should be opened up as this was the only meeting most people attended, any comment from anyone should be allowed to be aired. The "Signed" letter from the concerned citizens of Lake Tishomingo was discussed. Various lake residents expressed their negative views on the present board.

Bill Reininger who lives at D35/36 who is Parks Operations Manager for Forest Park Forever and holds a degree in Forestry and Horticulture was introduced by Marilyn Meyer. Marilyn explained that he had been asked to make a master plan for improving the lake front in 3 yearly stages. Copies of the renderings were available for inspection. Questions from the floor included the silt problem and when it is again dredged what will be done with the silt. President Sansone said that one of the items on the ballot was the lowering of the lake. He said that financially it would be better to lower the lake at certain times so that silt could be trucked out. He said that most of the lakes in this area do this on a regular basis. Bill Reininger explained how the plan allowed for

silt removal. Marilyn also explained that it was essential to have a plan on where you were going to put the silt before it was dredged out of the lake. She said that other lakes never store in "on site".

Concern was expressed at lowering the lake with a view being held by some that the lake had only just come up again. Larry Kimmel explained that this would not be done until after September 1 when it normally is at its lowest and when boat usage is beginning to stop. He appreciated the concern of the lake not filling back up for the summer but pointed out that as low as the lake was last winter a couple of rains brought it back up again. He said that due to the creek, silt would constantly be a problem and a mechanism had to be in place to control it and lowering the lake was one solution. The question of fire hoses was also discussed. The new dry hydrant by the community house now works well. Goldman fire district asked to be informed if the lake was low so that they could bring tankers should there be a fire. A comment from a former fire fighter was that there was little difference to the fire fighters whether the lake was low or not and Lake Bono Del would also have ample water. Larry Kimmel said that the lake would typically be lowered 6-8 ft depending on the contours. A discussion followed on how quick the lake would come up and getting boats in the lake at various levels.

The main reasons for lowering the lake was for silt removal and seawall and dock repair. It was not possible to estimate how long it would take for the lake to dry out enough for this to be accomplished. There were too many variables. That is why the end of the year was being chosen as the date to lower the lake as this would not negatively impact the use of the lake. The removal of silt and trash from the pipe under the causeway was also discussed. Joan Johnson I27 & 28 said that the reason she did not come to meetings was because of all the pettiness that was aired. She said that the volunteer boards did the best they could and we should all be grateful to them for donating their time for the betterment of the lake.

Election Committee

Mary Leiweke, election chairman reported that everything was ready for the election. She introduced her election committee. She said that they had made every effort to be fair to everyone. There had been a change in the criteria for voting. You could now vote if your 2005 regular assessments were paid in full, not the 2006 as previously stated. Mary said that sample ballots were available. Write ins were permitted. Please ensure you tick those you wish to vote for. She said that everyone had to be out of the building while the counting was being executed. Only those 4 elected would have the number of votes listed on the bulletin board.

There were 1 one-year term and 3 three-year terms being voted on.

Election of Nominees

Mary Leiweke asked for any write-in nominations.

Marilyn Meyer read a signed letter from Janet stating her wish to be on the ballot which had been previously read at the last board meeting. Nominated by Marilyn seconded by Pat Harting. Kathy Hopper stated that Janet Hirsch had to be there and an effort was made to discredit Janet Hirsch being placed on the ballot by Chris Townsend He was unable to show any documentation or reason why this should be so.

Stan Schweiss nominated Joe Hejnal, seconded by Larry Kimmel.

The following candidates then made their two-minute candidacy speeches: Chris Townsend, Al Ferrell, Kathy Hopper, Dave Fitzgerald and Brad Lewis.

Following their speeches, President Sansone asked for motion to adjourn, motion made by Marilyn Meyer, seconded by Larry Kimmel, motion passed. There being no further business the meeting concluded at 1 p.m.

Highlights

Reminder of Overdue Assessments

Letters will be sent out after Sept. 1 to all lot owners who have not paid their assessments. The delinquent special assessment notice will include two months' interest. The follow-up to the letters will be action from our attorney for collection which will include **interest and attorney fees**.

Unpaved Driveways

All driveways are to be paved 20 feet from the road by June 30, 2007. With the increasing cost of oil products, this year will probably be less costly than next year. Arch Asphalt (314-962-6688) did the lake road patch and Warbro, (314-909-7500) is doing the sealing. We would encourage you to pave your driveways as soon as possible to prevent rock and debris damage to lake roads.

Dry Hydrants

Property owners: we need several locations around the lake to install dry hydrants. A good location for a hydrant is where a fire truck can drive to within 12 feet of the hydrant and use a fire hose to access the water. If you have a hydrant installed this may lower your homeowners' insurance rates and will definitely help to protect your property and that of your neighbors. Contact a board member.

Lowering the Lake

The lake cannot be lowered this year. At this time it would be too expensive to install the pipe. We have recently had all the lake roads sealed and that cost \$57,000. As a result there is not enough money in the budget to allow for lowering the lake this year.



LTPOA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - June 12, 2006

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: Larry Kimmel, Marilyn Meyer, Pat Harting, Ron Sansone, Kevin Seelbach, and 38 residents.

President Sansone asked for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Marilyn Meyer said there was a correction on page 2: they have agreed not to charge for use to date if we decide to lease purchase. Ms. Hopfer stated that she had not said she wanted to be put on the agenda during the last meeting. With no other comments or corrections President Sansone asked for a motion to accept, motion made by Larry Kimmel, seconded by Marilyn Meyer, motion accepted.

Dave Fitzgerald questioned the expense of the pipe. Larry Kimmel said that this item had already been discussed on several occasions and was included in the removal of the volcano and getting the property ready to receive the dirt. This item had been approved by the Board under a Maintenance item.

