

Notes from the June 5 Sylvan Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting

Dan Diggins presented a slate of board members willing to serve on the SLIA Board. Nominated for a 2 year term (due to no Annual Meeting in 2020) were Malcolm Cairns, Joe Costello, Dan Diggins, & Nick Heffner. Nominated for a 3 year term were Vicky Fiandt, David Holliday, Dave Puttman, Lynn Spidel and two new members John Klaasen, Allen Baskett. Moving to Emeritus status were Denny Hogan and David Schermerhorn. After the meeting the Officers were elected – President -Vicky Fiandt, Vice President – Dan Diggins and Secretary/Treasurer – Roberta Stone.

Rome City Marshall Paul Hoffman reported that our boat patrol will be in the water the week of June 7th. They will be out some Friday nights, Saturday and Sundays during the day and in the evenings. Marshall Hoffman also confirmed that the Bouy locations are officially set by the Indiana DNR. They should not be moved by residents. Idle zones are marked and will be enforced.

A Boater Safety course will be held at the Bingo Hall on Saturday June 19th starting at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend registration is online. Nick Heffner is organizing the training and reported that some insurance companies give people a discount if lake residents attend the classes.

Events on the Lake:

July 3rd Fireworks at Dusk

July 10th Poker Run starting at 1 p.m.

July 11th Church on the Island 9:30 a.m.

August 8th Church on the Island 9:30 a.m.

August 15th Boat Parade starting at 1 p.m.

September 12th Church on the Island 9:30 a.m.

Jim Donahoe from Aquatic Weed Control reported on the Weed treatment for Sylvan in 2021. The IN DNR decided that there was not enough native plants in Sylvan and has therefore denied requests for a second treatment. This can be disputed on a case by case basis. Sylvan Lake Improvement Association has hired them to do a study on our native and invasive plant situation. A member asked about the increase of Lillypads on Sylvan. Jim reported that they are “somewhat” protected unless navigation to the dock is impaired. The Homeowner can apply for a permit to treat a 25’ x 25’ area.

In the fall of 2020 a Water Quality committee was established. This committee is a joint effort by the SLIA, the Sylvan Lake Conservancy district and the City of Kendallville – Waste water treatment. They have hired a consultant – Dr. Jerry Sweeten who has a company that will study the water coming into, going out of and in Sylvan Lake. This is a 3 year study. The report will include all the sources of the Nitrogen, Phosphorus and sediment and how to reduce them in Sylvan Lake. A preliminary report will be made at the 2022 meeting. Dr. Sweeten reported that this problem is seen all over the Great Lakes/Mississippi River basin and there are multiple efforts to mitigate the problem.

