

LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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Mayor: 'Pasture' annexation might grow to 50 houses

By John Braden

Mayor John Sellars told the City Council May 6 that an informal proposal for voluntary annexation of the former pasture next to 1 Anchor had grown from its original proposal to build 12 houses to a modified proposal to develop as many as 50 houses on the tract.

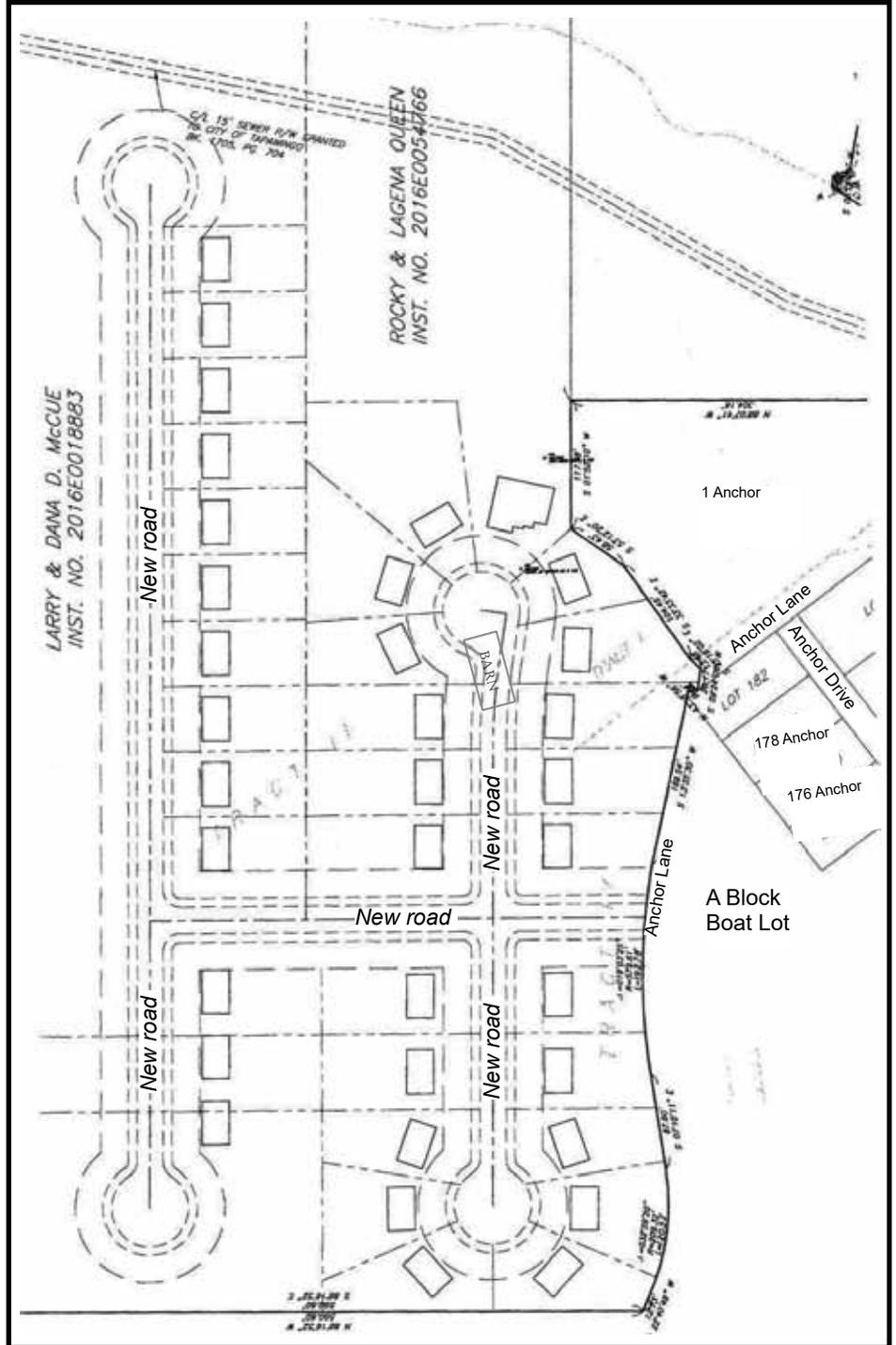
Sellars said a petition for voluntary annexation still had not been filed with the city by former resident and mayor Rocky Queen. In March, then-Mayor Tom Goddard had said Queen had obtained declaration paperwork to formally request a voluntary annexation of the property located in Jackson County. Until that request is submitted the city cannot act.

However, Sellars reported Queen's original proposal, outlined in the April *Lake Tapawingo News*, had expanded from the original proposal for 12 houses to a two-phase development of as many as 50 houses.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud, who said Sellars discussed the plan with Queen in May, provided aldermen a revised preliminary plat showing 35 homes on pasture property belonging to both Queen and Larry and Dana McCue, 83 Anchor.

The revised Queen plat retains a previously proposed east-west road intersecting with Anchor Lane near the site of the current pasture gate. Another previously proposed road, proceeding north from that road to a cul-de-sac, would be lined with 12 houses. The revised plat extends that road south to another cul-de-sac lined with another 10 houses. The proposed east-west road then would extend further west connecting with a second north-south road with another 13 houses on the east side of that road.

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TRIPLE PLAY -- A revised preliminary plat of former resident Rocky Queen's annexation proposal increases the number of proposed houses from 12 to 35 on the former pasture owned by himself plus acreage owned by Larry and Dana McCue, 83 Anchor. The new plat also appears to show the Queen property partly overlapping Anchor Lane near the corner of 1 Anchor.



Around the Lake

SYMPATHY

Sympathy to:

Fred and Gina Graham Chavez, 34 Anchor, and Matt and Lacy McCluer, 14 Beach, on the death May 5 of their nephew and cousin, Matt Brinkley of Naples, Fla. A celebration of life will be held from 1-4 p.m. June 13 at the Lake Tapawingo Clubhouse.

BIRTHDAYS

June 3 Lisa Cherepak, 62 Anchor
 June 6 Nancy Martin, 22 Dockside
 June 11 Barbara Burke, 57 Beach
 June 16 Amy Lengyel, 161 Anchor
 June 17 Lisa Hodges, 17 Beach
 Mackinzie Moran, 50 Emerald Shore
 Jane Nicol, 59 Dockside
 June 18 Susie Graff, 30 Dockside
 June 26 Beth Kreiling, 52 Beach
 June 30 Joan Mackey, 66 Anchor
 Sharice Tremain, 195 Anchor

WELCOME TO THE LAKE

Colton and Haylee Tadlock, 96 Beach

CONGRATULATIONS

Taylor Welch, daughter of Chuck Welch, 45 Beach, and Amy Held, was married May 21 to Dr. Chance Walker and will be moving to Salt Lake City.

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well card, Birthday greetings, Congratulations, Sympathy or Welcome to New Resident, call Margie Guffey of the Women's Club at 589-4166.

Thank you, friends and neighbors

Thanks to all Lake friends and neighbors for your acts of kindness in the last few weeks since the death of my beautiful wife Jody. The visits, phone calls, cards and notes of sympathy mean a lot to me.

Also, thanks to the many people that kept me supplied with food. All your kindness and generosity are why we have called Lake Tapawingo home for almost thirty years! It is a great place to live!

Tom Goddard

Dumpsters set for Bulky Trash, June 22-24

Large trash dumpsters will be placed at City Hall for Bulky Trash Days, June 22-24, by the city's new trash contractor, GFL Environmental. The dumpster placement, where residents-only may deposit their bulky trash, replaces the Lake's previous door-to-door bulky trash pickup program.

Two dumpsters are expected in mid-morning June 22, one for trash and one for brush. They will be picked up on June 24 and replaced by two more, which will remain until pickup June 25.

Only Lake residents are allowed to use the dumpsters. Lake Tapawingo police are expected to monitor attempts to bring in trash from outside the Lake.

