

**Shetek Area Lakes Association
Meeting Minutes
11-21-2023
6:30 pm
Shetek Lutheran Ministries Fireside Room**

The meeting was called to order by President Trevor Humphrey at 6:32 pm
Zoom was setup by Marv. 1st time worked good except for a few audio glitches
so Jolinda could not hear everything

Roll Call –

**In attendance -Trevor Humphrey, Jon Hoyme, Scott Bly, Lars Johannson,
Sheila Holland, Teresa Gilbertson, Marv Nysetvold and Kyle Johnson**

Absent – Adam Humphrey, Steve Koch and Randy Martin

Guests – Jean Christoffels, in person and Jolinda Stoel via zoom

**Secretary's Report – Randy was absent. The minutes will be emailed to board
members and will vote to approve/disprove via email.**

**Treasurer's Report – Jon gave the balance of \$ 5542.97 with no additional
additions or changes since last month.**

**Wind Turbines – guest speaker was Jean Christoffels with lots of information
given. 1st turbines in Murray County was 1996.**

**In regards to setbacks - Murray County does not allow building of 1500 ft from
wetlands, 1000 ft from lake/shoreland, 300 ft from creek/stream or road right of
ways. These are based on the DNR guidelines. Murray County's setbacks are
more strict then the states.**

**State permitted projects supercedes and follows state regulations up to 25 mg of
wind. New projects going up are Plum Creek (West side of Cty Rd 42) in 2025,
Apex Box Car Wind in 2028 or 2029 and Invenergy Purple Skies in 2027 – 2029.
Jean mentioned to attend the public hearings to ask questions or voice opinions.
Jean will notify us of public meetings. Variances can be applied to the county.
Ordinance revisions are to be reviewed next year through the Murray County
Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Sheila has agreed to be a representative for our
group as she has previously been on the committee.**

**Towers are 700 – 800 feet in the air and will be approximately a mile from each
other. Towers are bigger and taller than previous tower projects.**

**Concerns of SALA: - blinking lights at night – discussion was that the lights
have been less annoying with new technology as per Trevor, farther setbacks,**

asthetics, turbines shadowing lake residents property on sunny days and long wing spans of turbines (75 meters or about 2/3 mile).

Pros for the County: Tax \$'s

Cons for the County: shadow flicker, road damage, decommission of towers - where does the concrete and blades go?

Becoming a City – Big undertakings to encompass, involves 4 townships, could receive pushback from the townships as they lose their tax basis. Infrastructure is another issue. Jean recommended checking with the League of MN Cities.

Money from One Watershed Plan - \$ 5000.00 – Trevor talked to Sarah Soderholm at the County office regarding what the money can be used for – trash cleanup, lake cleanliness, tourist attraction, vegetation of native plants, birds and bees, lake depth – dredging, education by doing a quarterly newsletter (done by a non-member).

Cleanup – Adam was absent so will talk about next month

Boat Landing – Justin Hoffman has been great to work with – a good relationship with the county and parks / lakes. Good communication on projects – Marsh's Landing extending the sections of the boat ramp by up to 15 feet. Foreman Acres Indian Bay – currently working with the DNR on options for extending the boat landing like Marsh's Landing. 2 boat landings on Lake Sarah on the East & West sides.

Bio Dredging – Jolinda found a website with info. Video shows how to clean up the lake. Could be devastating to the lake – please be sure to spend time on the links for info. Goal is to get sludge out of the lake with long term effects. Talk to Redwood County on their process of their lake including kill-off and shoreline effects. Scott will look into inviting them to a meeting.

Old Business – see above

New Business – How is Jody White doing on the member data base? Trevor will check with her.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm. Motion by Scott and seconded by Marv.

Next meeting is 12-19-23 at 6:30 at Shetek Lutheran Ministries Fireside Room

Minutes prepared by Sheila Holland for Sec. Randy Martin