President Sansone thanked the volunteers who had helped on the new lakefront. This project only took 5 days to complete. He went on to say that again thanks to the numerous volunteers the removal of the volcano. He cited numerous difficulties during the course of the project but indicated that the first phase was completed within 5 days. He said that approximately \$18,000 has been saved for grass cutting per year. The donation of specialized equipment for moving rocks, dirt and gravel has also saved the lake large sums of money. President Sansone estimated two additional days to complete the removal of the volcano. Kenny Lanning indicated that under portions of the volcano there was mud which may complicate the removal. The estimated cost of the pipe is 9 to 10 thousand dollars. President Sansone explained the remainder of the work necessary to complete the project and the estimated final cost.

President Sansone then went on to explain his reasons for being on the Board which was to pay off the loan. Somewhere over 700,000 had been spent on the dredge and the roads. Now the loan was only 77,000, this in addition to the many other improvements done at the lake. The boat ramp and seawall were installed at a very reasonable cost, thanks to the efforts of numerous volunteers. He thought that now the pressing issue was maintenance and this would be addressed during the coming year. The roads will require approximately \$20,000 in repairs and bids are being obtained for this project. The road will also need to be totally sealed to prevent further deterioration. Completion of this is scheduled for Fall 2006 at an estimated cost of \$57,000.

He also said that the other goal was to obtain a sewer system for the lake. We now are our own sewer district and this will protect us from other people incorporating us into a sewer district over which we would have no control. The Sewer Committee will work closely with the engineer and the various agencies responsible.

A special thank you was given to Kenny Lanning for his help and cooperation for lake projects.

Treasurers Report

Cash Inflow	
Special Assessment 2006 and 2007	27,830.69
Lot Sales and Gate Passes	4,535.00
Bank Accounts Interest	31.41
Insurance Refund	9.00
Total Cash Inflow	32,406.10

Cash Outflow	
Loan Payment	4,489.55
Payroll	670.80
Sewer Mailing Postage, Envelopes	204.03
Legal Quarterly Payment	734.00
Asphalt Minor Road Repair	74.23
Lake Tish Quick Shop, Dump Truck Gas	20.00
Snow Removal and Salt	507.00
Dump Truck Repair	592.11
Utilities	113.32
Money Market Payment to Loan Principal	22,000.00

Total Cash Outflow	29,405.04
Checking Account Balance	56,062.40
Money Market Account	7,838.58
CD	12,000.00
Total Cash on Hand	75,900.98

Loan Balance May 31, 2006 (\$16.63 per day) 93,893.53

Special Assessments (2004-2005) outstanding	50.00
Regular Assessments (2004-2005) outstanding	300.00
Special Assessments (2005-2006) outstanding	903.53
Regular Assessments (2005-2006) outstanding	3,542.09

Previously approved payment no longer required:
Signature Control 308.15

This was for the third aluminium gate arm which we never received.

Bills to be paid:	
Perimeter Protection Products	437.94
-- New gate passes	

Invoices for maintenance 5,678.79
-- rock, gravel, pipe etc.

President Sansone asked for approval to pay the bills, motion made by Kevin Seelbach seconded by Marilyn Meyer, motion approved.

On a question from the floor on how much had already been received for this year's special assessment Marilyn said that she has received close to \$40,000.

President Sansone indicated that the lake attorney said that unpaid assessments were the lowest in memory, thanks mainly to the diligent work of the board.

Kathy Hopfer asked who had purchased lots N54 and H59 and H60. Marilyn said N54 was Kardell, H59 was Ruskey, and H60 was Haacker.

Finance Committee

Janet Hirsch reported that the committee had helped the Treasurer with the compilation of the financial reports in comparing them with the last two years. She reported the following

May 31, 2006	cash on hand	75,901
May 31, 2005	cash on hand	46,784
May 31, 2004	cash on hand	34,056

The Finance Committee has also completed the opinion survey for distribution at the election. Copies are available for review. This is also posted on the web site.

Security

Larry Kimmel said that half a dozen flags had been purchased for the lake patrol boat to make them more visible. Tee shirts for the patrol boat volunteers will also be purchased, at a cost of approximately 7 to 10 each. Larry asked for volunteers for the boat patrol, especially Fourth of July weekend. Larry stressed the necessity for all boaters to adhere to the rules of the lake for a safe boating experience on our lake.

Jason Covington reported two incidents of the gate being broken. He said that if you have a boat trailer please call in advance so the timing on the gate arm can be adjusted to accommodate the extra length. The security committee is working on fine tuning the sensor and they have added a cover over the screen so it is easier to read. Jason again urged everyone to again follow the rules and not tailgate. It had also been reported that animals and fish had been shot at with pellet guns, Ray Lauer called the Sheriff. Jason reminded everyone that we are a

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nature preserve and shooting at animals is not permitted. The Board will investigate the use of BB guns etc. as the status of the lake is a nature preserve. A letter will be sent from the Board to the individual involved. Janet Hirsch said that any regulations voted on by the lake should be recorded for future reference. The question also arose on individuals walking around the lake and going across peoples concrete docks and walkways. There is a 10-ft easement around the lake but docks and seawalls are private property.

Building Permits

Larry reported that there were no building permits outstanding.

Maintenance

President Sansone said that presently the only items were long range ones, mainly

- Sealing of the roads
- Repair of the road from the 4 way stop, which we tried to get the county to take over but the road has to be in good repair for them to do this

- Pipe on the south side bridge

- Repair to the leak in the dam

Web Site

Janet Hirsch reported that the deadline for the next newsletter is June 20. The TAA notice for the fishing tournament which is June 17 has been put on the web site and the Opinion Survey has also been posted.

Old Business

Volunteer Day is this coming Saturday, June 17 at 9 a.m.

New Business

Stickers are needed for residents trailers and boats to enable us to determine if outside people are using the lake illegally. Larry Kimmel said that new larger stickers were being looked into for cars, boats and trailers. He said that the Security Committee would oversee the process of registering everyone to accomplish this. Some negative discussion followed particularly from people who had been living at the lake for a long time. In response to the question of wasn't there a data base available for this purpose, Jason Covington said that the security data base simply had names and telephone numbers and therefore could not be used for registration purposes. Larry concluded by saying that he would do what it takes to see this project completed and he will see every resident in order to accomplish this and no personal information would be requested. Mr. Kimmel again stressed the importance of the stickers and data with respect to controlling the non resident usage of the lake. He said that President Sansone had been instrumental in making the present board a forward thinking board so that items would be taken care of in a timely fashion so that the residents would not have to deal with them again in the future, such as the removal of the volcano.