Unacceptable items include major appliances, construction debris, firewood, paint, motor oil, tires, household hazardous waste and car parts. Lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc., must be emptied of all gasoline and oil.

Yard waste may be placed in the brush dumpster. No large tree trunks or stumps will be accepted.

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Revised plat map shows 35 houses, 13 below slope

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Topography of the property would indicate the additional proposed north-south street of 13 houses on the west side of the plat would be built below the western slope of the property.

The revised preliminary plat also appeared to show the boundary of the Queen property partly overlapping Anchor Lane at the north end of the A Block Boat Lot. That overlap is not reflected on Jackson County's parcel viewer of property boundaries.

Former Mayor Goddard had said a portion of the property, facing on Anchor Lane opposite the A Block Boat Lot, already is within the Lake Tapawingo city limits. He said Jackson County would not allow Queen to build on the unincorporated portion of the tract while it is partially within Lake Tapawingo, which would require conflicting regulatory systems.

Once a voluntary annexation petition is filed with the city, the City Council would have 14 to 60 days to convene a public hearing on the request. Additionally, seven days' notice of the hearing must be provided in the legal notices of a general circulation newspaper.

A voluntary annexation can be approved by the City Council without a public referendum. However, following the public hearing, residents have 14 days in which to compel a referendum on the request by filing a written objection signed by at least 5 percent of the qualified voters in the city.

Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the joint city-Lake Board Municipal Committee had discussed the city's annexation process at its April 29 meeting and agreed each board should receive early notification when an annexation is proposed. Once a formal annexation proposal is made, the panel agreed the City Council and Lake Board should fully discuss issues such as road access, water and sewer and other potential effects.

Lake Board President Jayme Dean had told the Municipal Committee that the Country Club's biggest concern was who would handle the community infrastructure. She said the city's unified building code requires a traffic study before approving an annexation. She said the Country Club has no mechanism to be compensated for additional wear and tear on its roads by an estimated 3.5 cars per house, plus delivery vehicles and others.

See more City Council Report, Page 5.

Lake Board to study sale of Country Club properties

By John Braden

Lake Board members were provided maps of Country Club-owned properties on May 17 and asked to consider whether to begin selling off parcels, particularly those on which the Country Club pays taxes. The board was expected to begin discussing the proposal at its next meeting at 7 p.m. June 7 at the Clubhouse.

Board Member Bill Ellwood provided a color-coded map that appeared to be a reproduction of the original plat map of Lake Tapawingo. It was accompanied by enlarged maps of individual residential blocks with similar color coding and a list of taxed properties also color-coded based on whether they were considered "sellable."

Ellwood said with the current real estate market, now would be a good time to sell property, starting with actual lots, rather than small pieces. He said selling property would eliminate some Country Club property taxes as well as grounds maintenance. However, he noted some residents want to preserve green space and contend no dock spaces are available for additional new houses.

"What is our appetite for selling?" Ellwood asked. "If the appetite is there" he said the board could determine the number of parcels and the order in which they should be sold.

Ellwood asked board members to look at the properties on the E and D Block maps so they could be discussed at the June 7 board meeting. He proposed lots in other blocks be examined at subsequent meetings.

Ellwood singled out for initial attention lots 53-E, 54-E and 55-E on Emerald Shore Drive. He also suggested four second- and third-tier lots in D Block be examined.

In September 2016, the Lake Board voted unanimously to give Mike Cloyde, 16 Emerald Shore, permission to

construct a 16-inch-tall retaining wall on the roadside of 53-E, 54-E and 55-E to keep parked cars from encroaching onto the property, damaging the ground and causing erosion. Surrounding E Block residents have been planting, maintaining and protecting the three lots for decades.

Ellwood noted the Country Club is not paying property taxes on nearly as many lots since it successfully appealed increased assessments by Jackson County. However, he said some taxes still went up. He noted only one of the lots comprising the B Block Boat Lot is now taxed.

The Lake Board has sold only a very few small pieces of property attached to residents' existing lots in recent years.

Listed in Lake Office files are restrictions on lots to be sold, including No. 1: "No new building may be built on any lot sold by the Development Company (the Country Club predecessor). This is in the Deed of Restrictions."

The restrictions also provide that property may only be offered to bona fide property owners of Lake Tapawingo, who only may extend an attached addition of their existing house onto the purchased property. Item No. 8 also provides "No dock sites will be issued for any of the vacant lots."

See more Country Club Board Report, Page 7.



LOTS 53-E, 54-E, 55-E -- at the time Mike Cloyde completed the retaining wall.



MAYOR'S MINUTES

Focus on Municipal Committee, Community Development

By Mayor John Sellars

May is always one of my favorite months. The weather is nice and moderate. The flowers are budding and blossoming. After living in Iowa for several years, the rain is always welcome in anticipation of the new crops. Hope for an abundant growing season is in the air!

Shortly after being sworn in as the new mayor, alderman committee assignments and oversight responsibilities were announced. I want to discuss in this column the responsibilities of one committee assignment and one alderman oversight area that are sometimes misunderstood.

Municipal Committee

The Municipal Committee has two representatives from the Board of Aldermen and two from the Lake Board. This group works to ensure collaboration between the two groups represented and other groups as appropriate. The Board of Aldermen has responsibility for city codes and ordinances, utilities, police, and property and affairs of the city. The Lake Board has responsibility for the stewardship of the lake, roads, pathways, property owned by the Lake Tapawingo Country Club, and affairs of the Lake Board.

Brad Cloverdyke and Rhonda Dolan are the two aldermen assigned to this committee. Brad Cloverdyke, a life-time resident, previously served as the Lake Board president. Rhonda Dolan has many years of experience in

marketing and communications. We are blessed to have these two talented aldermen on this committee.

Community Development

Second is the newly designated area of Community Development. The focus of Community Development has been expanded to include zoning, city codes and ordinances, permits and inspections. With the potential for future discussions on annexation, I have included annexation in that list of responsibilities along with exploring community projects that might help to make our community distinctive.

The expanded list of responsibilities is due, in part, to the need to review all city codes and ordinances for gaps and inconsistencies. It has been some time since a comprehensive review of this sort has been made. We want to eliminate any potential confusion and gaps in our codes and ordinances.



Steve Magel and Tom Rodenberg are the two aldermen assigned to this task. Steve Magel had many years on the Blue Springs Planning Commission including service as chair. Tom Rodenberg is an attorney for the

Blue Springs School District. Both of these aldermen bring significant experience and expertise to this task.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor, aldermen inaugurated, council reorganized

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met May 6 via Zoom video conference. Alderman President Brad Cloverdyke presided in the absence of Mayor Tom Goddard, then turned the chair over to Mayor John Sellars.

Visitors: Jan Baldwin, 9 Anchor; Brad Barlow, 134 Beach; Gary Brown, 4 Anchor; Jake and Morgan Combs, 70 Dockside; Rhonda and Corinne Dolan, 54 Anchor; Steve Fink, 13 Dockside; Doug Fitzpatrick, 176 Anchor; Gina Graham, 34 Anchor; Dwight and Paula Hight, 3 Anchor; Steve Meek, 203 Anchor; Meg Seifert, 39 Anchor; Bette Sellars, 11 Dockside; Jeff Spalding, 58 Anchor; Read and Cheryl Thomas, 7 Emerald Shore; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Election certification: Brad Cloverdyke, president of the Board of Aldermen, asked for a first reading of Ordinance 1008: *An Ordinance Accepting the Certification of the Jackson County Election Commissioners for the April 6, 2021, Election.* Alderman Steve Magel made a motion to advance the ordinance on first reading, which passed, 6-0. Magel then made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, which passed, 6-0.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud then inaugurated Mayor John Sellars and Aldermen Brad Cloverdyke, Morgan Combs and Rhonda Dolan.

Mayor Sellars thanked departing Alderman Charles Cruitt for his service.

