

# BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## Notice of Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing



Date: August 24, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Aurelian Springs Park, 1121 N Blue Spring Lake Drive

Proposed 2025 Budget (Attached)

Places where the proposed budget is available for public inspection:

1. Blue Spring Lake bulletin board (at triangle)
2. Powers Memorial Library, Palmyra
3. Town Hall bulletin board
4. Blue Spring Lake website: [www.bluespringlake.com](http://www.bluespringlake.com)

**\*\*Please note seating is limited, please bring a chair to sit on during the meeting.**

### Annual Meeting Minutes– 2024

#### Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

9:00 A.M. **Call to Order @ 9:03 am**

**Welcome:** Introduction of Board Members, Agenda

#### Introduction of Candidates

- Presentation by candidates
- Election of Commissioners

#### State of the District Report – Jim Hochman

- Our finances are sound, board is on track other than losing Staci Griffiths
- This year we signed a new sewer contract for a term of 20 years.
- We have obtained a grant of \$105,000 toward the dam and spillway project.
- Lake safety: Go counterclockwise around the lake. Make sure you are spotting well when you are pulling many tubers.

#### Sewer Report – Greg Twelmeyer

- We are investing some of our reserves in new equipment.
- We have 2 pumps on order and one in repair.

#### Operations Report – Dick Natrop

- A big tree dropped down at the boat launch. The Town of Palmyra covered the rest of the removal. It was an all day, tricky project but it got done.
- We are replacing pumps and have one on order
- We had a new generator installed this year.
- The work on County Road H Including Blue Spring Lake Dr is scheduled to start the day after Labor Day.
- Compost site: Thank you for observing the regulations. There is compost up there right now available for your garden.

- We had repairs to the driveway in the compost site. The road to the left was redone with reclaimed asphalt and the pot holes were filled in. Northwest services did this for just under \$3,000.
- The work on Blue Spring Lake Dr will be pulverizing and reconstructing the road.

### **Dam Report – Brent Miller / Dick Natrop**

- The dam construction is expected to begin late November, after Thanksgiving.
- This will not impact present boating
- We do not know what the DNR will say about returning to the previous water level.
- When construction on the Dam is being worked on, the water will be at fall water level.
- Historically, the water is down 2.6in. Once the dam project is complete we will revisit the issue with lake level with the DNR to see if we can return the lake back to our previous water level.

### **2025 Budget and Adoption – Gerald Gerndt**

- We are in very good shape with \$800,000 in reserves. The fund pays 5% and we put \$35,000. This year we are going to get over \$30,000 in interest. Last year we put in \$250,000 in taxes for the dam. Currently the dam is not insured for downstream liability.. We will be able to have insurance when we are finished with the dam repair project.
- The Village is not compensating us for allowing them to use our truck to haul weeds. We are doing this as a favor. However, they are going to compensate Dick for his time.
- Motion to approve of the budget and all in favor. Motion passed.

### **Ski Club Update – Brent Miller**

- Out last show will be Saturday August 31
- The boat that prompts you to light your flairs did not make it in the bay for 4th of July fireworks. Unfortunately, there were boat issues.
- If you are interested in joining the BSL Ski Club, reach out to Brent Miller.

### **Fourth of July Activities Recap – Lacey Schucht**

- Thanks for all of our volunteers
- We had a great turnout
- Had 134 entries. That did not include the army band
- Thank you for our donations to have Culver's custard. Dean Kincaid Inc. and Katy Buda.
- Trapper Dick was our Honor family
- There will be a google form sent to you sometime around January, from the committee, allowing you to nominate an Honor family.

### **Independence Day 2025 discussion of dates – Jim Hochman**

- This upcoming 4th falls on a Friday.
- Considering having all events on Saturday July 5.

### **BSL Social Committee – Roger Igielski**

- Come on out to some of our social events
- We have 3 fish fries coming up
- Dec 6 going to Fireside to see a show
- If you want to be on the text blast, text Roger with your name so he knows to put you on the list.

### **Town Report – Rob Martens (delivered by Jim Hochman)**

- The Village is fully staffed for Fire and EMT
- He is searching for prices and the process for stocking the lake with fish
- We charge \$8 to launch because that is what the state allows.

### **County Report – John Kannard**

- Colton Hutchinson at Jefferson county met with one person on the lake in regards to healthy lake initiatives
- If you are curious about healthy lakes initiative contact Colton Hutchinson or John Kannard for his info.

### **Election Results Announced – Jim Hochman**

- Bob Soukup and Dick Natrop were each elected to seats on the board.

