

Dredging Meeting March 2, 2019

Attendees: Jim Fell, Dawn Longo, Mike Petersen, Chris Ankuda, Terri Ankuda, Terri Freeland, Fred Jenkin, , Howard Tuttle, Dan Mullins, Jack McMillin, Jim Swartz, Louise Lisac, Chris Lisac Denny Crandall, Gerry Dixon and Rick Brothers were not present.

Louise Lisac opened the meeting again thanking everyone for their time and commitment to the project. This is a huge task and everyone is participating and gathering information relative to the project.

A discussion about sediment survey revealed there have been surveys done as recently as 2010. There were also surveys done in 1970, 1978 and 2005. (Thanks, Team #3). The previous studies have been to study the need for dredging. We are not going to repeat history just going to move forward. At this time, the committee voted not to approve a new sediment survey. The committee is very aware of financial responsibility and will not spend if not necessary. We have several estimates for dredging work based on the figures Dan Mullins had provided of 20,000 yards for the south end and 18,000 for the north end. We will work with those figures for estimates.

Team #1 presented their plan for doubling capacity in-house. The costs will be lower (\$12 per yard) but it will take more time to complete the dredging. The estimate for expanded dredging operations is \$215,200. This investment would result in removing approximately 15,000 to 18,000 yards of sediment per year increasing the current yearly removal of 6,000 yards. The committee also noted that since it requires the purchase of more equipment the association will have to bear the expense of building somewhere to house that equipment down the road. The dollar amount to build that facility was not factored into their figures. At the meeting, it was suggested that a building for this would be approximately \$50,000. As with the other teams, these are estimates based on our best projections.

We have several quotes for dredging as well as our in-house numbers. The current in-house numbers are not as precise since they do not include manpower. The figures from outside contractors average between \$19 and \$22 per yard for mechanical dredging. Hydraulic dredging appears to be cheaper (around \$13) but there are a lot more costs involved. Since the current dredging operation is mechanical and hydraulic will change many of the requirements including where and how to move the sediment there will be additional expenses not noted in the quote we received. Those costs will increase the price. All the quotes were reviewed and the committee had questions that will need answered. This is an on-going process and therefore, these numbers will change.

Dan Mullins was able to provide a Dredging Program Review from Candlewood Lake. It seems very similar to ours. We also discussed the dredging work that has been done at Aurora Lake. Aurora Lake drained their lake and used a bull dozer to "dredge". They were able to do this because the lake is much shallower than ours and is not part of Lake Erie watershed which has many more rules and regulations.

Dawn is also following up with Shoreline regarding an idea they had thrown out around "a dredge pump".

We still need to set up the various companies to come in and review their proposals. The process may seem like it's taking longer than many of us want but we are moving forward.

The committee has been using various methods for communicating progress - Facebook, the weekly blasts, and the Shores news. We will also be making a presentation at the Annual Meeting to keep people up to speed. If anyone has any questions, they should send an e-mail to the association (it@roamingshores.org) and Jen will forward them to the committee. We do not want people relying on or spreading rumors or assumptions.

The board has appointed Rory Marshall to be the point person for the committee. He will be the liaison between the committee, the board and the Operations Manager. Rory will also begin to attend the meetings but was unable to do so today. Can someone get me his contact information, specifically his e-mail address.

Since dredging will be a cost to the association discussion of current financials is important. Louise Lisac did discuss the current plan for collecting past due fees. There are 240 delinquent accounts and 150 of those are for lots only. The association has put together a Financial Advisory Committee to work on current financial issues. Louise and two other residents have graciously volunteered their time to assist in the collections process. Louise met with David King (association attorney) and he has instructed them on the procedure for working on these accounts. These members will do what a Collections Agency will do free of charge. Again, financially responsible. We discussed opportunities for informing the association of delinquent accounts. Since we have been encouraged not to publish names of those in arrears maybe we should post those who are **not** in arrears. It is important that people pay their association fees. We should encourage people to pay their dues so that we can maintain our community. These fees not only pay for the pool and beaches and lake but also the roads and the maintenance of the grounds. These services are used by ALL and are part of the reason people move to the Shores.

We discussed various ways to pay for dredging. If the cost is over \$500,000 it must be presented to the association for a vote.

There was also a question about whether or not businesses on the lake pay a commercial fee vs. a homeowners fee. Louise will look into.

The 2019 Annual Election is upon us. There are 3 seats open and 4 association members seeking election. Information was in the Shores News and on the RRA website. Be sure to get out and vote! The Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, April 27th. It was recommended that David King be present.

The next committee meeting will be on Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. We will need to finalize the presentation for the Annual Meeting.