

LAKE/AIRPORT COMMITTEE

October 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Budd
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Superintendent Bialas
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Driskill

Traci Bentley
Owen Lasswell

see attached*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.

BARLOW & CHAMPLEY REAL ESTATE LEASE AGREEMENTS

Chairman Dorchinecz informed the Committee that Mr. Clint Barlow and Mr. Rick Champley lease wooded ground from the City that they use for hunting. The lease is good for two years and the fee is \$20.00 per acre. Mr. Champley leases 62 acres for a total of \$1,240.00 per year. Mr. Barlow leases 50.65 acres for a total of \$1,013.00 per year.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the two-year lease with Rick Champley in the amount of \$2,480.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the two-year lease with Clint Barlow in the amount of \$2,026.00. Motion carried 3-0.

REVENUE FOR DREDGING THE LAKE

Chairman Dorchinecz advised that the City needs to dredge the lake. The last time any silt was removed was in 2003. The City can apply for grant money but will need money to pay an engineer. The Lake Committee came up with several different revenue generation ideas such as: adding a dredging fee to water bills, raising ordinance violation fines, raising utility tax, selling the Gagne building and raising Lake Lot and Campground yearly fees. Chairman Dorchinecz explained currently \$25.00 for every lake lot rented is transferred into the Lake Restoration Fund, but nothing from campgrounds is transferred. Any increase that is made to both lake lots and campgrounds would be transferred to this account for the dredging of the lake.

Several tenants of the Lake Lots and Campgrounds were in attendance and spoke to the Committee. If the lot rent were to increase by so much, several people would be giving up there lots. This would also affect our community, as most of these tenants are from out of town. When they are at the Lake, they do all of their shopping locally in Taylorville as well as eating at restaurants. For example, in Campground 2 there are 27 lots and 23 of them are filled with out of town residents. It is like this in all of the campgrounds and about half of the lake lots. It was also brought up that dredging of the lake should not just be held on the renters of lots, the entire town should be paying for this as the lake water, along with well water, is used to supply the town with water. Chairman Dorchinecz stated that the lake was built to supply drinking water for the town. It was also suggested if the rent were to go up to possibly extend the season of the Lake to March through November instead of April through October. There are also several lots over the years that have been closed up; it was suggested to reopen and lease these out for additional funds. Another idea was to allow two campers on a lot for the season, but charge an additional fee for it. After a lengthy discussion it seemed most tenants agreed that an increase is needed and \$100.00 seems like a fair amount. Chairman Dorchinecz advised the audience that the Committee would take in all the suggestions and bring this back up in the November Lake Committee Meeting and hopefully come to a decision to make a motion on the amount of the increase for the Lake Lot and Campground yearly fees.

CABINS-MAINTENANCE NEEDS

Lincoln Land Community Collage Building Trades Program had previous contacted the City to do some carpentry work on the cabins at the Lake at no charge to the City, except for material. This offer has since fallen though, however the cabins are in desperate need of repairs. Alderman Budd stated this either needs to be addressed in house or bid out for repairs. Mayor Barry could have someone come look at the cabins to see what repairs need to be made.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to allow Mayor Barry to have someone inspect the cabins for repairs needed. Motion carried 3-0.

CAMPER PLACEMENTS

Chairman Dorchinecz advised there is nothing in the Lake Lot and Campground lease agreement that states how or where a camper should be placed on a lot.

NEW BOAT DOCK AND SKI LIFT APPLICATION FORMS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the application for boat dock and jet ski lifts. Motion carried 3-0.

BIKE TRAIL SHELTER UPDATE

Chairman Dorchinecz advised he met with Mr. Merker, Mr. Altman, Alderman Olive and Superintendent Bialas and discussed several things that still need to be done to the bike trail shelter.

RESERVATIONS FOR KIWANIS PARK

Reservations for Kiwanis Park are currently made with the Chamber of Commerce; they no longer want to do this. The new procedure will be to call the Marina for reservations.

LAKE SUPERINTENDNET'S REPORT

Superintendent Bialas has been contacted by Scott McClure, who advised that the light at Boyd Dappert needs to be repaired. Superintendent Bialas contacted Shelby Electric and got an estimate of \$200.00 to repair this. Since the City no longer takes care of this property Superintendent Bialas is unsure who is responsible to pay for the repair. If the City is still paying for the electricity for this location the City will pay for the repair.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Lake/Airport Committee