

Miscellaneous – Chapter #48

It was noted at a SLA meeting August 2001 that the law which allowed alcohol sales from the restaurant in the Silver Lake Country Club expired March 1, 2001. The Country Club President Rick Fish said Mulligan's would go under as would any other caterer leasing it without alcohol sales. The law allowed the Club to be annexed to the town of Perry for six years. Some solution options were: extend annexation, pass another annexation law, change Castile Laws, or do nothing. The SLA went on record by supporting continued operations as they did for the last six years or another method that enabled the Club to be a viable place of business for the lake community and visitors to dine as such. The Town of Castile approved a 1 year extension of the annexation. The Wet/Dry Town proposition would be on the November 2002 official ballot.

Colleen Calmes said that the SLA needed to lobby for a speed limit on Shearman Road. Longtime residents remembered a 15 MPH limit there. She had talked to the State Department of Transportation and was told it was not the states jurisdiction. The north portion of Shearman Road was in the Town of Perry and the south portion was in the Town of Castile. The town just passed a resolution to post a stop sign at the tee off West Lake Road. Bill Soules recommended that the majority of residents sign and submit a petition to both towns. Ron Straitiff of Eberstein Tract mentioned that his neighbors worked together to install speed bumps. In August Bill discussed the speed limit problem with the Town of Castile and was told the best way to handle this issue was for neighbors to sign a petition with the Wyoming County Traffic Safety Board. Colleen Calmes started one.

Speed limits around the lake were brought up by Mary Kay Barton as a concern and would like to see the speed limit on West Lake Road lowered from 55 MPH to 45 MPH due to farm vehicles, broken shoulders, etc. Sue Murphy suggested writing a letter to the county and the state to study traffic patterns and lower limits on all roads around the lake. Like the Austin/Shearman Tract it could require petitioning the town/county.

A Munger Tract resident wanted the SLA to lobby for treated drinking water since more people were living on the lake full-time than in the past. Rich Elias noted that the issue had twice lost on the ballot. Sue Murphy, R.N., said having the results of water samples from wells could bolster a case for municipal water. At the August meeting Bill Soules reported that he learned from the town of Castile that in 1995, a large meeting at Epworth Hall of 3 unserved areas eventually went to a straw vote by postcard with the results of 42 in favor and 114 opposed. It was raised two other times with similar results. If the water district was still wanted, a majority of the residents must sign a petition before the issue could be brought up again. There were 248 existing Silver Lake Institute and Gardeau Water District customers. Roy Schneggenburger cautioned the SLA on the high water rates. The estimated cost on a 20-year bond project to each customer was \$350-\$400 annually.

Jackie Kraft of Pendleton and team leader for Camp Asbury (and sister Camp Finley) introduced herself. Her family resided on the lake for 30 years. The camps were going through a capital stewardship to add motel-type accommodations and a retreat type addition there. She had asked for the SLA's prayers for the \$5.5 million undertaking. The camp would host an old-fashioned ecumenical revival for which her husband would preach nightly.

Rich Elias reported on the findings that resulted from the engineering of the Rechberger outlet-dumping. The Village realized their floodplain/flood protection laws were lacking. Under this law, all of Davis tract was in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration) floodplain and subjected to development fees and more stringent regulations. Because FEMA updated floodplain maps periodically, other tracts in the area (Eberstein, Prentice, Austin/Shearman, Silver Grove, and Traber) could someday be so designed. Residents should not have to pay numerous fees. Rich and Bill would comprise a committee to monitor this legislation.