Kenny Lanning questioned having to have all assessments paid in order to vote. Marilyn Meyer said that the invoice state that the special assessment is due June 1. Larry Kimmel then made the point that the special assessments were overdue on June 2. Chris Townsend said that the date of August 1st was the date for having to pay assessments. Marilyn said that in prior years all assessments had to be paid in order to vote. In response to Kenny Lanning saying that preventing people from voting if they had not paid their assessments, were being short changed, Marilyn stated that the few who did not pay their assessments in a timely fashion were penalizing the rest of the lake by not having money available to make loan payments and thus incurring more interest was being penalized in having to pay more interest Chris Townsend cited Article 5 Section 5 and Article 3 Section 1 with respect to assessments. President Sansone said that the issue would be resolved with regards to the date of payment of the special assessment by Saturday's election.

Brad Lewis asked why the loan could not be paid off as we have enough cash on hand. The reason is that if the loan were to be paid in full no monies would be available for operating expenses. The loan will be paid off in Autumn of 2007. There is one more year of special assessments to pay off the loan.

Brad Lewis wanted to know if any thought had been given to bringing a wireless DSL line into the lake. Up to now the cost had been prohibitive.

Election

Janet Hirsch said that she wished to be nominated as a candidate for the LTPOA board on June 17.

Mary Leiweke as head of the election committee said that she would need to know if people would be allowed to vote if they had not paid their special assessments because of getting the lists prepared in advance.

President Sansone asked for a motion that in order to vote in the upcoming election the regular assessment had to be paid but not the special assessment, motion made by Marilyn Meyer, seconded by Pat Harting, motion carried with two abstentions.

Joe Hejnal, who in November became a full time resident of the lake, introduced himself as a candidate for the board.

Mary thanked all those who had volunteered to help with the election. She listed those in order of contacting her who had registered to be on the ballot:

Ron Sansone, Kevin Seelbach, Kathy Hopfer, Dave Fitzgerald, Chris Townsend, Al Ferrel, and Brad Lewis. Janet Hirsch and Joe Hejnal will be write in candidates

Mary said that Gail Lents will be available to help with absentee votes. Marilyn Meyer said that on the ballot there was also the proposition for lowering the lake. Mary Leiweke then set the ground rules for candidates for their campaign speech on election day.

A motion was asked for adjournment, motion made by Larry Kimmel, seconded by Marilyn Meyer, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Harting, Secretary



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favorable. During the summer you're not able to spend all your working hours in an air-conditioned cab. In fact, there isn't one, and when winter arrives you likewise spend but a few minutes out of each hour in the warmth provided by the truck's heater. There hardly is time to listen to a complete song on the radio station. Assuredly, anyone fulfilling this position is extremely tired and worn down at the end of each workday.

To enlighten the reader, Mr. Moroz is the man we see driving the Waste Management truck through our subdivision each Monday to collect the trash left at the end of driveways. Tomasz is the fellow who, despite trying conditions, can be found ever smiling and in a continual good mood.

One recent Monday when the temperature hovered near 100 degrees, I happened to be in front of our home as Tomasz stopped his truck. It was easy to discern he had been working hard, and he didn't hesitate to accept both the soft drink and bottle of cold water offered to him. He has a distinctive accent although I wasn't able to identify his national origin. So, being nosy and relying on my many years experience as an investigator, I was prompted to inquire about his background. This is what he shared.

Tomasz was born 29 years ago in Poznan, Poland. His father is an engineer and his mother retired after a twenty year career teaching high school classes in Poznan. Following his own high school graduation, Tomasz enrolled in classes at the Adam Mickiewicz University in his hometown. There he was awarded a degree in Building and Highway Construction Technology and later earned his Master degree, majoring in Political Science.

Like his mother, Tomasz could earn only \$400 a month while following his profession in Poland, and that prompted his decision to emigrate to the United States.

Tomasz departed his homeland and arrived here in January 2002. A friend from Poznan had already moved and took up residence in Union, Missouri. For a time Tomasz was able to support himself by living on money he had saved. He enrolled in classes at East Central College in Union, and was able to secure part-time work as a cook in a restaurant in the not too distant city of Pacific, Missouri.

He became smitten with one of his classmates, Heather Branscum, who hailed from Eureka. They dated and eventually married in 2003. Tomasz and Heather now have a two-year old daughter, Natalia. Heather also has a 9-year old daughter, Devin. Heather has part-time employment with the Eureka Police Department Surgical Support Services, plus fulltime employment as a Medical Coder Supervisor.

Tomasz's mother is currently visiting her son and daughter-in-law, but will be returning to Poland for several weeks later this year before once again returning to Missouri to spend more time with Tomasz and Heather and their family.

Tomasz has worked for Waste Management since August 2005. He enjoys his job, but confesses the work can be tiring. Just consider some of the facts he provided while describing his typical workweek.

Most days he stops at nearly 300 homes. One day, Thursday, the number climbs to more than 325 stops. All of that equals more than 1500 times each week that he stops, climbs down from the cab of the truck, empties innumerable trash cans and picks up other debris, and then climbs up the several steps to get back

into the truck. If he is interested in listening to songs on the truck radio, he frequently never gets through an entire number.

There are certain hazards to the job. During the summer months, often bees and other insects have collected near the trash containers by the time he arrives at each of his stops. Dogs are allowed to run loose, especially here at the lake. If they aren't bothering him, they often have ripped open trash bags that are left in the open, and Tomasz can be seen cleaning up these messy sites.

Tomasz normally wears out a pair of work gloves each week. When experiencing several days of rain during a given week, it's not unusual to go through three pairs of work gloves. Fortunately, for him, his employer purchases and provides the hand protection.

When asked, Tomasz quickly says he prefers the hot, summer months rather than the cold temperatures of wintertime. Then, of course, he disdains having to drive his route when snow is on the ground.

Recently when I inquired of Tomasz if he has any immediate plans for his future, he smiled and said his focus is on becoming a United States citizen. Because he is now a married man and possesses a Green Card, he will meet the three-year qualification period to apply for citizenship in April 2007. After becoming a citizen, he may apply for employment with an area police department.

Seeing how much exertion is put into his daily chores, always with that ever-present smile and congeniality, there is no doubt he will meet his goal of full citizenship successfully. All of us at Lake Tishomingo wish this young friend success as he continues preparations to taking the examination to qualify as an American Citizen. Welcome to our community.



Young hummingbird, August 17. Photo by Rich Hirsch.

LTPOA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - July11, 2006

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present:

Joe Hejnal
Larry Kimmel
Marilyn Meyer
Ron Sansone
Janet Hirsch

absent:

Kevin Seelbach
Pat Harting

and 38 lot owners were in the audience.

Minutes were approved as posted on the website. (jmh motion/lk second)

President We will all work together and use the annual opinion survey results to help guide decisions. Thank you for voting, everyone got to voice their opinion. 134 people voted.

Treasurer:

June 2006 Financial Report

Cash Inflow	
Special Assessment 2006 and 2007	17,718.97
Lot Sales	3,000.00
Gate Passes	35.00
Interest on both accounts	26.31

Total Cash Inflow	20,780.28
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Cash Outflow	
Loan Payment	4,489.55
Payroll	670.80
Real Estate Taxes	83.83
Ingersoll-Rand Bobcat Payment	1,166.20
Election Authority -Sewer Vote	11.27
Perimeter Protection - Gate Passes	437.94
Lake Tish Quick Shop Patrol Boat Gas	31.00
Rock, Screening	965.04
Biller Hauling	1,852.50
Labor	2,861.25
Utilities	116.09
Money Market Payment to Loan	20,000.00

Total Cash Outflow	32,685.47
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Checking Account Balance	46,434.22
Money Market Balance	5,561.57
CD	12,000.00

Total Cash on Hand	63,995.79
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Special Assessments (2004-2005) outstanding	50.00
Regular Assessments (2004-2005) outstanding	300.00
Special Assessments (2005-2006) outstanding	903.53
Regular Assessments (2005-2006) outstanding	3,542.09

Loan Balance June 30, 2006 (\$11.90 per day) 69,892.06

Treasurer's report accepted and the following bills were presented for payment and approved. (jmh/lk)

Legal, Q2 Y2006	160
Pipe	6100
Stone	1018.71
McClaren Grading	7055
Concrete	892.46
House Springs Quarry	2702.68

Diesel fuel	617
Ingersoll Rand, Bobcat	1166.20
Reininger copies	15.15
Stamps & envelopes	128.39
Mowing of dam	200
Insurance	200
Arch Asphalt, road repair	8400

Our attorney, Dennis Tesreau, is raising his hourly fee to \$115. The board voted to continue to use him as needed. (lk/mlm)

Finance Committee: Finance committee assisted the Treasurer with the preparation of the year-to-date financial summary and with the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 financial data for the audit.

Communications: We have three media for getting information to lot owners: newsletter, website, and weekly email. And we obtain information from the website opinion page and the annual opinion survey. The survey statistical analysis was reported in the last newsletter and tonight we are distributing the comments that were written on the survey forms. Opinion survey results.

The board will use the results to provide guidance and will review all the comments. There are some good suggestions included in the comments.

Communications means the exchange of messages and information. You don't have to wait for a board meeting -- you may contact any one of us. We all have mailboxes, telephones, and email.

Security: There were three deliberate breaks of the gate and we will prosecute the offenders. We need volunteers to help with the boat patrol. Invoice was presented for the recently purchased boat flags and tee-shirts for the volunteers. Payment approved. (lk/Joe H) Larry, Barb, and Ron Rohm patrolled on July 4 and asked folks not to water ski during the boat parade.

Building: No new building requests to report.

Maintenance: New maintenance committee being formed

Kevin Seelbach
Henry Brym
Ron Sansone
Joe Hejnal
Mike Leiweke

This committee will be responsible for maintaining the equipment and grounds. Some of the old unusable equipment will be sold or given away. If you are interested, contact one of the committee members. We will keep the tractor, small tools, salt truck/spreader, and a few other items. The rest will be disposed of.

The maintenance shed is in very bad condition. It should be repaired or removed. We have a very good concrete walled pad currently used only for salt storage. If we can cover the pad we will be able to provide more protection for the equipment.

We plan on two more days of excavator/hauling to finish the silt removal from the lakefront. If anyone wants a load of silt contact a board member. It will cost about \$65 to have a truck transfer it to your lot.

The Bobcat will be available for renting with a certified operator. Contact Kevin Seelbach to rent or to be certified.

Dave Fitzgerald suggested that no Board member be allowed to operate the Bobcat and no payment be made to any operator.

Jerry Uhlenbrock suggested that we repair the docks at the lakefront and that an area at the entrance be converted to boat and trailer storage.

Jan Hunnicutt asked about the abandoned car in the parking lot. We have the license info and Larry Kimmel will investigate.

Tim Schryver reported that a culvert pipe on Meadow Dr should be repaired.

Website: 360 copies of the newsletter were mailed. Contact Janet Hirsch if you did not receive one. The newsletter is also posted at the website. Newest entry at the website is Fourth of July pictures. Russ Wil-

ner is working to set up a lake photo facility where everyone can upload pictures and share them. Deadline for next newsletter is August 20.

LTIA: Winners of the boat parade

1. Gary Ryan, Pirates of the Tishomingo
2. Steve Blaha, Under the Sea
3. Leiweke & Jost, Fish Lake Tish

Thank you to everyone who participated. Next LTIA event is Mystery Dinner, August 12. Dress and bring tropical attire and food. It'll be fun!