Organization: Mayor Sellars announced alderman assignments for the newly elected City Council:
 -- Municipal Committee -- Aldermen Brad Cloverdyke and Rhonda Dolan
 -- Community Development (zoning, municipal codes, permits, inspections, annexation) -- Aldermen Steve Magel and Tom Rodenberg
 -- Water and Sewer -- Alderman Bob Seago
 -- Police -- Mayor Sellars and Alderman Morgan Combs
 -- Office and Administration -- Mayor Sellars.

The City Council unanimously passed a motion by Magel to re-elect Cloverdyke to preside over the council in the mayor's absence.

City Attorney Paul Campo said he would be available to meet in person or via e-mail or Zoom conference to review responsibilities and training.

Building Codes: Alderman Steve Magel presented a proposed ordinance to adopt updated national building codes. He proposed adopting 2018 International Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Residential Codes to replace the 2000 version the city currently uses. He proposed the council also adopt a 2017 National Electric Code to replace the 1999 version currently in use.

The council unanimously approved a motion by Magel to advance on first reading Ordinance 1009: *An Ordinance Amending the City Code Related to Adopting Certain Technical Codes.* Magel said the 2018 International Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Residential Code book plus 2017 National Electric Code book are on file at City Hall for 90 days so aldermen and citizens may review them before the council takes final action.

Street Signs: Alderman Steve Magel presented a list showing proposed placement of stop, yield, speed limit and other signage. He said the changes would have to be approved by ordinance and asked aldermen to review the list for consideration at the June meeting.

Mayor Sellars asked if lowering Lake speed limits had been considered. Magel said speeders were unlikely to slow down for even lower limits, while law-abiding residents would be forced to drive even slower.

Financial: Mayor Sellars reviewed the financial reports. City Clerk Paul Blixrud said the upcoming budget for the fiscal year begins July 1, 2021, so the new budget must be approved in June.

Water and Sewer: Alderman Bob Seago said about 1.5 years ago the

department started a program to replace water meters with more than 750,000 gallons registered. He said some meters were 6 feet below ground and difficult to service. After the replacements, Seago said, the city's own department will be able to maintain the meters.

The alderman said about half the meters have been replaced, including E and D blocks, with work under way in C Block. He said contractor Underground Plumbing Pros is currently working on storm drains for the Country Club, but soon will be back working on water meter replacements and hopefully will finish within a year.

Seago said the department had 18 grinder pump service calls in the past month with four pumps replaced. He said water infiltration into the sewer system continues to be an issue with some problems caused by sump pumps attached to the sewer system. He said the price of pumps is going up from about \$1,100 each to \$1,600.

Municipal Committee: Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the joint city-Lake Board Municipal Committee met one time since the previous council meeting. The Country Club members are Randy Thatcher and Steve Meek and the City Council members are Aldermen Rhonda Dolan and Cloverdyke. Mayor Sellars and Lake Board President Jayme Dean also attended the recent meeting.

Cloverdyke said the committee discussed the purpose of the panel, to discuss joint issues and facilitate solutions by the boards. He said they discussed "Slow Down" signs placed on Country Club property and acknowledged, under city ordinance, they must be placed only on private residential property and must be attached to the house.

Police: Chief Tammy Taylor inquired about references to a Police Committee, referring to assignments of Sellars and Alderman Morgan Combs to police matters. Sellars said he intended to continue to manage the Police Department as former Mayor

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Resident volunteers to coordinate a neighborhood watch

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Tom Goddard did, without an organizational change.

Brad Barlow, 134 Beach, volunteered to coordinate a Neighborhood Watch program. He said he was concerned about residents' reluctance to call 911 and that he knew of four or five serious incidents that were not reported. He said a neighborhood watch encourages neighbors to watch out for each other. Barlow and Taylor also said posting of neighborhood watch signs could deter potential criminals.

The Lake already has at least two neighborhood watch signs as part of Country Club signs posted in front of the Lake Office and upon entering the northern gate from Woods Chapel Road. The Lake likely has not had an active neighborhood watch since the 1990s.

Alderman Steve Magel noted the city created a Citizens on Patrol volunteer group in 2018 to help police and that a utility task vehicle was donated for the unit. He said since that time, volunteers dwindled and the program became inactive. Barlow noted a neighborhood

watch merely asks neighbors to keep their eyes out for trouble and intends to discourage intruders by posting that neighbors are watching.

Community Development: Brad Barlow, 134 Beach, discussed a nuisance issue of more than a year involving a neighbor's property and asked the council to consider adopting an ordinance with more "teeth" to enforce infractions. Chief Tammy Taylor said the property had been reported by "multitudes of residents" and that "multitudes of letters" had been sent calling for cleanup.

Taylor said codes enforcement officers are hindered by city ordinances that do not allow them to enter properties that are subject to complaint and can only see the property from the street. Alderman Steve Magel said he would look into relevant ordinances.

Read and Cheryl Thomas, 7 Emerald Shore, expressed concern that a neighbor wants to erect a fence on her property that would be less than 2 feet from the Thomas home. Thomas asked the council not to permit a fence so close to the neighboring house. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke noted city ordinances require setbacks from property lines for buildings, but not for fences. City Clerk Paul Blixrud said the building inspector had no objection to the permit request. Mayor Sellars said

council members would discuss the matter among themselves but people have rights to use their private property.

John Braden asked why an application for a non-conforming 6-foot-tall privacy fence at 24 Beach was sent to the Board of Zoning Adjustment in contravention of a Board of Aldermen vote in December. At the Dec. 3, 2020, meeting, the aldermen approved, 4-1, a motion by Alderman Tom Rodenberg directing that such requests would go directly to the Board of Aldermen until pandemic restrictions were lifted and the aldermen could hold a public hearing on potential revisions to the fence ordinance. City Clerk Paul Blixrud said City Attorney Paul Campo said to refer the 24 Beach fence to the BZA.

Braden also asked why a gravel driveway was allowed behind a new house at 42 Emerald Shore in contravention of an ordinance passed Nov. 7, 2019, prohibiting gravel driveways at newly built houses. Board members said the house actually has a concrete driveway that connects with gravel spread on Country Club property behind it with the approval of former Mayor Tom Goddard.

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COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Board questions pond owner's liability for inflow to lake

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met May 3 via Zoom video conference and May 17 at the Clubhouse. President Jayme Dean presided.

Visitors: Diane Ayers, 162 Anchor; Brad Barlow, 134 Beach; Paul and Brenda Bowers, 23 Clipper; Sarah Buchanan and Scott Johnson, 16 Anchor; Shannon Follis, 132 Beach; Randy and Regina Gregory, 38 Emerald Shore; Betty Megerson, 110 Beach; Angela Montague, 152 Beach; Jane Quinn, 19 Anchor; Dennis Reed, 36 Dockside; Curt Tadlock, 142 Beach; Sarah Wilke, 55 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

COVID-19: President Dean said the May 17 board meeting would be held at the Clubhouse with strong regard to social distancing and masks. She said the Zoom link also would be continued. She said that was a trial in-person meeting as she was uncertain of the acoustics in the Clubhouse while wearing masks. At the May 17 meeting, she said meetings would continue to take place at the Clubhouse in person. Masks are optional. Zoom links will also be provided for any board member or resident who would like to attend remotely.

Lake Management: Miller's pond dam. Board Member Gary Mallen said he would report when he knows more about the situation with the Miller family siblings, who own the Miller farm and the pond above AB Cove, and when he has analyzed the Affinis engineering memorandum on rehabilitating the pond dam.

Mallen said the property is not currently for sale but the siblings would like to have \$1.2 million for the whole parcel, which he said breaks down to roughly \$26,000 per acre. He said the resident sister is against selling the pond area. While the deteriorating pond dam and road are on Country Club property, any work on the pond itself, including dredging as recommended by the Affinis report, requires permission of the Miller family.

