

# Lake Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## March 8, 2010

### **Attendees:**

Bryan McDougal (City Manager)

Justin Erickson (City Planner)

Frank Sims

James Harrod

Mark Wolfe

Wolf Gugler

Julie Akerman

Cindy Bruno

Link Cowen

Lance Wortham

Russ Adams

Audience Members

1. Justin gave an update on the CLO's survey process. The CLO has completed staking the approximate location of boundaries and has hired a surveying company. Surveys will probably begin within the next couple of weeks and take 60-90 days to complete. Justin said the CLO has pledged to work with the city on re-platting their lots and that it appears they may not be able to lease as many as first anticipated.
2. Since a committee that is being formed called the "Citizens Advisory Committee" requested to meet in the chambers at City Hall on the second Tuesday of each month, the lake advisory committee opted to change its regular monthly meeting date to the fourth Monday of each month. So the next meeting will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
3. Ordinance Changes:

Most of the proposed changes will pertain to recreational permits, fees, and regulations.

Other changes will include some ordinances discussed at the March 8 meeting pertaining to sewage disposal, septic system inspections, removal of improvements, property use, docks, and lease cancellation. Most (not all) of these are minor changes to accommodate city versus state ownership.

Briefly discussed the possibility of lengthening the lease term for city lessees -- no specifics yet.

Changes to the ordinance involving the 25-foot buffer strip around the lake was discussed along with trash burning within the city limits, but no conclusions or recommendations were made at this time.

Justin believes his staff should have most of the proposed ordinance revisions ready for the committee to review by the next meeting on April 26th. His office will ensure committee members have an opportunity to review and comment on these changes prior to the meeting.

4. Several options were discussed as ways to generate revenue:
  - Increase lease rates for city lessees (amount not discussed).
  - Implement an annual boat dock/inspection fee for all leaseholders with docks (there has been a problem in the past with docks falling into disrepair and becoming safety hazards).
  - Increase recreational fees (possibly double some).
  - Increase fines for rules violations.
  - Enforce existing rules.
  - Charge an entrance fee to the boat ramps.
  - Sell daily boating, fishing, hunting and (camping?) permits from a vending-type machine.
  - Build a mini-storage facility for boats (similar to what other lakes have done).
  - Share a ranger with the Wes Watkins Reservoir.
5. There was also much discussion about whether it was necessary to have a full-time, year-round lake ranger and how that might be funded. McDougal said he has been looking into the possibility of providing a ranger housing on the lake as partial compensation (as in the past). Homebuilder Link Cowen said the Shawnee Home Builder's Association might be able to help with that so the cost to the city would be minimal.
6. Sims asked McDougal if fee increases (lease rates, permits, recreation, etc.) could bring in \$100,000 more per year into the general fund, did he think any of that might be funneled back to the lake for improvements? Although McDougal seemed receptive to the idea, he could not make a firm commitment on this.
7. As for improvements, Sims said he would like to see RV hook-ups.
8. Zoning Classification – Justin said he could also have a draft zoning classification ready for committee members to review prior to the next meeting. He anticipates this to be a small document (around 3 pages) similar to what other lakes have created and would include things like cabin site density parameters and water quality concerns.