Old Business: Jerry Uhlenbrock reported that water testing will be done this Friday. This will be the first water quality test in 2006. After Friday's test we will have to pay about \$150 for each complete test. (\$12 per sample, about 12 samples are taken per test.) The watershed committee will be walking the creek soon.

A new leak committee has been established to investigate and monitor the leak at the back of the dam:

Mike Leiweke
Rich Hirsch
Janet Hirsch
Rick Lippitt
Kevin Seelbach
Clarue Holland
Ken Jost

New Business: O'Dell (C-7, -8) and Marscheutz (B-24, -25) presented materials related to a use-of-private-property and lake-owned path dispute. It appears to be a private matter that the owners must resolve. The board members will look at the path and investigate on behalf of the LTPOA.

Najbart (H-32, -33, -34) asked for clarification of the restriction in which a lot has to be offered to the neighbors on each side when it is being sold. The board believes that it is the owners' responsibility to get legal advice on these matters.

Jim Gray (O-44) spoke about the difficulties using the new boat ramp. Ron Sansone said that we will be adjusting the slope of the ramp and that Mr Gray can use Ron's property in the meantime.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Janet M Hirsch



July 2006 Security Report

I would like to first take this opportunity to thank Ray Lauer for his work on this committee in the past. I hope to continue to consult with Ray on future matters.

In an attempt to cut down on the trespassing and/or poaching by nonresidents, I am preparing for the Board a plan that may solve some of these problems. This plan will include identification stickers for each car, boat and trailer owned by residents of Lake Tishomingo. The registration process is going to be a difficult one. Therefore, I would appreciate any assistance in this matter. With the new stickers and with increased monitoring and reporting of suspicious activity by each member of our community, we can maintain a safe environment for our residents.

Another area of concern has been the lack of adherence to the rules and regulations of the Lake by boaters. The stickers will again help identify the violator and enable us to contact the responsible party. In this regard, we need volunteers for Lake Patrol. It is vital that we have adequate representation on the water.

I have received CDROMs of more than one individual deliberately breaking the gate. I have been asked by the Board to prosecute these offenders through Jefferson County. These vandals are costing our community money and time.

July 2006 Gate Report

Gate Operation

There were three intentional entry gate breaks in the last month:

- June 18 (Sun) at 10:32 PM
- June 30 (Fri) at 12:24 AM
- July 4 (Tue) at 11:00 PM

In all three cases young men left their cars and physically broke or damaged the gate arm. In two of the cases we have the license plate numbers and a good description of the cars involved. Evidence will be turned over to the Jefferson County Sheriff in these cases. In the third case we have a good description of the car, but not the plate number.

Gate Cards

Gate access cards are now available from members of the Gate Committee. Cards are still \$5 per card. Forms are available at the website or from members of the Gate Committee.

Ambulance Entry

Because of a question Ray Lauer asked about an ambulance that visited Lake Tish on July 4, I looked at the video surveillance tape. From the video I saw the ambulance pause at the Lake's entry gate for a couple of minutes until someone with a gate card let him in. I was bothered by this, so I called Big River Ambulance and this is what I learned:

They thought the code number given to them to operate the gate no longer worked and that the siren sensor was now the only way to get past the gate. (I told them the old code still worked and that I would program in an additional code specifically for them that is easier for them to remember.)

The siren sensor opened the gate with the siren on their old ambulance, but the new siren on their new ambulance does not open the gate. They brought the new ambulance out to Lake Tish and indeed the siren did not open the gate. [It is not simply a problem of the siren opening device (SOD) not being set sensitive enough, as the sensing LED in the SOD glowed steadily, meaning the SOD detected the siren.] This is an issue I will have to discuss with the manufacturer of the SOD.

I gave them three gate cards to use to open the gate for their ambulances. They told me that they can and will use gate cards!

I told them to just go ahead and break the gate if they can't get in by other means. (It's just a painted tubafore!)

So now they have three ways to get in:

- Gate card
- A code number that is easy to remember.
- Break the gate arm.

Miscellany

Thanks to Charlie Lents for donating a roll of sticky reflective tape for mounting on the gate arm to increase visibility.

-- Rich Hirsch

Volunteer Corps

On Sat. June 17 the Volunteers cut and trimmed grass around the Community House and the entrance road. This next Sat., July 15, the Volunteers will cut and trim grass around the Community house and the area around the Southside bridge. — Rich Hirsch for LT Volunteers



It is our intent to prosecute vandals, etc. when we have the evidence that is needed to do so. We have these guys on film.

I look forward to serving as Security Director for the coming year and will greatly appreciate any and all help that you can provide.

Thank you,
Larry Kimmel
Security Director



LTPOA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2006

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m. with the following board members present: Joe Hejnal, Larry Kimmel, Marilyn Meyer, Ron Sansone, Kevin Seelbach, Janet Hirsch and Pat Harting. 22 lot owners were present.

The minutes of the July meeting having been posted on the website and passed out at the meeting, President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the minutes, motion made by Janet Hirsch, seconded Larry Kimmel, motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Sansone began by commenting on the top sealing of the road. He said that this was being done by Arch Asphalt [*we have since learned that Warbro, (314)909-7500, is doing the sealing. Arch Asphalt repaired the roads -- Ed.*] and he had been asked for their telephone number by those who wished to have their own driveways top sealed. He said their number is (314)962-6688. He said that they would be out at the lake on August 19 at 9 a.m. if anyone wished to talk to them.

Treasurer's Report

July 2006 Financial Report

Cash Inflow:	
Special Assessment 2005-06	265.00
Special Assessment 2006-2007	2,375.79
Regular Assessment 2005-2006	1,026.50
Regular Assessment 2006-2007	62,278.38
Interest – CDs	230.54
Gate Passes	35.00
Legal Fees	300.00

Total Cash Flow

66,511.18

Cash Outflow:	
Loan Payment	4,489.55
Payroll – 3 pay periods	1,006.20
Ingersol-Rand Bobcat	1,166.20
Postage/Envelopes	128.39
Home Service Oil	617.00
Legal	160.00
Columbia Insurance	200.00
Labor – Dam Mowing	200.00
Patrol Boat – Flags & Shirts	373.21
Arch Asphalt (Patching)	8,400.00
McLaren Grading	7,055.00
AAA Zoellner Materials	892.46
House Springs Quarry	2,702.68
Utilities	113.66
Loan Principle Payment	5,500.00
Returned check	15.00
Total Cash Outflow	34,038.06

Checking Account Balance	96,028.30
Money Market Balance	2,440.61
Total Cash on Hand	96,468.91

Special Assessments (2004-05) Outstanding	50.00
Regular Assessments (2004-05) Outstanding	300.00
Special Assessments (2005-06) Outstanding	638.53
Regular Assessments (2005-06) Outstanding	2,515.59
Loan Balance , July 31, 2006(\$8.21 per day)	60,252.18

Motion made by Larry Kimmel to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Kevin Seelbach, motion carried

Treasurer Meyer presented the following bills for payment:

Newsletters – May & July	462.39
Kevin Seelbach – Misc. screws & bolts	11.00

President Sansone said that Kevin had re-hung the lake sign after it had fallen down. Motion made by Larry Kimmel to pay the above bills, seconded by Joe Hejnal, motion carried.

Ron Clark, A32B, 33 & 34 requested a building permit to install a 14' x 30' in-ground swimming pool. The Board elected to table the granting of a permit pending further septic, property line and fence investigation.

Finance Committee

Janet Hirsch reported that the Finance Committee met on August 7 to prepare the year-to-date financial summaries. She said that we had ended the year with a \$34,191 surplus. The committee did an excellent job at maintaining fiscal responsibility. The proposed budget for the coming year was set at \$134,000.

Available funds will be \$133,000. The lake is taking a very large financial hit from the \$57,000 needed to top seal the roads. The top sealing is really a major project but it is being taken care of thru regular operations. Other projects were looked at which totaled approximately \$49,000. After looking at these numbers it was recommended that we talk to the bank to change the loan payment schedule so that more money would be available for lake operations. The bank will allow us to pay interest only on the loan with no increase in loan payments, and the loan will be paid in full July 1, 2007 when the special assessment money becomes available. The bank requires a special directive from the lake to be able to do this and the Finance Committee asked for Board approval to change the loan schedule with the loan being paid on July 1, 2007. Motion made by Joe Hejnal, seconded by Larry Kimmel, motion passed unanimously.

Janet then asked for approval of the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Motion made by Marilyn Meyer seconded by Kevin Seelbach. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that \$6,000 had been put into the budget for snow removal for the upcoming winter.

Security Director

Larry Kimmel reported that on two occasions people had broken the gate arm. The Lake is pressing charges in both instances. He said that the Board was going to get serious about gate violations in the future and said that homeowners should tell their children/visitors to be very careful around the gate because we are following up on violations.

Larry then brought up the topic of animal control. He said that the County has regulations for impoundment of animals. He said this should be regarded as an "attention getter" for those who have animals which are allowed to run, or do not know about the regulations that the animal control is being contacted much more often to get this problem under control.

Communications

Janet Hirsch reported that she had received notification from Jefferson County that they will be holding meetings for Home Owners Associations and they have invited us to participate. Various members of the Board will be attending the meetings.

Janet then reported that the Lake used to have ATV rules. She said that she would put them on the website and asked that the Board re-approve and enforce them.

1. All riders must wear safety helmets
2. No more than 1 rider on an ATV – this was amended to 2 riders if the ATV was set up for 2 riders
3. ATVs must drive on the right hand side of the road and yield to other traffic
4. ATVs must obey the 20 mph speed limit
5. ATVs must remain off other people's property
6. No riding on dam or lakefront area allowed
7. NO ATVs from outside the lake are allowed on lake roads or property
8. ATVs must be registered and display lot numbers and sticker identification

9. No racing allowed on lake property
 10. ATVs must have proper headlights & taillights to be run at night
 11. ATVs not allowed on the lake if frozen.
- These rules were attached to the water rules in 1999. It was suggested that these be rules in their own right.
- President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the recommendation to reinstate the rules, motion made by Janet Hirsch, seconded by Marilyn Meyer, motion passed unanimously.
- Janet also made three proposals for changes to the current building regulations:

1. Change item 12, "any property owner having a driveway will take whatever steps required to prevent gravel from getting onto the roads" to "All driveways should be paved for the first 20 ft." based on the results of last year's election.

2. Under the category of "permits must be obtained," add "boat lifts" so the entry reads "Docks and Boat Lifts – If the project is not in front of the applicant's property, proof of permission from the property owner whose lot it will be adjacent to..."

3. Under the entire category of "building permits must be obtained for the following," re-add "fences" to the list as our Restrictions do require that fences conform to certain rules.

4. Change item 16, the term of the building permits should be raised from 6 months to 1 year to conform to Jefferson County regulations.

A comment from the floor was that since 1976 boat ramps were not allowed, however this was not in the regulations.

President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the four changes. Motion made by Larry Kimmel, seconded by Janet Hirsch. Motion carried.

Janet also said that a Rules Committee was going to be established to look into past regulations that had fallen by the wayside. She was looking for volunteers for that committee.

Regulations concerning the footprint size of new construction was questioned. This will be looked into.

Janet said that the lake's regulations had been streamlined to conform to the Jefferson County regulations so as to avoid duplications.

The number to call for ATV violators is the Jefferson County Sheriff's office 797-9999. Larry Kimmel requested that we look into the perpetual violator to see exactly what and how we can enforce the regulations. As an example, boat violations: coming before the board for violations and 3 violations would mean not being able to use the lake for a period of time. He also said that there are lake communities which impose monetary fines which if they are not paid the fine is added to the assessments. The Board will look into this.

The deadline for the next newsletter is August 20th.

Building

Joe Hejnal reported:

1. The "stone house" on the southside has now been demolished.
2. A16 – request for a boat lift. The lift will be installed on the west side of the existing dock.

From the floor – Lots D58-62 needs a culvert installed to prevent mud from this property going over the road and into the neighbor's properties on the lake side of the road. The building committee will investigate.