Affinis recommended dredging, replacement of dam drainage pipes and a failing retaining wall, and installation of a skimmer structure to limit debris and vegetation flowing into the lake, at a cost of \$362,000. Mallen said he thought the problems could be resolved for less money by dredging, covering the dam with riprap, possibly adding another culvert like the current pipes and putting a screen over the pond end of the drain pipes to keep out debris.

Mallen noted some of the existing culvert pipes were previously sleeved with plastic pipe that reduced their interior diameters and the volume of water they could carry.

Mallen recommended he contact the Lake attorney to investigate the respective legal liability of the Country Club and the Millers for sediment and debris entering the lake. Board Member Kim McReynolds suggested contacting the Environmental Protection Agency to see if it could be of assistance. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Mallen to contact the attorney to determine legal liability for pollution draining from the pond.

Mallen said the board also should proceed to obtain dredging bids for the pond. President Dean said the board could talk with Affinis project engineer Jason Davis about what can be done and with the board's lawyer as well. Board Member Brian Smith said dredging might also be needed for Miller's upper pond, which is silted in worse than the lower pond.

John Braden questioned whether the problems of Miller's pond could be corrected by dredging, riprap and screening the outlet pipes as suggested. He said the Affinis engineering memorandum said two sections of the dam wall are failing, sliding toward the lake and settling. He said adding a screen system to block debris from entering the pipes would result in the pipes being blocked by debris, requiring frequent maintenance and threatening overtopping of the dam in heavy rains.

Goose control. Board Member Brian Smith said he and Board Member Wes Knox have oiled and added Canada goose eggs as they are being reported.

Office Manager Diana Reyes said the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service submitted an \$1,800 bid to remove geese. It was questioned whether the number of geese on Lake property had decreased. If there are only a few geese it was suggested it would be expensive to remove them. The board approved, 5-4 with 3 abstentions, a motion by Board Member Hap Graff to accept the proposal as submitted.

Reyes was asked to inquire whether the cost would be less if fewer geese were collected and whether the board could change its mind between now and June when geese are expected to molt. She subsequently reported there would be little reduction of the cost if fewer geese were removed. She said mobilization,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summertime safety is No. 1 priority on lake

By President Jayme Dean

Summer has arrived! There is always a lot of activity around the Lake as we usher in the warmer temperatures and long sunny days.

Please remember that as you are enjoying the lake, safety for our residents and their guests is our No. 1 priority. With the help of our Water Patrol, we can ensure that everyone can have fun while being safe.

Please keep these rules and regulations in mind while enjoying the water this summer:



1. Property owners, renters, or one of the members of their families **must** accompany guests at all times.
2. Swimmers may only swim between the shore and main body buoys and in the coves. Swimmers should not climb, hang from or move any buoy marker.
3. Paddleboards are restricted to remain in "no wake" zones -- between the shore and main body buoys and in the coves -- at all times.
4. No more than two people should be towed behind a watercraft on any towed device. Pontoon boats may not tow a skier, tube or other towed device.
5. Under no circumstances are the occupants or operator of a motorboat allowed to stand up when the boat is moving at a speed in excess of 5 miles per hour.
6. The maximum speed on Lake Tapawingo is 35 mph during the period of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. or until sundown (whichever is earlier). At all other times the "no wake" rule (idle speed) will be observed. "No wake" (idle speed) is required at all times between the shore and buoys and in the coves.

Please do not hesitate to contact Lake Board members with questions, comments and concerns that you might have. We always want to hear from our neighbors. It is always best to contact the Lake Office or a member of the Board of Directors directly rather than post on the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page requesting assistance with boat launching. The Facebook page is not monitored by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is now meeting in person at the Clubhouse on the first and third Monday of each month. We will also continue to offer a Zoom link for those who feel safest at home and still want to attend our meetings.

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Board sees concern over effects of annexation

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USDA labor and materials, administration and surveying are all calculated into the bid.

Reyes said payment did not need to be issued immediately to put the Lake on the schedule and the board could cancel the agreement at any time for any reason. She said USDA representative Micah Glover would survey the goose population in the next few weeks.

Boat launching. President Dean said she needed two more people to volunteer for May 16 boat launch. Board Members Bill Ellwood and Gary Mallen agreed to be there. Board Member Wes Knox said only one boat was launched on Saturday but four or five were on Sunday. President Dean said she would like residents to schedule their boat ramp usage with the Lake Office instead of posting requests on social media.

At the subsequent meeting, due to expected rain over the weekend, Dean said board members manning the two-hour boat launch period could provide their phone numbers via social media. Residents then could call one of the boat launch team to meet them at the boat ramp during their scheduled boat launch assignment. She suggested this as a convenience to board members in lieu of waiting several hours at the boat ramp for random residents to launch or remove their boats.

Fishing rules. Board Member Wes Knox said he would like to make a presentation to the board regarding changes to the fishing section in the Lake Rules and Regulations, reviewing size limits, type of fish and quantities. He said he would ask the Sportsmen’s Club for any recommendations and/or suggestions.

Municipal Business: Board Member Steve Meek said Lake Board members voiced concern to the city-Lake Board joint Municipal Committee that the board receive prompt notification of any annexation proposals.

He said there had been no formal request from Rocky Queen to the city for voluntary annexation of property near 1 Anchor. He said a preliminary plat was not discussed at the last Municipal Committee meeting. He did say it was mentioned at the last City Council meeting that Queen’s proposed development apparently has been increased from 12 houses to about 50.

He said the committee’s alderman members assured the Lake Board members that the Country Club would be involved in any such conversation. President Dean said a traffic study would be required by any developer under city ordinances. She said the board should develop a plan to deal with effects of proposed annexations on the Country Club.

Meek said Municipal Committee members found the committee has been working well to improve communication and cooperation between the city and Country Club.

Meek said the city of Lake Tapawingo’s next fiscal year begins in July. Per last year’s agreement with the Country Club, he said it appears the city will budget to pay for streetlights,

minus nine security lights that solely light Country Club property near the Clubhouse and the Maintenance building. Under that plan, the \$108 per month for the nine lights, at \$12 each, would be paid by the Country Club.

Clubhouse: President Dean said the Shelterhouse roof is in poor condition and needs replacement. She asked the Clubhouse subcommittee to obtain bids. She said there might have been a claim filed for storm damage some time ago. She asked Office Manager Diana Reyes to check the files. It was later determined there was no record of a claim on file.

At the subsequent meeting, Board Member Cyndi Willoughby presented three bids to replace the roof:

-- Integrity Above All LLC: Bid includes Owens Corning Duration shingles with synthetic felt. Remove and haul off existing materials: \$9,340.

-- Premier Roofing of KC LLC: Bid includes Owens Corning Duration shingles with PRO guard synthetic underlayment. Remove and haul off existing materials: \$10,744.

-- Zucca Roofing: Bid includes Certainteed Landmark shingles with synthetic felt. Remove and haul off existing materials: \$7,850.

The board passed, 11-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Board Member David Hillerman to approve the Zucca Roofing bid.

President Dean said an insurance adjuster should be contacted to see if the roof had sustained hail damage. She asked Board Member Joe Rush to learn whether the Sportsmen’s Club might contribute to the expense. Treasurer Randy Thatcher said it would have to be determined where the expense would be allotted from the budget.

Treasurer’s Report: Office Manager Diana Reyes said all of the Evergy billing errors had been identified and paid to date. The matter of the C Cove aerator billing with a past due amount of \$437.04, sent to a collection agency, was settled for \$37.62 and removed from the collection process.

Delinquent assessments. Reyes said a little over \$18,000 remained unpaid for the 2021 assessments. Lawsuits have

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No Lake privileges

May 2021

The Lake Board lists the following property owners or tenants who do not have Lake privileges as of May 24. Lake privileges include use of the lake for any purpose as well as all common space such as Liberty Gardens, boat lots, soccer fields, tennis courts, the Clubhouse and shelterhouses.

56-A	Beatty	59-B	Day
120-A	Rogers	135-B	Stickney
123-A	O’Grady	143-B	Cordes
124-A	Schwenk	170-B	Applequist
129-A	Goodwin	17-C	Clements
174-A	Trotter	22-C	Theis



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Photos by Matt Kempf and John Braden

Train tree topples, trimmed

A tree on Kansas City Southern Railway property fell early May 17, smashing the Lake fence and blocking Dockside Lane. John Harrison, 38 Clipper, volunteered a half-day to help Lake Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf cut it up and haul it off.

Road drains completed; trees keep crews busy

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been filed against multi-year delinquent property owners and no further follow-up information is available at this time. President Dean said the board would meet in closed executive session directly after the May 17 meeting to discuss an offer made by a resident to bring their account current.

Maintenance: Board Member Joe Rush said Underground Plumbing Pros was pulled from working on Country Club road drainage grates to help the city repair a sewer line break on the east side of Dockside Circle. He said there was also a water line break at 25 Emerald Shore that pulled them off the drainage grate work.

At the subsequent meeting, Rush said Underground Plumbing Pros completed repairing the drainage grates in the roads and turned in an invoice matching the bid. He said Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf would verify the work is complete. A check was to be cut once verified.

Rush said a tree on railroad property fell across the Lake fence and Dockside Lane on May 17, rendering the road impassible. He said Kempf and resident

John Harrison worked several hours cutting the tree and moving debris to the side of the road. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Rush to approve a \$150 gift card for Harrison for his help.

Board Member Brian Smith said the Country Club had a bid for repairing damaged fence along the railroad in the amount of \$2,971. This was prior to damage of the fence due to the fallen tree on May 17. He said there are 15 posts and top rails needed to repair previous damage to the fence. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Smith to approve the bid for \$2,971 for the repairs quoted. President Dean said Kansas City Southern Railway would be contacted to seek payment for full removal and repairs due to the fallen tree.

Smith said Hill Brothers Construction is aware of a water retention problem near the completed culvert work at the Clubhouse. He said he spoke with a representative of the company who asked that repairs be delayed until the company brings equipment back to the Lake to restore the silt pond property in mid-June.

City Cleanup Days. President Dean asked board members whether they would be willing to hire a dumpster in addition to city dumpsters being

provided for a bulky trash cleanup June 22-24. The board passed, 11-1, a motion by Board Member Clayton Holland to hire a dumpster for \$425 for the event.

69-A. President Dean said a hollow stump with a 2-foot-wide, 5-foot-deep hole remained on the lakefront at 69-A where a hollow tree was removed by a contractor last summer. She said the resident at that location asked that the stump be removed and that she was told by a tree service employee that the stump would be removed. Dean called for review of the original bid. It was later found in the Lake Office there was no record of the bid including stump grinding or removal. The residents do not want the hole filled with dirt as it will continue to sink as the stump rots.

23-B, 26-B. Board Member Clayton Holland said ash borers were found in ash trees on the lakefront at 23-B and 26-B. A bid to remove the tree at 26-B was not received prior to the meeting. Holland said the tree service said there was a 40 percent chance of survival with treatment for the tree at 26-B. A resident who owns a tree removal business also was submitting a bid for the trees.

Holland said he told Mike Stiles to delay **See Results, Page 13.**



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Results awaited from dock electrical inspections

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board-approved landscaping at 26-B so tree removal does not damage his improvements. The board agreed to vote by e-mail once the bids come in for tree removal.

3-E. Smith said a tree recently cut down by a resident at 3-E was determined to be on the resident's property by their new swimming pool. However, he said when the residents first moved in, they cut down a tree on Country Club property. Smith reported they said they would plant a new tree as replacement. President Dean said the residents should purchase and plant a tree species listed on the Country Club's tree replacement program on designated Country Club property.

Docks and Waterfront: GFCI

testing. Board Member Brian Smith said that two days of dock electrical inspections occurred on April 21 and 22 with contractor KC Pros Electric to schedule a return day to inspect a few docks where power had not been turned on the first time. He said a report would be forthcoming and any properties that failed inspection then notified.

Board Member Joe Rush said the Water Patrol dock did not pass inspection. President Dean said the dock needs to be repaired as soon as possible.

Board Member Steve Meek said the city-Lake Board joint Municipal Committee discussed the inspections and the city is agreeable to fining residents who do not correct hazardous situations in a timely manner. He said this is a matter of city code enforcement.

162-A. Board Member Jennifer Moran said the Lake office has significant documentation on construction of an existing dock at 162-A but with inconclusive evidence whether a variance had been granted to allow the dock and ramp to extend its current 38 feet from the seawall. The board approved, 12-0, a motion by Moran to grant an application to replace the 20-foot-long, 10-foot-wide dock and 18-foot-long, 3-foot-wide ramp with a 20-foot-long, 10-foot-wide dock and a 10-foot-long, 8-foot-wide ramp. She said no variance would be needed

due to reducing the length from the seawall from 38 feet to 30 feet. President Dean told applicant Diane Ayers that all materials and equipment must be quarantined for 21 days and a plan of action is needed for the old dock removal.

70-A. The board approved, 12-0, a motion by Moran to extend the dock permit application that was approved in July 2020 for a 12- by 24-foot dock at 70-A placed 8 feet from a neighboring boatlift and at least 15 feet from the next dock. The dock had not been completed before the original permit expired. Moran said the dock would be attached to steel poles in the lake bottom.

38-E. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Moran to approve a seawall permit application that will replace a stacked rock wall at 38-E with a seawall with concrete footings, stone blocks and a 2-foot concrete cap by Eickleberry Concrete. She said the new seawall would match the height and width of a neighboring seawall. President Dean said a concrete permit must be obtained from the city and silt fencing is required at all times during improvements.

42-E. Moran presented an application for a 12- by 30-foot dock and ramp at 42-E that is similar to a neighboring dock. Randy Gregory, 38 Emerald Shore, is to construct the dock. He said it would anchor to his own seawall and a neighboring seawall. There is no concrete or electric. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Board Member David Hillerman to approve the application.

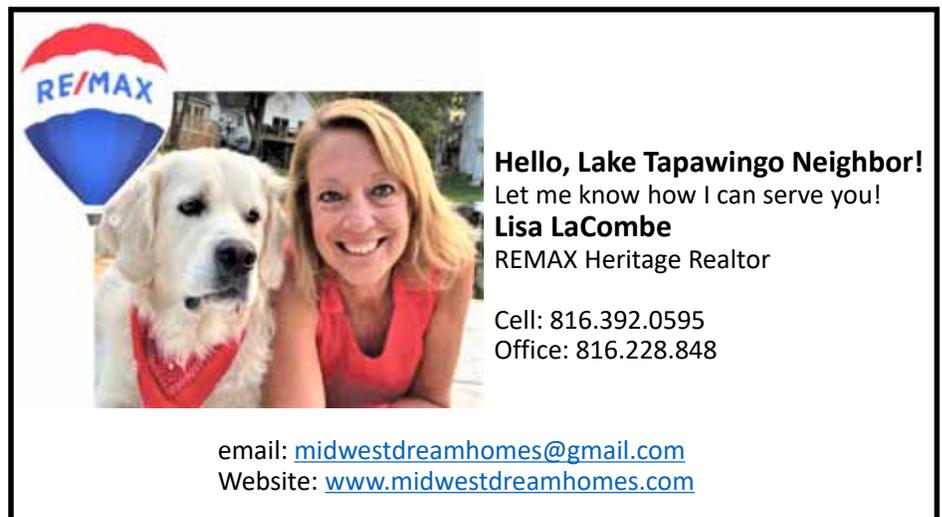
45-E. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Moran to approve an application for a replacement boatlift at 45-E. She said there is ample space for the manual lift. It is 6 inches wider than the one it is replacing. A plan for removal of the existing boatlift from the lake and to meet required quarantine time of 21 days is required.

91-D. Moran presented an application for a dock space for 91-D for an 8- by 8-foot dock with 4- by 4-foot ramp for an overall length of 12 feet. The proposed space is between 39-D and 40-D. She said a materials list had not been submitted so the dock itself could not be approved. The board passed, 11-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Moran to approve the dock space only.

At the subsequent meeting, Moran presented a dock permit application for 91-D. She said a materials list was received and Williams Lakefront is performing the work. Board Member Brian Smith expressed concern that the space would be somewhat congested by the mooring of pontoon boats on the neighboring docks. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Moran to approve the 8-foot-long, 8-foot-wide dock with a 4-foot-long, 4-foot-wide ramp.

23-C. Board Member Wes Knox presented a permit application for a dock with a boatlift at 23-C. He said construction would be of encapsulated

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Water Patrol begins season; pothole repairs planned

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foam, steel frame, mud poles and concrete square decking. A ramp of 4 by 8 feet would lead to a 25- by 14-foot L-shaped dock. Due to space limitations, the dock would be placed parallel to the shore with the boatlift installed in the slip on the shoreline side of the dock. No electric or poured concrete would be required. The existing dock is to be put up for sale. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Knox to approve the dock and boatlift application as presented. President Dean said a materials list must be submitted and a permit fee for the boatlift needs to be paid before beginning the project.

85-A. The board passed, 11-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Moran to approve a 20-foot-long by 12-foot-wide dock with a 4-foot-long by 5-foot-wide ramp. The existing platform is to be removed from the lake at time of installation. Board Member Brian Smith said the new dock should be centered between the two existing docks and that there would not be enough room for another dock in that area.

36-D. Moran presented an application for a boatlift to be added to the side of the dock at 36-D. She said the dock was 13 feet, 11 inches wide because it had been a slip dock in which the slip was decked over previously. It was noted Lake Rules say a boatlift may not be installed beside a dock that is more than 12 feet wide. The application was denied due to lack of a motion for approval.

Parks and Beautification: President Dean said Scout Troop 763 removed the dangerous play equipment from the playground area behind the Clubhouse. She said she asked Renny Buckaloo to send photos to John Braden so the Scouts could be recognized for their much-appreciated labor in the June 2021 *Lake Tapawingo News*.

Water Patrol: Board Member Wes Knox said the Water Patrol pontoon



Scouts at work

Former Lake Board Member Renny Buckaloo said Boy Scout Troop 763 was grateful for being allowed to use the Shelterhouse and Clubhouse for meetings while their host church was closed to them during the pandemic. In return, then performed a service project for the Lake by demolishing the unstable and unsafe wooden playground set behind the Clubhouse, putting debris into a Lake dumpster. The Lake Board is to consider acquiring new replacement equipment.

boat motor was not operating properly. Because the motor is under extended warranty, Knox said work must be performed by an authorized Evinrude dealer. The boat was to be taken to Blue Springs Marine for repair and be subject to quarantine upon return. Knox said the Water Patrol jon boat might have to be supplemented by the Maintenance barge or a volunteer's boat during Memorial Day weekend.

Knox said one of the Water Patrol staff saw a boater run over a buoy. President Dean said the boater should be invoiced for any replacement or repairs needed to the buoy. Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf was to determine damage and repair costs, which Board Member Brian Smith estimated at up to \$500 to \$600 including the solar light.

Knox said Water Patrol shirts have been ordered. He said the patrol already has been active reminding

residents of boating and sticking rules. He said the Water Patrol would begin issuing citations for docks that are in need of repair or are improperly marked, watercraft without current stickers and boating infractions.

Roads, Easements and Pathways:

Board Member Clayton Holland said he and Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf marked pothole repair areas along the roads. He said bids should be in May 19. He said he would e-mail bids to the board upon receipt.

He said two areas of concern would not be included in the bids: a concrete strip at the A Block alleyway and an area related to a city water connection for a new house at 42 Emerald Shore, which he said seems to be getting worse. Holland said he would contact the city for a plan of correction at 42-E. The strip of

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Lake Board seeks meeting on lakefront disruptions

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concrete at the alleyway, which must be milled down before asphalt repair, will be addressed at a later time.

Holland said D Block roads were not crack sealed the last time other roads were sealed and that he would pursue sealing there. He proposed roads on one residential block should be cracked sealed each year, rather than sealing all at once.

Lake Environment: President Dean clarified invasive species quarantine restrictions, noting if the quarantine period should be shortened during the term of a quarantined item, the time of quarantine will always default to the longer quarantine period.

Silt Control: President Dean asked Board Members David Hillerman and Bill Ellwood to submit a complaint to Jackson County about the lack of a silt fence around the pile of dirt and debris dumped on Rocky Queen's former pasture near 1 Anchor.

Rules and Regulations: President Dean said a resident in B Block has had an additional dock tied to the shoreline since last summer that must be removed due to rules against property owners having two docks. She said a property owner with a boatlift on the shoreline also must remove it.

Board Member Brian Smith said the dock owner is waiting for the water to get warm enough to get into the lake to remove steel poles.

Dean there needed to be a plan of action for those issues at the June 7 board meeting.

Brad Barlow made a formal request to allow "Slow Down" signs to remain on Lake bulletin boards. President Dean said that it was OK for him to leave them up and she would request they not be removed when the boards are cleared off.

Lakefront usage. President Dean provided additional background information on a resident and his guests who have been fishing at various locations around the lake on the easement areas. She said they bring blankets, coolers, music, small children and fishing equipment. Behavior is sometimes disruptive and loud which attracts attention of nearby residents.

Dean said the board has received numerous calls from residents about the resident, who has varying guests and numbers of people in the fishing party. She said Lake Tapawingo Police Department as well as the 911 dispatch also received numerous calls regarding the group. Board members also expressed concern that fishing gear and bait might be brought into the lake despite the zebra mussel quarantine.

Board members agreed the resident should be asked to attend a Country Club Board meeting so board members can express their concerns about his usage of Country Club property.



CITY CREATES ROAD? -- City and Lake Board officials indicate gravel was placed on Country Club property behind 42 Emerald Shore, apparently with city permission but without approval of the owner, the Country Club.

Boat Lots and Lease Lot: President Dean said there are cars and non-boat trailers in the B Block boat lot that need to be removed. She said some residents also are using the lot for a driveway.

Real estate: John Braden asked how gravel had come to be placed on Country Club property behind the new house at 42 Emerald Shore. President Dean said the Country Club had said the home's garage should be accessed at the front of the house from Emerald Shore Drive and not across Country Club property at the rear. She said, instead, the former mayor approved a building plan with vehicle access across Country Club property and told the Country Club it was not involved. She said she was told the gravel placement was temporary for construction and that it would be removed. Braden said it sounded like the city had appropriated Country Club private property without permission or compensation.

Board procedure: John Braden reminded board members that President Dean had previously encouraged them to only abstain from voting sparingly. He noted the goose control vote passed with 5 yesses, 4 noes and 3 abstentions, meaning it was approved by a minority of the 15-member board. While he said he was in favor of the goose control action, he said excess abstentions could cause policies to be approved by a minority because some board members were reluctant to say no.

Executive session: President Dean convened a closed executive session on May 17 to discuss one of the properties being pursued for delinquent assessments.

Official Country Club minutes may be read at the Lake Office.



Alderman accuses BZA of mistreating applicant in 2016

By John Braden

Alderman Bob Seago intervened May 11 before the Board of Zoning Adjustment alleging five years previously the board had mistreated an applicant for a variance to convert a carport into a garage only 1 foot from a side property line, which is prohibited by city ordinance.

On July 19, 2016, Michelle Provin, 97 Anchor, appeared before the BZA requesting a variance to enclose her carport and make it a garage. At that time, she testified not having a garage was a hardship because she had a refrigerator and other items she would like to keep in a garage.

The carport is 1 foot from the side property line with the adjacent property, a Country Club pathway. Under city ordinance, carports and garages must be at least 6 feet from the side property line. At that time, the BZA voted 4-0 to deny the request for a variance from the ordinance.

Under guidelines provided to the BZA by the city attorney, as a general rule, variances are to be granted rarely and under exceptional circumstances requiring an applicant to demonstrate “practical difficulties” -- that, as a practical matter, the property cannot be used for a permitted use without coming into conflict with ordinance restrictions.

Although appeals of BZA rulings are to be filed with Jackson County Circuit Court, Provin was allowed to resubmit a variance request five years later, with the hearing held May 11. In her new application, she cited new arguments of safety, privacy and protection.

Bob Seago, a member of the Lake Tapawingo Board of Aldermen, was sworn in by BZA Chairman Dan Brown and spoke on behalf of Provin. Seago, who oversees the city’s Water and Sewer Department, said he first learned of Provin’s desire for a garage in 2021 when her water meter failed and he went to check on it.

Although Seago did not attend the 2016 meeting he criticized the BZA based on talking to Provin and reading the minutes of the 2016 meeting.

“I think there was a major misunderstanding between the two parties,” Seago said, referring to Provin and the 2016 BZA members. Seago said former BZA Member Jack Marker, who served as acting chairman of the meeting, “was part of the problem.” Referring to the minutes, Seago alleged Marker swore in Provin and then “shut her down fast” and said the garage “wasn’t going to be happening.”

Seago said Marker said the request should not be approved, and BZA Member Elizabeth Braden made the motion to deny the variance.

Seago said the BZA had three choices: to ask Provin to remove the carport; allow her to put up a garage; or do nothing, “which is what the BZA did -- nothing.”

In actuality, the BZA action upheld the city ordinance, which prohibits garages from encroaching into the 6-foot side setback from the property line.

BZA Members Meg Seifert and Braden said their recollection of the 2016 meeting and Marker’s actions did not agree with those described by Seago who did not attend.

Seago said “we do a terrible job informing people” when they buy a property at Lake Tapawingo, and Provin didn’t know she couldn’t put in a garage when she bought the property.

The alderman said the lack of a garage caused a hardship for Provin. He said Provin is afraid because “riffraff” come from the U.S. 40 gate into the Lake and through the pathway beside her carport above AB Cove. He said Police Chief Tammy Taylor has said there is a lot of non-Lake Tapawingo foot traffic on that pathway. He said Provin was nervous because she did not have a garage to go into when coming home.

Seago asked, did BZA members “think to tell her” to take her request to the Building Committee, which he said can waive the side setback ordinance under Section 500.120 of the city code. The city had not been operating under that provision since the BZA was reorganized under Mayor Rocky Queen in 2013 and given a fresh orientation on its responsibilities by the city attorney. That ordinance was subsequently repealed when the codes were updated in 2018.

Seago said crime will continue to increase at the Lake and approving the variance would keep a good resident at the Lake and keep her safe and it would help with the beauty of the Lake.

Neighbor Tracy Kirksey, 99 Anchor, who lives across the Country Club pathway spoke to the issue of the traffic on the pathway, saying her shed had been painted with graffiti and Provin found clothing that was not hers in her backyard. Kevin and Tracy Kirksey and David and Cheryl Lindeman, 96 Anchor, wrote letters in support of the garage. April Coleman, 185 Anchor, said enclosing the carport would result in little change since three-quarters of it is already enclosed. She said it would look better and increase the home’s value.

Since the Country Club owns the adjoining property, rather than the testifying neighbors, Braden asked whether Lake Board President Jayme Dean, who attended the meeting, had any thoughts on the discussion. Dean said she was not sure she could speak to the situation. Dean asked Brown to read the first criteria considered by the board, which stated a relevant factor is whether the variance request arises from a condition which is unique to the property in question and is not created by conditions caused by the homeowner. She said a lot of places have similar situations and the property already is in violation of setbacks.

Brown said Provin inherited the situation and it was not of her own doing. He said the BZA also is to consider safety considerations. Brown called for the vote, and the request to grant the variance was approved, 5-0.

On May 24, Elizabeth Braden submitted a letter of resignation to Mayor John Sellars and Chairman Brown. After serving on the board since 2013, she said she had already intended to resign with the change in city administrations. She said it was a coincidence that Seago appeared at her last meeting but that the alderman insulted the volunteer citizen board and maligned the “honorable” Jack Marker. She asked the Board of Aldermen to examine ordinances governing the BZA and questioned why the city did not send a representative to hearings to provide a defense of challenged city ordinances.

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WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Happy Hour, block parties on summer horizon

By Shannon Follis

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Women's Club Cinco de Mayo taco food truck. It was wonderful to see everyone out and enjoying being together.

It was a lot of fun to be able to chat with so many while serving drinks and selling Lake gear.

We reached out to many food trucks about possibly hosting another food truck in June but, not surprisingly, couldn't find any availability. No troubles though, we have other fun activities planned and coming up.

Next up on Women's Club activities is a BYOB meetup in June, team meetups for Block Wars as scheduled, and Block Wars in August. Please see the bullets below for more information on each event. Until we see you again, we hope you stay dry amidst all this rain and count down the days until we swim and float.



have a wonderful evening. Bring a beverage for yourself or one to share with others. Whatever makes your heart happy.

● June/July/August: **Block Wars Block Parties** - Get to know your fellow team mates for Block Wars and begin talking about who wants to do which event. Even if you aren't planning on competing, come join the block party. Have some fun with your neighbors and you can always go cheer them on at the event itself. Keep an eye on upcoming articles and the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page for more information. Block neighborhood volunteers will be sharing information as they set up and schedule the block parties for their blocks.

● Aug. 14: **2nd Annual Block Wars** - Come one and come all, from coves A to E, to cheer and to play, on this neighborhood day. Will C & E blocks, our reigning champions from 2019, maintain their win or will a new block claim the Golden Paddle? Block Wars will occur prior to the Sportsmen's Club Shrimp Boil to fill out a fun-filled community-wide Lake day.

Team colors for Block Wars

- A cove is red
- B cove orange
- D cove green
- C and E coves blue

Possible events

- Kayak races
- Paddle board Simon says
- Relay races and more

Upcoming events

- June 3: Women's Club Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- June 17 at 7 p.m.: **BYOB Happy Hour** - Bring a beverage of your choice to the Shelterhouse for a Women's Club happy hour. Meet new people, reacquaint yourself with known people, enjoy the outdoors, drink a favored beverage, and

Pomp & Propellers 2021

Photos by Elizabeth Braden

Class of 2021 Boat Parade

May 29th starts at 3:00pm at Liberty Landing
All Class of 2021 graduates of any kind please join in.

Mark your calendar and either put your graduate on a boat or go down to your dock and wave as the parade goes by. It has been a difficult year to stay focused on achievements. Show these graduates how proud you are of them for making it to the end of one journey and to the start of a new one!



Kindergarten grad Kennedy Bateman



Drayton and Connor Lengyel



Luca Corazzo



Lou Bellinghausen



Photos by John Nicol

THE BIG WINNERS -- Leading the list of the Lane Lasher Kids Fishing Tournament were Wesley McEntyee (left) with largest fish, 1 pound, 13 ounces; Christian Hannah (center) most weight of all fish, 5 pounds; and Charlee Cummings (right) most total fish, 28.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Far Out! Boat Parade Theme: Mission to Mars!

By John Nicol

We may see some “out of this world” Fourth of July Boat Parade entries this year with the general theme of space exploration inspired by the latest Mars rover and drone. However, Star Trek and Star Wars and space sci-fi examples are welcome, too.

While there were limited theme entries submitted to Sportsmen’s Club members this year, ideas came bubbling up and votes were so close the leading number of votes of the last round narrowly settled on Scott Patton’s “Mission to Mars.”

The Boat Parade is sponsored by the Sportsmen’s Club who choose impartial judges who select the winners for First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention. Each is awarded a trophy, and a traveling trophy listing past First Place winners is held for a year by that year’s winner.

The boat parade contestants gather in C Cove by Liberty Gardens and Landing to begin the parade at 2 p.m. on the Fourth of July. Start exploring your decoration options for some starring entries.

