

E-NEWS JUNE 2013 INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH

Borough Web Site: www.indianlakepa.us

E-News is simply a brief report on current Indian Lake Borough issues. E-News is posted on the Indian Lake Borough Web site as well as distributed by email.

A quote by a resident: "Indian Lake is magic. The water, the trees, the mountains and the people meet in harmony that sings in my heart"

FINANCE Patti Dewar

As of June 2013, the cost of Phase III has been \$282,346.81. The cost of Easements, required for the permitting of Phase III, is \$81,331.76. This is due in part to residents who did not sign the easements in a timely manner and those residents, whose easements had to be taken by eminent domain because they refused to sign. This cost is expensed to our loan for the dam repair as part of Phase III. Our Borough budget performance is right on track.

DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS Paul Cornez

On June 12th our monthly Council Meeting was well attended by many citizens concerned with the work on the dam and how it might impact their planning for summer recreation and lake shore projects. Mr. Sean Isgan, President of CME, the engineering firm working on this project reviewed where we are and what lies ahead. There were several constructive comments from the public, all of which are being considered and evaluated. The challenge is to complete this last phase of the Dam Project this year before nasty weather sets in, within the perimeters of the permitting authorities, and within existing loans/tax structures. The conclusion of these discussion - We will not have a definitive answer to the question, "Can we keep the lake opened longer?", before the bids from the contractors are evaluated at the end of July. **At this time, the current plan remains to start the lake drawdown on September 3, 2013.** (However, the bids could have an effect on this current status)

LAKE/ENVIRONMENT Lynn Shimer

Reminder - Bill Kirkpatrick submitted his report on the 2012 Indian Lake Fish Study. It is posted on our web site.

Our lake was treated for elodea and pond weed on June 17th and was closed on the 17th, 18th 19th. The cost of the June treatment is \$22,000.00. Thank you to our resident volunteer who did lake patrol during those days.

This committee is addressing concerns such as ice fishing, illegal parking, trespassing by non-residents to access the lake and other lake safety issues etc.....

FLOWAGE EASEMENTS/EMINENT DOMAIN Bob Hanson

LEGAL - Borough Council adopted Ordinance 165 authorizing the filings of Declaration of Taking to enlarge existing flowage easements as required by DEP for implementation of improvements to the breast of Indian Lake.

ROADS AND MAINTENANCE: Terry St. Clair

Bids for 2013 road paving and stone aggregate were opened and awarded. This means that preparation for our road work has started. Thanks to Terry and Theresa, our paving work came in under budget.

GARBAGE/TRASH (repeat and current)

Remember summer means more garbage

Residents have two options – either contract for garbage service or take your garbage “home” with you.

Reminder – Do not use private dumpsters or your neighbor’s garbage cans, or vacant property, or borough property to dump your garbage. It is a theft of service and you will receive a citation.

ZONING: Dean Snyder

Encroachment permits for docks and seawalls - procedure

1. Residents must get DEP permits (GP2 / GP3) from DEP
The DEP contact person is Chuck Colbert (412-442-4213)
2. After receiving the DEP permit, residents must show documentation to the Indian Lake zoning officer and apply for their Indian Lake permit.
3. Note that this is a lengthy process – could take up to 90 days
4. Forms are on line.

WATER/SEWER Bob Hanson

We are in discussions with the Flight 93 National Park Service (NPS) regarding their needs for water; not just drinking water but water for irrigation, fire-fighting and toilet flushing. In many National Parks and government installations Reclaimed Water [purified effluent from septic and sewer plants] is used for these latter purposes to reduce overall costs and energy consumption and ultimately to be more friendly overall to the environment. Preliminary engineering study shows that we can add homes in the Borough [lots that don't 'perc'], treat the additional sewerage to US-EPA and PA-DEP standards, and send it down the hill to Flight 93 in a way, and at a price, that helps us and them. Potential roadblocks are the tight timetable (end of 2014/early 2015) and the required DEP approvals. I'm optimistic, but I may be the only one...

POLICE

The Mayor's News Letter by Mike Miscoe gave a detailed report on the police and the police activities. It is posted on our web site.

We have hired another part time police officer who will join Mark Custer, Richard Brant, and Chad Howell to give us police coverage.

REMINDER: As a way to deter minor crimes of convenience, remember to keep your vehicles locked and your house and garage locked. If you see something suspicious, report it to the IL Police. Please be alert to those pedestrians and bicyclist sharing the road and be remindful of your speed. If we all drive responsibly, we all will feel safer walking and biking in our borough.

Prior to the initial or first registration of a boat for use on the waters of Indian Lake, the boat shall be measured by the Indian Lake Borough Police Department for compliance with the length limitations. The Police Department shall make such measurements within thirty (30) days of the Borough's receipt of the application for a license for the boat, by appointment only. Please call 814-267-3776 to schedule **your appointment.**

REMINDER TO RESIDENTS WITH ANIMALS

There is a leash law for animals and barking dogs - nuisance ordinance #5. Violations could result in fines up to \$300.00. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

PERSONNEL Charlie McCauley

The cost of the employees' health insurance plan has increased by 3.5%. We were able to lock that in for 17 months.

SHANKSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Shanksville Fire Department is a volunteer fire department. A major part of their revenue comes from the two boroughs and one township that they service. Their annual fund drive is a big part of SVFD budget income and sadly only 46% of the residents of Indian Lake support this fund drive last year. Please give your support to this fire department when they have their annual fund drive and when they solicit or fundraise at other times in the year.

The following procedure will help you give information to the fire department in case of an emergency

Have a card posted in your home that has:

- 1) Your phone number and your address
- 2) Your neighbors' phone numbers and addresses
- 3) Be familiar with the lake map and have it posted or in a convenient place for reference. Maps of the lake are for sale in the borough office.

SKI SLALOM COURSE.

The council determined that the slalom course was placed in the wrong location this year. Bob Oates and the ski club members concurred. It is in the process of being moved as per council's request. Robert Oates is President of the Ski Club

Planning Commission

Don Reed and the Planning Commission are working on a couple of smaller Zoning Ordinance changes suggested by residents. Any changes will be posted and published, as required, prior to enactment by Council.

SWIFTREACH :

Indian Lake is a member of the SwiftReach Networks. We use this service to quickly communicate important information to our residents. So the phone calls you get about the quality of our water, the flushing of our lines etc...is not sent out from our borough office but is recorded by Dean Snyder and sent out by SwiftReach. Please do not call the office in

response to these notifications. These are typically sent out after the office is closed. Instead go to the borough's web site where you will see the notification also listed. If you are a new resident or if you need to change your phone number information, you can do it on our web site by clicking on the SwiftReach 911 notification link and follow the instructions.

WEEDS

The Indian Lake Borough Council would like to thank the following people for volunteering their time and boat to help patrol the lake during the annual lake closing for the weed treatment:

Dan Walters
Wayne and Chris Gump
Paul Cornez
James and Patty Dewar
Allan and Barbara Witchie
James Kuruzovich
Chuck, Vicki, McCauley and son
Don and Gay Reed
Donald and Suzann Williams
Ronald Petrina
Kerry Rowles
Curt Morgese
Indian Lake Borough Police Dept.

In your service,
Patricia Dewar