

Annual Meeting of the Silver Lake Protection Association  
July 18, 2020  
Copper Bottom Bar and Grill

President Spencer Leroy opened the meeting at 9:35 A.M. He went over what had transpired at a meeting at the Salem Lakes Village Hall to discuss the forming of a Lake District in August of 2019. There were many back then who attended that meeting, and they voiced their strong opinions for and against a district. Nothing concrete was decided at the meeting, and all were asked to go and make the decision by the people affected.

Spencer then introduced Vice-President Kurt Gehlbach. Kurt told us that, up to this point, with the DNR grant established in 2012 and generous donations, the SLPA could maintain the quality of the lake's condition.

Michelle Cullen gave the treasurer's report. Our checking account current balance is \$33,413.80. The full amount of our DNR grant back in 2012 started at \$85,902.75. Presently there is \$9,253.75 remaining in the grant until December 31, 2020. In 2019 we spent \$3,885.00 on a whole lake survey done by Lake and Ponds, LLC. Since the inception we have spent \$144,829.91 of which \$38,284.25 was accumulated from donors to do a whole lake "badly needed" treatment before the Grant.

Bill Erb, a Vice President, then gave a report on the water clarity and quality testing he conducts monthly during the summer. He also re-iterated his hope of becoming a Lake District. Bill then left, as he had to work at his business on Silver Lake, the Boat Doc.

The Chairman of the Powers Lake District, Neal Kuhn, then spoke regarding the many benefits of being a Lake District. He has held that position for fifteen years. The district was formed about 35 years ago. Their main goal remains being proactive in the protection of the water quality and the ecosystem for the benefit of the Power's Lake community. Neal was asked several questions. He told us that Powers Lake District is maintained as a taxing body of the 350 home owners on the Lakefront. Neal lives on the lake and told us that the average amount to homeowners, considering their assessment, was approximately \$100-150 per year.

Spencer then took questions from members and then preceded to tell us that this was his and Kurt's last SLPA meeting as they will be selling and moving by the end of summer.

Donna Kubik, made a motion to form a committee to explore the best way to form a district for Silver Lake. The motion was seconded by John Welsh and after discussion was passed. During the discussion, Salem Lakes President, Diane Tesar introduced herself and Mike Murdock, Village Administrator. They explained that in order for the Village to pass a resolution forming a Lake District for our lake, we would have to submit a survey or petition showing more than 50% of those surveyed favor such a district. The definition of the geography of the district is to be explored by the committee.

Spencer called for a motion, made by Karen Erb and seconded by Dave Zyer, to allow the committee to conduct a survey of the district they define.

Harry Law made a motion seconded by Dave Zyer to allow the SLPA Officers to make the final decision on the recommendations of the committee. The motion passed. The committee volunteers were: Harry Laws, John Welch, Donna Kubik, Jeff Bell, Jim Raker, Dave Zyer, and Randy Snelling.

We then had an election of officers. No one came forward for the position of president, but we now have four Vice Presidents: Bill Erb, John Coffey, Dave Zyer and Kyle Grumbeck. Michelle Cullen will remain as secretary/treasurer for the time being. Karen Erb has formed and taken care of our website for the past eight years. She also maintains the list of members and sends out the emails when needed and will continue.

Spencer then closed the meeting at 10:46 A.M.

Submitted by: Michelle Cullen