Fourth of July Fireworks on sale June 28-July 4

Fourth of July Fireworks will be delivered to the Shelterhouse June 28 and will be on sale through July 4. Sales will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Funds raised by sales support the Sportsmen’s Club for the year to underwrite activities and pay for scholarships.



Young Lane Lasher anglers turn out despite weather

Participants in the Lane Lasher Kids Fishing Tournament were challenged by the chill and damp at 8 a.m. sign-in on May 15. But the clouds slowly cleared and temperatures rose as did the fishing fever when fish started biting.

John Harrison handled the sign-in at the Shelterhouse with Jim Clarke making it out of the hospital in time during the week to be there as usual. Tackle boxes were given out and some early doughnuts consumed.

Assisted by parents and grandparents, the Lake kids had some good catches with guidance from their mentors. With Scott Patton, Dale Blanchard and Chuck Welch officiating at Liberty Landing, the fish were weighed and counted and initially released

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Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast returned May 31

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into the filled wading pool for all to admire. From there, after the keepers were given back, the rest of the fish were put back in the lake to get bigger for next year's contest.

Returning to the Shelterhouse, a hotdog lunch waited and trophies were given to all participants.

The contest winners were: Wesley McEntyee having caught the largest fish, a 1 lb. 13 oz. bass; Christian Hannah with 5 pounds of combined weight of all his fish; and Charlee Cummings with a total of 28 fish.

Even the very young fishing enthusiasts will have a great memory and trophy to show for the time spent together with loved ones learning to fish. Another successful fishing event achieved.

After a pandemic-inspired 2020 gap, the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast returned to the Clubhouse May 31, bringing Lake residents and their guests to the Clubhouse for breakfast being served by Lake kids signed up by Chuck Welch. The more than 60-year tradition continued, feeding 120 adults and 17 children.

First Veep Harrison fills in for President Clarke

President Jim Clarke was kept overnight at the hospital from a heart valve replacement, so had to miss the regular Sportsmen's Club May meeting. However, he was chipper enough to attend the Kids Fishing event on that Saturday. First Vice President John Harrison filled right in to open the meeting.

Treasurer Chuck Welch displayed the newly purchased computer tablet with stand to process credit cards that may also be utilized to scan bar codes for fireworks purchases. He then provided the club financial report and the final count for the BBQ dinner sales to be 179 adult and 3 children's meals. John Harrison reported an increase in membership to 182.

Second Vice President Joe Rush checked on the Kids Fishing Tournament plans, volunteers and times. He took up the Fourth of July Boat Parade Theme competition as discussed above. Arrangements were to be made for insurance and for fire extinguishers to be placed in the Shelterhouse during the



Photos by John Nicol

FIRST FAMILY -- Mayor John and First Lady Bette Sellars and family join other families for the first post-pandemic Sportsmen's Club Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast.

fireworks sales. The Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast was again on the schedule with times for volunteers and servers set.

Third Vice Presidents Jeremy Cumberford and Barnard Wilson had information on crappie being caught and Scott Patton said a 40-pound flathead catfish had been caught.

Scholarship winners' thank you notes were submitted and read from Elizabeth Herman, Haylee Payne and Drayton Lengyel.



FLAPJACK FOLLIES -- Greg Fedo, 85 Beach, prepared a special pancake for Hap Graff, 30 Dockside. Not sure what Greg was trying to say here.



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PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Officers committed 24/7 to make a difference

By Chief Tammy Taylor

With all the talk across the country about defunding the police, getting rid of, and we need less of, etc., I just wanted to say a few things in regard to this.

Did you know that officers are physically on duty from 8-12 hours per day and sometimes longer but officers are mentally on duty 24/7? Officers are committed 24/7 to their role as officers and to the communities in which they serve.



LTPD officers and officers across this country will give up their days, nights and weekends off and their time with family and friends, and sometimes their lives if called upon to make a difference, which speaks volumes to their character.

Law enforcement officers have basically four major responsibilities: enforcing laws, responding to emergencies, preventing crimes and providing support services.

Officers must also possess good communication skills, empathy, compassion, integrity, transparency, negotiation skills, writing skills and have professionalism.

If you see LTPD or any other officers out and about, please give them a shout out for all they do!

What's Happening at LTPD

This is the time of year when officers start their yearly training.

Officers will be very busy over the next five months learning and updating themselves on many topics such as:

- investigating child abuse cases;
 - responding to persons in mental health crisis;
 - domestic violence issues;
 - fair and impartial policing practices, including implicit bias recognition;
 - critical thinking and social intelligence;
 - de-escalation techniques;
 - legal studies; and
 - skill training,
- just to name a few.



There are so many topics officers must cover/study to perform their duties daily and these training courses benefit the officer, the department, and most of all the citizens of our community.

Police Reports

	April 1-30	March 1-31	Feb. 1-Feb. 28	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31
Traffic offenses - Anchor	9	4	4	4	3
- Beach	1	4	0	8	1
- Clipper	0	2	0	4	0
- Dockside	2	1	0	5	3
- Emerald Shore	0	0	0	1	0
- Tapawingo Lane	0	0	0	0	0
- Woods Chapel	8	2	6	2	3
- U.S. 40	39	45	22	45	39
- Total	59	58	32	69	49
Warrant arrests	3	0	1	2	1
Arrests	3	1	3	4	3
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	2	0	0	5	1
Calls for service	26	19	9	18	17
Warnings	31	38	30	31	27
Total	124	116	75	129	98



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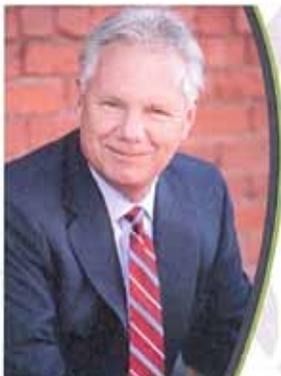
A: Let us shop for you. We have access to many different companies, not just one.

Q: Insurance is confusing. A real hassle.

A: With 36 years experience we can help coach you, making it understandable and easy.

Q: I hate calling "an 800" number or talking with someone different every time.

A: Not with us! Local, available and committed to you and the Lake community.



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Lake Resident



JUNE 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 City Council 6 p.m., City Hall	4	5
<i>Lake Office open by appointment only, June 1-4. Call 228-3721.</i>						
6	7 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	8 Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 p.m. City Hall Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse	9	10 Women's Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	11	12
13	14  Flag Day	15	16	17 Women's Club BYOB Happy Hour 7 p.m., Shelterhouse	18	19 Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m. Clubhouse (preregister)
20 Father's Day First Day of Summer 	21 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	22 Bulky Trash Dumpsters, City Hall	23 Bulky Trash Dumpsters, City Hall Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence	24 Bulky Trash Dumpsters, City Hall	25	26
27	28  Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Sale begins, Shelterhouse	29 Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Sale 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Shelterhouse	30 Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Sale 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Shelterhouse			

Invasive species training for new residents offered at Clubhouse

The Lake Board offers in-person invasive species training at 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse on the third Saturday of every month.

Training is required before property owners or renters may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity."

Those seeking training should contact the Lake Office at office@laketapawingomo.com or 228-3721 to make arrangements.

Upcoming sessions include:

- June 19
- July 17

New training only pertains to residents who have not been trained before. Residents who underwent training in 2018, 2019 and 2020 are required only to sign certificates in 2021. Copies are available from the Lake Office.

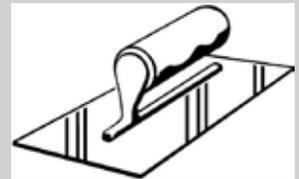


Lake Rules prohibit the transfer of boats and gear between Lake Tapawingo and other water bodies unless quarantined before they return to Lake Tapawingo. Violation of invasive species rules -- including using the lake without invasive species training -- can result in revocation of Lake privileges for up to a year, fines by the Missouri Department of Conservation or other agencies, or civil damages awarded to the Lake Tapawingo Country Club.



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