Maintenance

Kevin Seelbach reported that the Lake Tishomingo sign at the lake entrance had been repaired as much as possible. The sign is now so old that it needs to be re-painted. A new sign would cost approximately \$200. President Sansone said that we should investigate obtaining land closer to the four-way stop for a new sign. The current sign is too far into the lake and it presently looks as if we are Lake Bono Del.

Kevin reported that the road sealing is progressing very well and asked for cooperation in not driving over the newly sealed road. He also cautioned that the road would be slippery for a while when it first gets rain on it.

C&J Boat Dock & Lift is putting a package together for portable docks for the ramp and a courtesy dock for use of lake residents. It was

questioned that floating docks were not permitted. This was not in the current regulations, however, Kevin pointed out that now the new docks are hinged to go up and down with the water.

When the lake goes down further in the fall, the boat ramp will be modified to better accommodate launching boats.

Lights for both sides of the ramp will be installed before fall.

In response to the question of putting in more dry hydrants, President Sansone said that it was not a problem to put them, but you had to ensure that the trucks had access to them. He suggested that it is put in the newsletter that we are looking for locations that they can be placed that the truck can have access to them and they will not run out of water if the lake gets too low.

There is not enough money in the budget to lower the lake this year. It was voted on at the last election and bids are being obtained but it will not happen this year due to lack of funds.

The Goldman Fire District needs to be notified if we lower the lake so that if they are called they will know to bring tankers.

The old dump truck and pick up truck are for sale. If anyone is interested please call Ron. He said that the board is beginning to clean up the maintenance yard. They are looking into putting a new road into the maintenance area so that the present entrance could be cleaned up making the entrance to the lake more attractive.

Web Site

Janet Hirsch said changes were being instituted so that pictures could be uploaded so we can all share pictures. The deadline for the newsletter is August 20th, please let Janet know if you have anything that you wish included in it.

Dam Committee

Report on page 19.

LTIA

Gail Lippitt said that the August meeting would be a murder mystery. Eight lake residents would be in the cast. The meat dish is pulled pork so please bring complimentary side dishes.

There will be a golf tournament on September 23 beginning at 2 p.m. at House Springs Golf Course. More information will be forthcoming.

October 28 there is a Halloween Party at the Community Center from 8 p.m. to midnight. Double Take is the band.

Old Business

Rich Hirsch announced that Jason Covington has resigned from the Gate Committee. His place will be taken by Fred Steinmetz – 274-2853. Gate passes are available from the Gate Committee for \$5. Applications can be downloaded from the web site. A few comments from the floor on the gate operation were

1. The screen is hard to read – unfortunately this is temperature sensitive and it is being worked on as best as can be.
2. Possibility of having a third lane for residents and one for guests, as it can be very irritating to be behind someone who cannot get access for whatever reason.
3. In the case of a power outage, the gate does have back up batteries.
4. There have been no intentional gate breakages in the last month.

New Business

The lake is looking for an old air conditioner for the guard house. If anyone knows of one, please let Larry Kimmel know. Larry also asked for suggestions as to how we can enforce our regulations.

Kalin, A-18, reported that their neighbors had encroached on their property when they redid their dock. Larry said a letter had been sent to the board in December 2005 and at that time he looked at the dock in question. However, the fasteners on the dock did not look new. The residents now want it re-opened and Larry said he will look again.

There being no further business, Marilyn Meyer made a motion, seconded by Joe Hejnal to adjourn, motion passed.

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Harting

Secretary



August 2006 Gate Committee Report

Staff Changes

Jason Covington resigned his position on the gate committee due to work and family responsibilities. Fred Steinmetz will assume responsibility for issuing gate cards, changing gate directory information, and assigning special gate codes for property owners.

Rich Hirsch and Mike Leiweke will continue their duties in keeping the gate operational. By the way if you see the gate arm broken, or the gate up when it should be down, or the gate down when it should be up, call Rich or Mike and it will be fixed.

Gate Cards

Gate access cards are now available from members of the Gate Committee. Cards are still \$5 per card. Forms are available at the website or from members of the Gate Committee.

Gate Operation

There were NO intentional entry gate breaks in the last month. I believe this is a record.

There were, however a few problems with the gate:

- July 16 (Sun) at about 9:00 PM — The entry and exit gates both seized in the down position. The gate arms had to be removed Sunday night as turning the units OFF and then ON did not fix the problem. Resetting the microcontrollers the next day restored normal operation. Heat may have been partly responsible for the failure.

- July 18 (Tue) at about 9:00 PM — The entry gate seized in the down position. Resetting the microcontroller restored normal operation.

- July 17 (Mon) — The OEM gate operation timer failed. It was replaced with a generic unit from Lowes and a few readily available electronic components.

It appears that the gate performed as designed during the 18hr power failure in that the gate arms were in the raised position when I checked them the day after the power went off. (I removed the gate arms until power was fully restored just to be safe.)

Miscellany

Thanks to Charlie Lents for donating a roll of sticky reflective tape for mounting on the gate arm to increase visibility.

-- Rich Hirsch

Volunteer Corps

On Sat. July 15 the Volunteers cut and trimmed grass and hedges around the Community house and the area around the Southside bridge.

-- Rich Hirsch for LT Volunteers

August 2006 Dam Committee Report

The primary purpose of the Dam Leak Committee is to monitor the leak. Of greatest importance is to ensure that there is no degradation of our earthen dam caused by the leak. Of secondary importance is to measure the flow rate of the leak. In this way we can determine how much water loss is due to the leak. At this point there is no plan to slow or stop the leak. Any action in that direction will depend upon the committee's findings and the LTPOA board's wishes.