#### **Ordinance Discussion:**

- Jlm made a mistake. Ordinance should have had the word draft on it. It is subject to popular vote by district, DNR and approval by Town Board
- This is not a ban on waterskiing. This is a ban on wakeboarding.
- The draft ordinance was prepared by a lawyer who is a resident who lives on BSL Brian Randall. We did not pay him. Jlm did reach out to council, which was a cost to the district.
- Jim is going to limit public comment to 2 min.

#### **Public Comments**

\*Please state your name and Lot # when addressing the public

1. **Sharon DeGuzmann:** Asked how the issue arose and sought clarification on the differences between wakeboarding and wakesurfing. **Jim:** Mentioned prior discussions and the creation of a draft ordinance based on other examples. Clarified that wakeboarding uses a tow rope, while wakesurfing does not, focusing on the impact of the wake and propulsion.
2. **Andy Shuler (#12):** Opposed the ordinance without proper research. Noting that his son became a professional wakeboarder from growing up wakeboarding on this lake. He emphasized the need for factual information before drafting an ordinance, arguing that jet skis cause more harm than wakeboard boats.
3. **Dave Meade (#141):** Cited research indicating wakesurfing's impact on lake bottoms up to 27 feet deep, and recommended operating at least 500 feet from shore.
4. **Brian Randall:** Highlighted the dangers of wake boats, which create large wakes and turbulence, affecting swimmers and shoreline safety.
5. **Tony Mallinger (1264 South Shore Dr):** Expressed a desire for more collaboration and discussion before drafting the ordinance, questioning whether the focus was on wakeboarding or wakesurfing.
6. **Bill Goldberg:** Claimed wakeboard boats are causing soil erosion behind the seawall, damaging the lake.
7. **Corey Kincaid(#108):** Stated they don't use wake surfing equipment and have faced harassment. Suggested the focus should be on stopping wake surfing, not wakeboarding. Lisa Wright has mentioned there has been no damage to her unprotected shoreline.
8. **Cindy Leonard(#102):** Hoped to continue wakeboarding with her older wakeboard boat. Emphasizing the importance of sports that involve slower speeds.
9. **Pete Belsha(#84):** Expressed support for wakeboarding but was confused about how the ordinance would be

enforced.

10. **Ryan Tobiasz(#74)**: Advocated for operating wake boats 500 feet from the shoreline, citing reduced water clarity and the lake's unsuitability for wakeboard boats and offered written materials on the issue.
11. **Eileen Oelke(#101)**: Recalled past environmental concerns and emphasized the need to protect the lake's ecosystem, suggesting that boats should operate in a way that prevents damage.
12. **Lacey Schucht**: Expressed frustration with the harassment surrounding this issue because there are lake residents filming young boys wakeboarding. Inappropriate behavior of moving buoys and filming boats. Planing can't always happen. My niece is 3 and my daughter is 8, they can't ski at 20 miles an hr.
13. **Richard Schauer**: Urged support for the ordinance, emphasizing the negative impact of wakeboard boats on the small, shallow lake and declining water clarity.
14. **Greg Bauer**: Reported issues with accumulating weeds and rocks falling off his shoreline, presumably due to wakeboard boat activity.
15. **Mary Beth Bauer**: Mentioned her own research on the issue, referencing a depth map of the lake.
16. **Jerry Gerndt**: Brought in parts of a bog as evidence.
17. **Roger Igielski**: Requested that boaters stay farther from his pier and expressed a desire to vote based on facts.
18. **Lori Cannestra**: Responded to Tony Mallinger by emphasizing the importance of using quality research that shows the environmental damage caused by wakeboard boats.
19. **Mike Holzbauer**: Suggested forming a committee to further study the issue, recommending a 30-day timeline for research before making decisions.
20. **Linda Steinhoff**: Suggested an ordinance to make it so fishing boats can't block the entrance to the bay. Dick Natrop said it was not possible based on the research they completed looking into jet skis not being allowed to use the entrance.

**A committee was formed to address any concerns related to surf boats:**

1. Marina Krejci
2. Peter Sommershause
3. Ryan Tobiasz
4. Richard Schauer
5. Dan Borkowski
6. Gene Sheedy
7. Lucas Twelmeyer
8. Ryan Kloplic
9. Lori Cannestra
10. Andy Shuler
11. Lacey Schucht
12. Cindy Leonard
13. Tony Mallinger
14. Cory Kincaid

**Adjourn @ 11:06am**