



Newsletter September/October 2008

NEXT MEETING: October 11, 9:00 A.M. at COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH McCARDLE and MAIN STREETS

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The Council Grove City Lake Association has been working diligently over the past several years to address areas of concern of both the Lake Association and the City, regarding the leases of City Lake Lots. The Lake Association has provided several suggestions regarding the reformation of those leases in order to give leaseholders a permanent interest in their improvements. While, to date, we have been unsuccessful in reaching any kind of mutually acceptable agreement, during those discussions it has become clear that one of the issues that has to be resolved, regardless of how the relationship between the City and leaseholders is structured, is the formalization of a survey/plat of the lake lots.

The recent decision by the Morris County District Court in the Marlow case underscores the importance of a formal determination of the boundary lines of the lake lots. The Lake Association continues to believe that it is very important to explore the possibility of formally surveying, and platting, the lake lots. We are willing to support that belief by the contribution of funds toward that end. At the present time, we do not believe it is possible to get realistic proposals from engineering firms as to what it would cost to create the survey. In order to get realistic proposals, and the costs that go with them, it is necessary to first determine the "scope of work" that the City would be asking of any engineering firm willing to undertake the task. Therefore, the Lake Association believes it would be money well spent to hire a consulting engineering firm to develop a scope of work, with the assistance of City Administration and the Lake Association, which could then be used to solicit proposals to actually accomplish the work. Using this process, we believe that a uniform scope of work will produce more competitive quotes for engineering firms qualified to do the work. Preliminary inquiries with engineering firms indicated that a scope of work would cost about \$5,000. The Lake Association has offered to fund one-half the cost, up to a maximum of \$2500, of paying an engineering firm to develop this scope. We will continue to encourage the City to seriously consider accepting the Association's offer and move forward with this important project.

Of course, even if we are able to successfully create a survey and a plat of the Lake Lots, it is just as important to establish a meaningful mechanism to allow leaseholders to question that determination. Again, as the Marlow case pointed out, there is presently no meaningful way for leaseholders to have input as to how their boundary lines are determined. The Lake Association understands that perhaps the City is working on a new

ordinance that might address this issue. The Lake Association would like to be involved in that process and would like to be allowed to provide City Administration and the Council with our thoughts on that matter. If a fair and impartial due process system is created, the Lake Association believes the City will avoid, in the future, the problems it faced with the Marlow case, and the problems it will likely have to face regarding similar situations without a fair and impartial system. Again, we would encourage the City Council to work with the Lake Association on this important matter

LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BREAKS NEW RECORD

We are happy to announce that 86% of all lake residents are now members of the Council Grove City Lake Association. In this year, 2008, 298 members have paid their dues and are members in good standing in the Lake Association. This is the largest membership in the Lake Association's recorded history. The Lake Association leadership would like to thank each member for its financial contribution to this association. Membership fees bring valuable dollars and support the Lake Association work.

LAKE ASSOCIATION PREPARES PROPOSAL TO PREVENT ZEBRA MUSSELS

Andy Hutter, Board of Director Member, is developing a proposal with the help of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to the Council Grove City Lake. This proposal will be submitted to the City Council, the citizens of Council Grove and lake residents within the next several weeks. If this proposal is adopted we believe that it improves our chances in preventing the spread of zebra mussels to our lake. More information about this plan will be provided in our next newsletter.

LAKE ASSOCIATION SPONSORS CHAMBER BREAKFAST

August 21, 2008, the Lake Association hosted the quarterly Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting at the Community Christian Church. Approximately 65 attended, an increase of 25 over the past two meetings. TinaRae Scott, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, gave an update and indication of how many would be visiting our city for each of the upcoming events, such as the Twin Lakes Water Festival, The Great American Horse Race, and Voices of the Wind People Pageant. Valerie Woodall, Chairman of the Business and Professional sector of the Chamber, reported on events planned in the next several months by the businesses; Candlelight Charm, Christmas Parade, Visits by Santa. Joyce Hutter, Association Treasurer, spoke for the Lake Association, encouraging all contingencies of the area, lake residents, city residents, city officials, and county officials, to work together to support growth in our area, stressing the need to all support each other if our rural area is to survive. Drawing winners were given a \$50.00 Council Grove gift certificate, a \$25.00 Council Grove gift certificate, a Lake windbreaker, Lake apron, and several lake shirts. A good time was had by all!

LAKE ASSOCIATION JOINS COUNCIL GROVE BRAVES BOOSTER CLUB

Again this year, the Lake Association is proud to be an active member of the Council Grove Braves Booster Club. Through multiple ways the Lake Association supports our local schools and believes in the future of our young people. In addition to our commitment to the athletic booster club we have also provided financial assistance to the area-wide Twin Lakes Water Festival. The Lake Association is proud be an active citizen in our greater community.

WAYNE CRISER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Board of Directors is excited to announce the establishment of a new award recognition program for city lake residents. Each year the Lake Association will recognize one of its own who has committed their time and talents to the betterment of the Association and the City Lake. This award is named after long-time lake resident and volunteer, Wayne Criser. Additional information will be forthcoming in future newsletters. Joyce Hutter, Board of Director member, has volunteered to lead the effort in establishing this new program.

REMEMBER TO LOCK AND PROTECT YOUR LAKE PROPERTY VALUABLES

Lake Caretaker, Calvin Seedek, would like to remind lake residents to lock their homes, cabins, cars and boats when they are unoccupied. We join with Calvin in calling for crime prevention measures to keep our lake community safe.

EMAIL LAKE NEWS

If you would like to receive currents news about the lake and Council Grove that is of interest to lake homeowners, and other interested people, send an email request to cglakeassoc@gmail.com. For those of you already receiving lake email news, please notice our email address has changed. You may need to add the new address to your contacts list to prevent our emails from going to your spam email box. We will continue to monitor the old email address.

JOIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Forgot to pay your dues? It's not too late. We strongly encourage all lake homeowners to join in our efforts. Be a part of the lake community and let your voice be heard.

**Council Grove Lake Association
PO Box 13, Council Grove, Ks 66846
2008 Annual Dues \$25.00**

Lot Number _____
Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Lake or Cell Phone _____
I volunteer to assist with _____