To accomplish our goals the committee has identified three tasks:

- 1) Monthly monitoring of the leak for temperature, turbidity, flow rate, and visual characteristics, odor, etc. — Rich Hirsch, Ken Jost

- 2) Weir installation to measure the water loss — Mike Leiweke, Kevin Seelbach

- 3) History of the dam as regards the leak — Clarue Holland, Rick Lippitt

The Dam Leak Cmte met on Sat. July 22 at 10am at the dam. The cmte first visited the leak pool at the toe of the dam. There was a strong odor of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) coming from the pool. The H₂S is probably due to incomplete decomposition (oxidation) of organic material (leaves/branches) from the source of the leak in the lake. The temperature of the leak pool was 52 deg F. A sample of the leak pool water was perfectly clear (water white) with no turbidity. (Turbidity would be a cause for much concern as it would indicate earthen dam erosion.)

The temperature of 52 deg F indicates that the leak is at approximately 33 feet. (On July 21 at 9am Janet and I produced a graph of lake depth vs. temperature. Dave Taylor of Stratus Engineering indicated that while this does not tell us where the leak is, it does tell us how deep the leak is.)

The committee will meet again on Tuesday August 22 at 7pm in the Sales Office.

For the committee — Rich Hirsch

Burn Season Begins Sept 15

September 15 is the first day when we can legally burn yard waste like tree limbs and leaves. You must obtain a FREE burn permit from the Goldman Fire District and have it available whenever you have a fire in the yard.

Dam Committee

Our Dam

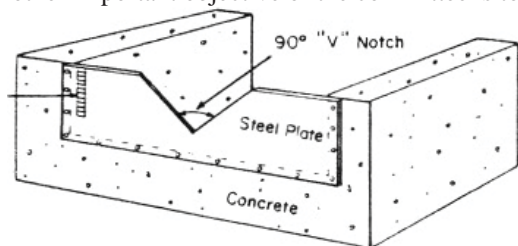
by Rich Hirsch for the Dam Committee

Most of us probably don't think much about the dam as we enjoy the lake. But have you ever thought about what this area would be like without our dam?

Many of us think that if a dam is designed and constructed properly, the dam should be maintenance free. Unfortunately, this is not true. As stated in the *Operation of Dams in Missouri* handbook, "Dams must not be thought of as part of the natural landscape, but as man-made structures which must be designed, inspected, operated, and maintained accordingly. Maintenance is an ongoing process that not only involves such routine items as mowing the grass and clearing the spillway, but also includes regularly inspecting the structure and properly operating its components."

Last year a number of LT residents became concerned about the leak in the dam and formed the leak committee. A summary of the Committee's recent work is given on page 19. Our primary goal is to install a flow measuring device, a weir, to determine if the leak is getting worse.

Another important objective of the committee is to put



together a history of the dam based on lake documents and any other sources available to us. Clarue Holland has been doing this and has done an outstanding job, but there are huge gaps in the data. We don't even seem to have a complete set of DNR dam inspection reports (we have 1988, 1993, 2002, and 2005).

Here are just two examples of what we would like to know more about:

- From a document in 1981 written by David Hoffman, Chief Engineer of the Missouri Dam and Reservoir Safety Program of the DNR:

".....I was then shown a blob of concrete with some pipes protruding from it which is located perhaps 50-100 feet downstream from the [dam] right abutment-toe contact. There appeared to be a valve on the downstream end of the concrete and a 10-12 inch pipe elbow going into the ground on the upstream end. I do not remember having seen this concrete and pipe on my previous visit, probably due to it being hidden by vegetation. This may be the end of a pipe passing under the dam. If so, it looks like it may pass under the dam below and slightly offset from the area of leakage near the right abutment. If there is a pipe under the dam, it could be associated with the leak. Assuming the pipe exists, the upstream end in the lake is open and the downstream end is closed by

a valve, the entire pipe would contain water under high pressure. Then if a break or leak exists in the pipe under the dam, the high pressure water escaping could form the concentrated leak that exists on the dam."

We have almost no additional information about this in our files. Do the pipe and valve still exist? What were they used for? Does the pipe relate to the leak?

- From a document in 1988 for "Embankment and Spillway Repair" from Reitz & Jens, Consulting Engineers:

"The work of this contract – Repair of dam embankment and spillway containing wall"

"Installation of spring interceptor, and subdrains."

"Installation of wall raising the crest of dam".

"All as shown on the plans or enumerated in the contract documents".

- 1) 50' solid 12" PVC drain pipe
- 2) 250' perforated 4" or 6" PVC drain
- 3) Spring interceptor manhole w/all contingent items
- 4) 910' Concrete median barrier

We have no drawings or description of what was done as regards the spring collector and subdrains. Where was the 250 feet of drain pipe used? Why wasn't a flow measuring device (a weir) installed at this time?

So, we're asking you for help in answering these questions and others. If you have special knowledge of the dam or documents, drawings, or photos that could help us, please get in touch with Clarue Holland (314-426-3858, MHolland01@charter.net) or Rich Hirsch (636-285-0813, rhirsch@catenary.com).

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WaterSewer District #13

Upcoming Election for Sewer Revenue Bonds

November 7, 2006 vote **YES** on a proposition for a cleaner lake. Water District #13 is asking for your vote in support of the issuance of \$8 million of Revenue Bonds for the creation of a central sewer system in the Lake Tishomingo area watershed.

This is **NOT** a tax increase.

The Bonds will be retired with revenue from the system and with the future expansion of the system, as neighboring properties ask to be added to the system.

The \$8 million represents the bonding capacity, **NOT** the amount necessary to build the initial system. The Water District engineer estimates that the actual cost to users, after grants and other sources of funding for construction have been received, to be about \$1.4 million. That amount will create a system with sufficient reserve capacity to add numerous additional properties, all of whom will pay a fair share of the cost of the construction of the system.

The initial service area customers will pay nothing to con-

nect their homes to the new central sewer system. All properties to be served by the sewer system, or who are reasonably close to the sewer system, will experience a very large increase in property values, due to central sewers. This has been the experience in every community in Jefferson and Franklin County which has created a central sewer system.

Any further questions can be directed to any member of the Water District Board of Directors:

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Goldman Fire District firefighters say "Thanks for your support" to Lake Tishomingo. In the recent election voters approved a tax increase to hire additional full-time professional firefighters. These photos are of a training session August23 at the lakefront.