

Dry Hydrants – Chapter #40

Rich Elias said that safety and property use was the main focus for the Association. He announced that a new dry hydrant, which was capable of delivering lake water to fire trucks during ice-over conditions, was installed at Silver Lake Marine. Other locations were needed; any landowner interested should contact the SLA.

Lorraine gave Rich the dry hydrant stats she got on the internet along with the notes from Don Cook and a draft letter to be sent to the insurance carriers to find out what kind of benefits (premium reductions) were given to property owners on Silver Lake tracts that had them.

It was reported that the impact on insurance premiums having dry hydrants was not likely. A risk would be rated with the protection class of the responding fire department if all of the following classifications were met: dwelling within 5 miles of the fire department; within 1000 feet of a hydrant/alternative source; on a paved road; visible from at least 3 neighbors; has a smoke alarm and fire extinguisher; no wood-burning stove; and not a seasonal or secondary home.

Dick Swanson said that the Country Club supported one or two dry hydrants there but could not contribute money towards them. The Club wanted to be kept in the loop on the SLA work with the Soil and Water Conservation District. Dave Reckahn had three options that would be presented to the Club. Doug Klein thought that Austin/Shearman Tract would be a potential site for a dry hydrant. The Institute hydrant at the end of Genesee Street was waiting the fire department's go-ahead.

The quoted costs of the dry hydrants installed by Butler Construction was \$800-\$900 for installation and materials to be put in at the golf course by the pond off Luther Road and \$300-\$400 for the one by the shore at the club. Colleen Calmes asked if Austin/Shearman Road was brought into the talks because it was on record as wanting one. Committee chair Dick Swanson was absent. Carol Brakenbury motioned and Betty Nasca seconded with all voting aye that SLA pay for the dry hydrant to be installed by the pond.

The quotation for the dry hydrants installed by Butler Construction was raised from \$800-\$900 to \$1,475 and from \$300-\$400 to \$750. Colleen Calmes of Austin/Shearman Road was absent and did not report back on getting a hydrant there. Bill looked at the area and did not see where there would be room for fire trucks to access one. Committee Chair Dick Swanson was still missing in action. SLA would send a letter to the County Club's President Rick Fish confirming permission for the SLA to buy and have Butler Construction install the dry hydrant near the pond off of Luther Road for the cost of \$1,475. Bill discussed this with Silver Springs Fire Department Chief Ron Wilcox who approved the project and would like to see one at the State Park.

The Luther Road dry hydrant had not yet been accepted by the Silver Springs Fire Department. Officials wanted to see the impact freezing temperatures would have on it. The balance of \$460 remained and would not be billed for a while. The Genesee Avenue property address that was brought to the SLA by a SL Institute resident Joe Mazzarella was approved as a site for another dry hydrant. The SLA Board approved support up to \$800 financially which was ½ the total cost.

The dry hydrant on Luther Road would not be tested. The Country Club gave verbal permission to back fill the lagoon but SLA needed the form completed granting that permission. Calls to Jim Reger and Dave Reckahn, had gone unanswered in regards to signing the form. The pond needed reinforced fill. It had to be tested in Jan./Feb. to see if it would go dry in freezing weather. It would have to drain dry to function in the cold.