

**Minutes of The lake Association  
September 10, 2005**

46 present

President Dave Baker called the meeting to order and welcomed City Council members Rick Evans and J.D. Jones, Jr.

**Minutes** of the August meeting were distributed by newsletter and email; there were no objections or corrections to the minutes as published.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Vern Hay, which showed a beginning balance of \$16,451.98 and an ending balance of \$16,551.00. \$40.00 was collected from dues and \$ 60.00 from ads.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Signage:** Dave Baker reported that Rick Paul, of B-24 and Redbud Design had requested an opportunity to make a proposal for signs at the lake. The proposal should be available for the next meeting.

**Chemical Class:** Sylvia Murphy reported the next Lawn Care Management class (chemical class) will be held October 7th. A minimum of ten reservations is required for the class to be held. Reservations should be made before October 3rd. Call 620 767 5136, and if necessary, leave your phone number or other contact information to reserve a class spot.

**Annexation:** A lengthy and sometimes rambling discussion about annexation is summarized below:

- The first meeting to construct a Lake Association Master plan for the City Lake will be held today at 1:00pm.
- Gary Catlin of B-7 and Lakeside Properties, presented some figures he had compiled about the effect annexation would have on taxes and insurance. They are based on 2004 assessments and rates. The current annexation proposal would result in approximately a 49% increase over the current taxes that homeowners now pay. Gary gave examples for a \$125,000 house. Taxes on a \$125,000 house would increase by \$659.05. If the fire ratings were to improve as a result of fire fighting improvements house insurance would decrease approximately \$ 146.00 for part time residents and \$326.00 for full time residents.
- Councilman J.D. Jones Jr added that due to distance from the current fire station some residences are in different fire classes; some are currently class 9 and some are class 10. Therefore not all the reduction in insurance would be the same.
- . Dave Baker and Andy Hutter summarized the Master Plan concept. The basic idea is

for Lake Association members, and hopefully people from the surrounding community to work with the executive committee on developing a “Master Plan” for the City Lake. This will include short term and long-term lake area improvements, as well as financial stability for both lake homeowners and the city. This document will be used to guide the association, homeowners, and local governing boards, as they make decisions about future improvements. Curt Brungardt (I-21) will lead the association through this process. The first orientation meeting will be 1:00pm Saturday, September 10, 2005.

- Wayne Criser noted that a City Lake annexation update was on the City Council Agenda for Monday September 19th. Councilman Rick Evans explained that the Agenda item was to update the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission on the status of the annexation issue.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Red No wake Light:** Several expressed concern that the red blinking light on the dam that is to signal that the evening no wake period has begun has been inoperative for some time. Since city ordinance defines the no wake period as beginning when the light comes on several thought it a safety issue that needs to be fixed. Councilman Evans will look into the matter.

Lake Association Fishing Committee: Jim Ransom, D-25, asked about the possibility of the Association forming a committee to make recommendations to improve all aspects of fishing. Several received the idea with enthusiasm. Jim volunteered to help with such a committee.

**Boat Ramps and Docks:** Some members asked about the loading and unloading dock that is no longer at the new boat ramp, and the poor state of repair of the dock at the old boat ramp. It was reported that the dock at the new boat ramp had drifted away. Dave Baker said the board would contact the city about the matter.

**Animal Control:** Sylvia Murphy C-24, asked about proper protocol for dealing with animals such as a suspected rabid skunk. She reported that neither the city police or the sheriffs department would respond to her call for help and the use of firearms at the lake is prohibited. Several present voiced similar problems trying to get help with similar situations. Dave said the association would contact the city to determine proper procedures to deal with such problems.

**Discussion about Taxes:** There were questions and a general discussion about current taxes and city taxes if annexation were to occur. Jim Ransom discussed a situation in Shawnee County where a proposal was being made to allow tax increases to phase in over a period of time.

Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Hutter, Secretary