

## **LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting Minutes

**Call to order:** President Carol Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Treasurer Vicki Bradford, Secretary Debby Bartolerio, and Village President Dave Turner were present. In total 19 Lake District members were in attendance along with Patricia Cicero from Jefferson County, and Scott Provost from the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources.

Carol welcomed new resident Sarah Hansen.

**Drawdown Presentation:** Scott Provost, biologist from the WI DNR, presented a slide show regarding the benefits of a drawdown, or water level flux.

By using drawdown as a water management tool -

- The natural rhythm of the ecosystem is restored.
- The lake is allowed to heal.
- The diversity in fish and vegetation increases.
- Good lake health management is promoted.
- Some Aquatic Invasive Species can be controlled.

Other facts provided:

- A winter drawdown must occur by October 1st.
- Muck can compact up to 30%.
- A cold, dry winter is the best - the ground needs to dry out and freeze.
- Milfoil does not survive well after being subjected to a drawdown.
- Curly Leaf Pondweed is viable for 7-10 years, and would come back, but at a reduced frequency.
- Lily pads would be negatively impacted by a drawdown.
- The fish biologist from the DNR could answer questions about the effect on the fish population.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Debby read the minutes from the April 8, 2017 Lake District Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurers Report:** Vicki reported that there is a balance of \$31,802.86 in the checking account. There is an additional \$3,256.00 in tax receipts coming in. The excess funds are not going to be transferred to the savings, as we are expecting an invoice for the herbicide treatment of \$21,000 - \$22,000. The treasurer's report was filed.

**Chemical Treatment:** The lake was chemically treated for both EWM and CLPW on May 10. Patricia Cicero, Steve Schneiger, Greg Smith, and Dave Henrichon were thanked for the parts each played in making this happen. Patricia plans on completing another plant survey this summer. She will also talk with Scott Provost and provide him with historical data and current results.

Patricia pointed out that we have a Plant Management Plan, not a Lake Management Plan and suggested that we may consider changing.

**Weed Harvesting Report:** Dave Henrichon reported that the Harvester is in. They attempted to cut weeds on Friday, June 9, but the pier by the Harvester needs repair and the condition prohibited them from accessing the weed cutter. Dave reported that the Martins will take the weeds harvested from the lake again this year.

The sign saying Keep Off the Harvester has been located and is posted at the launch.

**Geese Depredation Report:** Bill Alveshire reported that they treated 75 eggs in 14 nests.

**Clean Boats, Clean Waters:** Patricia Zimmerman reported that there were only 2 people that attended the training, and asked that each lake district member pledge one hour a month to assist in educating people at the launch.

**Appreciation:** Thanks to Greg Smith, Steve Schneiger, and Dave Henrichon for putting in the no-wake buoys and Jim Dixon and Jeff Bartolerio for putting the danger buoy on the shallow water by the former island.

**Appointment of Nominating Committee** Linda Plennes and Patricia Zimmerman will be on the nominating committee for the Treasurer's position. Vicki may be willing to continue in this capacity.

**Dam Repair Update:** Dave Turner reported that:

- The Village has met with the DNR's Dam Specialist.
- The Village has spent approximately \$100,000 up to this point.
- The dam ownership still is uncertain and a title search is being made.
- There were quotes/offers for the two properties; one was answered with a counter-offer.
- There are still renter concerns. They need to be provided similar accommodations.
- After agreements with the property owners are finalized, the Village can move forward with the dam construction.
- The dam remains a high hazard dam, and the estimated total cost to construct a dam that meets the criteria is about \$1,300,000.
- A loan application has been filed with the State for \$1,183,064. There is no prepayment penalty.
- There is a potential to lower the hazard rating, and therefore reduce the cost, if the property at Mill and Hwy 59 could be eliminated from the plan.
- The anticipated completion of the dam repair is by the end of 2018, and the project will take between 6 and 8 months.
- It will be determined soon if the hazard rating will be lowered.

Questions were asked regarding putting together a committee from the Lake District membership to liaise with the Village Board, and if any of the area businesses were approached for a donation or if a Go Fund Me page was considered.

It was determined that a committee comprised of Carol Dixon, Vicki Bradford, Bill Alveshire, Patricia Zimmerman and Ann Perkell be formed to represent the Lake District membership to discuss dam repair funding with a Village Board committee. .

**Open Forum:** Mike Temple has been asked to lead the 4th of July parade again this year. Line up will be on the east end at 1:00.

**Next Meeting Date:** August 26<sup>th</sup> at the **Palmyra Village Park** located at 955 S 8th Street

**Adjournment:** Jim Dixon made a motion to adjourn at 12:20, which was seconded by Jeff Bartolerio.