



# Scott Shores Association

## Newsletter - Fall 2020

### **Message from the Board**

Hello Scott Shores neighbors! 2020 has been quite a year so far. We hope everyone has been staying healthy and happy, as much as possible anyway. So much going on this year: COVID-19, politics, social justice, global warming weather phenomenon (including an *awesome* summer in SouthWest Michigan!), and locally, we have a whole new Scott Shores Association Board. While we don't have a lot of control over most of that list, **our plan and primary goal for the Association is to improve access to information about your community.** The Association website ([www.scottshoresmichigan.com](http://www.scottshoresmichigan.com)) has a new look and is being updated regularly, we are compiling a more complete email distribution list to better communicate with members, and we plan on sending a quarterly newsletter such as this.

We hope you will find all of this helpful and engaging, and we welcome any feedback, suggestions, and support for our committees. Please send us an email at [scottshoresmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:scottshoresmichigan@gmail.com), or give Frank Bell a call at 269-377-0106.

### **SSA Website**

The SSA website ([www.scottshoresmichigan.com](http://www.scottshoresmichigan.com)) has been updated and has a new look and feel. Click the 'What's New?' button to see the latest posts and news. Go to the [Contact](#) section to let us know your thoughts and suggestions for further updates.

### **SSA Survey**

We are asking members to complete a survey. The goal of the survey is to get your input on what you would like to see in your community, and what you expect from your Association.

For those who are receiving this newsletter electronically via email, a link to the survey is here, [SSA Survey Form](#). If we don't yet have your email address, you can still easily find the survey on the [News](#) section of the SSA website ([www.scottshoresmichigan.com](http://www.scottshoresmichigan.com)). Just click the Submit button at the bottom of the form when you are done. We really appreciate your support with this effort. Thank you!

### **Open Committee Positions**

Interested in some way to help out? The following committees have vacancies for folks that want to plug in and help. If interested, contact the Board at [scottshoresmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:scottshoresmichigan@gmail.com).

- Activities Committee
- SSA Grounds Committee
- Communications & Technology Committee
- Constitution & Bylaws Review Committee

### **SSA Constitution & Bylaws Review**

At the annual meeting, there was discussion regarding interpretation of the Constitution & Bylaws. Frank Bell is leading a committee to review the SSA Constitution & Bylaws and submit any proposed updates to the Board and membership for consideration. The primary goals will be: 1) to clarify any sections that may have caused confusion, and 2) to review and clarify roles and responsibilities of Board and Committee members.

### **Email Address Request**

The Board is working hard to build a robust member email distribution list. This will enable us to provide members more and better information more quickly. If you have not already done so, please send an email address to [scottshoresmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:scottshoresmichigan@gmail.com) so we can include you in the Association distribution list.

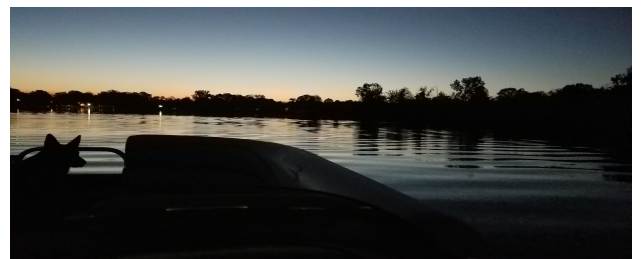
### **Meeting Minutes**

For member review and comment, DRAFT minutes of the 2020 SSA Annual Meeting have been posted to the SSA website ([Minutes and More](#) section).

**Please email your comments to [scottshoresmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:scottshoresmichigan@gmail.com) by Tuesday, 1 December 2020.**

The Board also posted to the SSA website ([Minutes and More](#) section) the APPROVED minutes for our 17 Aug 2020 Board meeting, and DRAFT minutes for our recent 3 Sep 2020 Board meeting.

The SSA Board met on 27 October and will meet again on 28 December, 2020. The Board will review minutes and comments and vote on approval of the minutes at the December meeting.



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## SSA 2020-2021 Treasurer Report Snapshot

FY Year	2021	As Of: 31Oct20
Categories	Sum of Deposit	Sum of Expense
Insurance		\$956.00
Interest	\$2.93	
Office Supplies		\$245.94
Utilities		\$123.55
Board Payment		\$300.00
Property Maintenance		\$507.59
Dues Deposit	\$6,000.00	
Grand Total	\$6,002.93	\$2,133.08
Balance in Bank at beginning of the Fiscal Year		\$14,528.50
Current Balance in Bank		\$18,398.35
Reward Fund Total		\$852.76
Attorney Fund Total		\$700.28
Total in Reserve		\$16,845.31
<b>Note:</b> SSA Fiscal Year starts on 1 May of the current year and goes through 30 April of the following year.		

## SSA Budget Update

The Board is working diligently to develop a more robust and projected budget that will provide better visibility to SSA finances. We plan to have that ready at the next Annual Meeting. In the meantime, we hope the recurring snapshot to the left keeps you better informed throughout the year.



## SSA Constitution/Bylaws, Property Map, & FAQ

Here are links to the SSA [Constitution & Bylaws](#), [Property Map](#), and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#), and all can also be easily obtained via the SSA website: [www.scottshoresmichigan.com](http://www.scottshoresmichigan.com).

## Golf Carts, Go-Carts, and Mini-Bikes

There have been reports/comments/complaints received of young children operating golf carts, go-carts, and mini-bikes in the Association area. We are especially concerned for the safety of the young drivers and their passengers (who are also often children), as well as pedestrians, pets and property. ALL Members need to monitor and control this from within the Association. Please reconsider who is allowed to operate your vehicle(s).

The Board is re-addressing the possibility of a golf cart exemption for the Scott Shores Association area, but as of now, there is no such exemption. Go-karts and mini-bikes should not be driven on Association property; they are not legal on the County roads.

## Dates to remember

1 December, 2020	Feedback on Annual Meeting Minutes due
28 December, 2020	Next scheduled SSA Board meeting
Early spring 2021	Weed spraying forms/payment due - Watch the SSA website for more information.
1 May 2021	Annual Dues due
5 June 2021	SSA Annual Meeting (tentative)

## Weed Spraying Update

We contacted both Pinecrest and Clarke Aquatics about spraying for weeds. Stay tuned to the [News](#) section of the SSA website for more details that will be soon forthcoming.

## Scott Lake Drain Plan Update

Litigation between the VanBuren County Drain Commission and private property owners over easements is ongoing. The latest version of the project engineering plans can be found on the SSA website ([Minutes and More](#) section).

## Gratitude

Want to say thank you to a neighbor, or highlight a good deed? Send a note to the [SSA Gmail](#) or via the [Contact](#) page on the SSA website to have your gratitude posted to the [News](#) section on the [SSA website](#).

