

Lower Spring Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

August 23, 2014 Minutes

Call to Order: President Carol Dixon called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Also present were Treasurer Vicki Bradford and Secretary Pat Zimmermann.

Reading of the Minutes: Pat read the minutes from the June 14, 2014 Lake District Meeting. There was one edit under the "Boat Launch Update"; Al Fehrmann advised that our launch project was being lumped together with **Upper** Genesee Lake's project, not **Lower** Genesee. With that correction the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Vicki Bradford advised that the 2014 budget was short \$73.31 for herbicide application, \$797.99 for harvester repairs and \$277.85 for harvester operations. However, we over budgeted for truck repairs, postage and admin expenses and came in only \$293.12 over budget for the year.

Revenue for 2014 was projected at \$13,340 and actual was \$10,870.51. This is because \$2428.01 remains due in tax revenue and we earned \$41.48 less in interest on our CDs because of the low rates that are currently being paid.

The current checkbook balance is \$7026.81. All bills have been paid.

We have an estimate of \$1000 for replacement of 6 tires on the trailer used for transporting the harvester. Tire covers will also be needed to protect the tires from some of the UV damage caused by the elements and storing the trailer in the sun. It was recommended that the funds be withdrawn from the passbook savings. This will not be placed into the budget as an expense. It will just be paid outright. All present approved this proposal and Al Fehrmann will advise Josh that he can proceed to make this purchase at this time.

2014-2015 Budget Review and Vote: The proposed 2015 budget was introduced. Herbicide Application/Fees are budgeted for \$11,350; harvester repairs \$300 (these are anticipated to be more but, if so, they can be paid out of the passbook savings account which currently has a balance of \$18,711.19); harvester labor \$1500 (we did a lot more cutting this year and it is anticipated we will have the same need next year as the native plants are plentiful since the invasive plants have been controlled); gas for harvester operations \$200; truck repairs/supplies \$500; meeting expenses \$75.00 (includes \$35 cost to rent the pavilion); postage \$100; Administrative expenses \$100: Total \$14,125. This is an increase of \$785 over the 2014 budget of \$13,340 and a 2014 actual of \$13,674.90.

Jim Dixon moved to approve the budget and Al Fehrmann seconded.

August Aquatic Plant Sampling Report:

Patricia Cicero was unable to make it to the meeting, but she prepared a report which was read by Carol Dixon. Patricia went out on 3 different days to work on the summer plant survey. She was able to get to the points west of the large island. Once the weather/wind cooperates, she will get out to the remaining points south and east of the island.

The good news is that she hasn't found many points that have invasive plants. She has sampled 168 points and found only 2 points with curly-leaf pondweed and 14 points with Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). She expects to find more EWM in the remaining points.

Patricia thanks Peter and Al who let her share their piers so that she does not have to haul her boat in and out every day she does the survey!

An interesting find last week was fresh water sponge! These are native & not well documented. Patricia included a picture for us.



Harvester Operation Report: Al Fehrmann reported that the repairs made to the harvester early in the season were successful and the machine is working fine. Josh and his staff did quite a bit of repairs and we thank Josh for this. Scott, the harvester operator, has been putting in quite a few hours and has taken out 12 truckloads of weeds. Al went out with him a month ago and found that Scott could cut more of the East end of the lake. Since that time Scott has been giving more attention to that area. He did not cut while Patricia was doing her sampling.

Boat Launch: Al spoke to Lance Stock, DNR Property Manager/Recreation Specialist, who was at our meeting a year ago. The Department of Administration holds the purse strings on this project. A boat launch is being planned on Upper Genesee Lake and it was hoped that by coordinating these two projects for completion by the same contractor some savings could be appreciated. However, Upper Genesee is running into some environmental issues which are causing delays to their project and by association, our project. Because of these delays, Lance is trying to have our project disassociated from the Upper Genesee Lake project. There is no chance of us losing any funding as a result of these delays. It is likely that our project will not begin until Spring 2015.

Clean Boats Clean Waters: Carol reported for Anne Perkell who was unable to attend. Anne reports 57.5 hours have been put in by volunteers. She will be contacting the High School to propose volunteer opportunities for students who are in need of community service hours.

Grant Project Update: Vicki has recorded 164.25 hours (\$1971) that we can put towards the grant. That does not include hours turned in at the August 23rd meeting. Patricia Cicero's hours can also go toward the grant but we will not submit her hours and her intern's hours until they have completed all of their sampling for the year. All in all this is a fine result and our many volunteers are thanked.

Vote for Treasurer: The nominating committee of Linda Plennes, Greg Smith and Sharon Fehrmann nominated Vicki Bradford to continue for another two years in her role as Treasurer, as her current term is ending. There were no other nominees. Sixteen ballots were distributed. Fifteen votes were recorded for Vicki and 1 voter abstained from voting.

Carp Removal: We are looking into the possibility of hosting a carp shoot in the Spring of 2015, close to spawning season. A committee is being formed and we are looking for volunteers. We will meet once in 2014 and then sometime after the first of the year. Volunteers at this time: Deb and Jeff Bartolerio, Jim Dixon, Bob Wielepski, Mike Miljan and Pat Zimmermann. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Pat at 262-485-2008 or email patriciameyer@charter.net.

Open Forum:

We will send a note to Josh and the Village thanking them for all of their help this year.

Jim Dixon thanks Carol, Vicki and Pat for their service this year.

Emergency Meeting:

Carol Dixon, Vicki Bradford, Dave Turner and Pat Zimmermann met on November 4, 2014 to address unexpected repairs that needed to be made to the truck including an anticipated \$190 tow bill and \$570.61 in repair costs. We have not received the billing from the Village as of yet, so these repairs have not been paid. When we receive the anticipated bills they will be paid from monies transferred from the savings account into the checking account.

Next Meeting Date:

We will next meet on January 17, 2015 at the Village Hall.

Adjournment: At 11:45 a.m. Jim Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Wielepski seconded.