



## Silver Lake Association (SLA)

### Regular Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 12, 2014  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Camp Asbury, Koinonia

#### I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Mark Emmerson, President.

#### II. Meeting Attendance

Total in Attendance – 34

#### III. Town Hall Meeting (Steve Tarbell)

Steve Tarbell, Castile Town Supervisor, introduced the Castile Town Board

1. Dave Swede Zoning Officer
  - a. Any time footprint of a property is changed, must get a permit.
  - b. Fences can be installed 6" in from property line.
  - c. Demolition permits – no charge.
  - d. Structure height limits – no higher than 3' within 50' from the water's edge. Up to 20' high, 50' to 150' from the water's edge. Up to 25' of median height 150' from the water's edge.
  - e. Report to the zoning office any maintenance concerns of property. Ex. – Grass over 9", any vehicle not registered or licensed, trash around the property.
  - f. Building plot must be 5000 sq. ft.
  - g. Guidelines for building structures are 5' in from side of property line, 10' from back of property line, and 40' from edge of the road.
  - h. If anyone has a question on a building or addition of a structure, call zoning office to check if a permit was applied for.
  - i. \$75. For meeting charge
  - j. Don Roberts is zoning officer for the village of Perry and the Wyoming County Building Code Inspector.
2. Tina McQuillen Town Assessor
  - a. Officer hours in Castile are 9 am – noon and 1 pm – 4:30 pm on Thursdays. Call for an appointment.
  - b. Information (hours, phone numbers, etc.) on the Town of Castile website. Castileny.com
  - c. Any questions - call anytime. Cell number on website, will return calls.
  - d. Assessments are different on waterfront than on non-waterfront properties Any grievances call Assessment Office. New roll is final July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - e. An appeal of your assessment to be by appointment.
3. Jake Koch Water & Sewer
  - a. Must call 811 to mark utilities before an excavation on a property. Even with a shovel.
  - b. Water meters are being installed, if on a seasonal residence, water meters must be removed by the Town and stored.
  - c. All meters have a tamper proof ring on meter.
  - d. Letter with the information explaining meters, water usage and fines will be sent out with water bill.
  - e. Pump and Grinder stations have stickers with contact information.
  - f. Shut off in house is property owners responsibility.
  - g. Meters have touch pad for reading. Meters must be in an easy access location.
  - h. Last 3 years did over \$170,000 in repairs to help clean up water problems and waste.
  - i. In 5 years all water customers will have a new meter.



- j. Sewer lines are being checked for leaks (cracked lines) and abuse (down spouts connected to sewer lines) of storm water entering waste lines, to save town money.
  - k. Up to \$2000. Per day is being charged for checking waste lines with a camera. Able to check about 2000 ft. per day. Only checking lines where problems may exist. Will recoup money with savings from eliminating storm water from the system.
  - l. Any questions on excavations, water & sewer, or water meters, call Jake at the office or on his cell phone. Numbers are on the Town website.
4. Vickie Draper Town Clerk
- a. Any concerns in water meter billing, removal of seasonal meters, or the selling of a property, residents must call the Town Clerk.
  - b. Town must maintain water line throughout the winter (charges for water to all residents regardless if full time or seasonal). Fines will be applied if meter is damaged from freezing.
  - c. If Perry raises water rates, Castile must pass on to Residents.
  - d. Any questions concerning any of the above subjects, call the Town Clerk. Phone numbers are on their website.
5. Steve Tarbell Town of Castile Supervisor
- a. Town of Castile only gets \$364. Per \$100,000 of property assessed value. Charts are on the website.
  - b. Castile kept taxes under the cap last 3 years. This includes new Government building being built after the fire.
  - c. Town is run by only 8 employees.
  - d. Trash pickup was discontinued by NuWay by cancelling their contract, during a meeting of negotiations of the contract, encompassing concerns and responsibilities. There were 5 months of meetings trying to correct issues.
  - e. Waste Management took over residential pickup. 15 towns and villages of Wyoming County are affected.
  - f. Waste Management started collecting trash the next day. Worked very well with the Town of Castile.
  - g. Contract with WM will continue to try and resolve issues. Possible Monday pickup around the lake.
  - h. Residents should use common sense when putting out trash for pickup. Not too early, use cans, help neighbors by bringing cans back to property.
  - i. Any complaints call Art Buckley. He will log complaint. Phone # 237-4110.
  - j. When putting out big items call WM to let them know. They may have to set up an alternative date for pick up. Trucks have a limited capacity. Steve is talking with WM to get them to agree to pick up the many bags of leaves around the lake. Resident cannot burn leaves or throw them into the lake. The only other option is for WM to pick them up.
  - k. Will be starting new billing everyone will be included and will be checking for residents abusing trash collecting system (not paying for pickup). Any disputes will be looked into and corrected.
  - l. It cost approximately \$300. for private trash pickup. Castile charges \$195. per year to year round residents, \$95. for seasonal residents for this year, and approximately a \$36. increase for non-seasonals next year.
  - m. Would like to bring WM Manager to a meeting to talk to members.
  - n. Trash collector Drivers are hired under strict rules. Also have police training to recognize unusual circumstances around properties. Drives usually have same route.
  - o. Town of Castile is looking for maps of Silver Lake. Theirs were destroyed in the fire.
  - p. Installation of gas lines on west side of Silver Lake is ongoing. Suggests everyone to write a letter to Fillmore Gas and the Town of Castile with comments and desire to have natural gas. Town will forward letter to appropriate State agency.

#### IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (May & June)



Minutes approved by the Board on July 12, 2014.

## **V. Treasurer's Report**

Treasury Report was Approved by the Board July 12, 2014

## **V. Committees**

### **Membership (Mark Emmerson)**

- Columns on membership lists should be able to sort by last names for Tract Directors collecting Memberships.
- Cards with merchant discounts are well received. Next year possibly have more merchants. Other businesses around the community showed interest in being included.
- The thickness of the card is an issue with the hand punches. One punch broke. Issue is with hand punches, not card. Regular paper punch works fine.
- Need more cards next year for the membership drive. We will look into having more discounts for the back of the card. Also, need more Directories for our membership. We had a great response this year, expect more next year. May have to redesign the way the discounts are on the card. Need a committee.

### **Flares**

- Has list with how many each tract received this year. Can use information for next year.
- Ordered 70 cases this year and had 11 cases and 4 flares left over from last year for the total of 81 cases and 4 flares.
- Sales went very well this year. Should have the same amount or more for next year.
- Picture of flare and pie tin should be handed out to all who purchase flares next year. Great idea to educate "lakers" on how to help keep the lake clean. Will put the picture on our website.

### **Boat Parade**

- 4 new volunteers were first time judges
- Had 15 boats in the parade. Great participation. More than the last couple of years.
- Winners list will be put on our website along with pictures.
- Trophies were handed out after the parade.
- Sheriff did a great job leading the parade around the lake.
- Parade should be closer to shore for better pictures. Must go slower nearer to shore. Must watch out for buoys.
- We now have a volunteer to be on an Activity Committee.

### **Yellow Dot Program**

- Talked to sheriff department on availability of packets.
- Packets contain stickers and refrigerator magnets to show Emergency Response Teams that you have a list of medications available for them in case of an emergency. Sticker will go on the car, magnet on the refrigerator. List of medications can be placed in glove box in the car.
- SLA first handed out packages to members a few years ago. Received the packages from Agency for the Aging.
- We have an aging population around the lake. This would be a good idea to do again.

### **By-law Changes (Mark Emmerson)**

- Went over By-law changes to familiarize Directors of the changes to be voted on at the Annual meeting.
- There will be 8 changes to be voted on at the Annual meeting.
- Added to the changes was "A Committee Chairperson or committee member may be removed from his/her position when sufficient cause exists...".
- A summary of the other changes are:



1. Tract Directors will not be removed for missing meetings.
2. No salary will be given to any Officer, Tract Director or committee member.
3. Water Quality Committee will not be part of the Executive Committee.
4. Executive Committee will have a \$300. Spending allowance in our off months.
5. Only have 2 kinds of memberships Active and Business. One vote per property address at the Annual meeting, Businesses do not have the right to vote.
6. Membership dues will be raised to \$20. For Active Members (Businesses will remain at \$30.)
7. Committee chairpersons do not have to be a Tract Director.
8. Also a list of definitions will be added.

It was noted that it will still be ONE Membership Card per address. More books will be available. If multiple families own a property, one vote is allowed at the Annual meeting, one card is allowed for the membership. More Directories will be allowed if available, all families owning that property can be put in the Directory.

- It was discussed and agreed to allow campers at the camp grounds around the lake to have the opportunity to be members of our organization.

### **Website (Mark Emmerson)**

- Web master took the time to explain how the website Administrator can make all the changes and updates to the website.
- He picked a wonderful website template to work with. Easy to learn and has many options to work with.
- We have 14 subscribers to our website as of today. Would like to have many more.
- Able to use the website for communications and alerts. Mark Emmerson is now the communications person on the website. Comments will come to my email address and I can send back replies through the website.
- Must get the word out to our members to sign up as a subscriber.
- Will contact a different volunteer to ask to help with design of the website.
- An email from the Chaplin of the institute asked why we were not communicating events put on by the institute, and why their link was not on our website. Mark called the Chaplin and had a conversation about how we are just getting started with our new website. He appreciated the call and explanation.
- Putting an ad in the Perry Herald for our Annual meeting was approved.
- Will ask if we can use the downstairs room for our Annual Meeting.
- Members who come to our Annual Meeting should have their membership card for admittance.

### **Merchandise**

- Sales of merchandise (shirts, hats, sweatshirts) have been really good.
- Need more inventory. Not enough to have a tent at the Farmers Market.
- Must work out something to make it easier to get money for merchandise.
- Blue sweatshirts are selling well.

### **Institute Programs**

- Craig reminded everyone of all the activities going on in the SL Institute. Go to their blog site at [silverlakeinstitute.blogspot.com](http://silverlakeinstitute.blogspot.com) for more information. Their link is also on our website under links – Area Governments / Organizations.
- The SL Institute will be raising funds to purchase a webcam for the East side of the lake.

### **X. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm