

Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

April 8, 2017 Minutes

Call to order: President Carol Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Treasurer Vicki Bradford, Secretary Debby Bartolerio, and Dave Turner, Village of Palmyra President, were also present. In total, 13 Lake District members were in attendance along with Patricia Cicero from Jefferson County, Larry Kau from the Town of Palmyra and Jeff Gwaltney from the Village of Palmyra DPW.

Reading of the Minutes: Debby read the minutes from January 14, 2017 Lake District Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki reported that there is \$3,450.93 remaining from the tax receipts. Once this payment is received, the excess funds will be moved to savings. We were granted a one year extension for the Clean Boat Clean Waters Program, therefore will have some revenue from our efforts educating boaters.

The treasurer's report was filed.

Chemical Treatment Plan: Carol reported that Susan Graham will approve a whole lake treatment for Eurasian Water Milfoil. Treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed will only be approved if the results of the weed survey conducted by Patricia Cicero indicates it is warranted.

The permit was mailed and the required newspaper ad will be published on April 14.

Residual chemical samples must be gathered as a condition of the approval.

Weed Harvesting Operations Update : Carol reported that we have a new Weed Harvesting Coordinator, Dave Henrichon and a new Weed Harvester Operator, Dave Temple.

Dave Henrichon requested that any concerns regarding weed harvesting be directed to him at **262-951-1212**.

Al Fehrmann advised that the wind speed will greatly affect the ability of the harvester to be operated safely.

Repositioned Island Concerns: Bill Alveshire proposed placing a buoy or some type of marker indicating the former location of the island due to the shallow water. Jim Dixon seconded the motion, a vote resulted in eleven votes for approval, two opposed. The motion carried.

Bill Alveshire will contact the company from which we purchased the existing buoys and Carol Dixon will contact the DNR for specifics on obtaining the required permit.

Dam Repair Report: Dave Turner, Village President, introduced Jeff Gwaltney, the new DPW Director. Jeff stated that he had an opportunity to look at the trailer for the weed elevator, and said they will need to be replaced. Dave provided the information relative to the dam repair, as Jeff has not fully acclimated himself with the project.

Dave said the Village is moving forward, but it is a slow process.

- The boundaries have been determined
- A contract with a realtor that specializes in land purchase similar to our situation has been signed
- Options for a 500 year flood dam vs. a 1,000 year flood dam are being pursued
- DNR has stated that the Village can re-build and maintain the dam, the attorneys will not validate that statement
- Considerations relative to water downstream, both too much and too little, erosion that may occur by diverting the water to the 59 overflow, and options for facilitating the building of the dam (draw down vs. coffer dam) have to be considered

Open Forum:

- Pat Zimmerman is the new CBCW program coordinator. This is a great way to get out and volunteer *at your convenience*. Contact Pat at **414-255-4246** to volunteer.
- Providing a map at the launch to show the shallow areas was discussed.
- Sand replenishment in the beach area was discussed, but it was not suggested that the Lake District take responsibility for this - but it hasn't been done since we did it the last time.
- Larry Kau stated that if we have a carp event, he will volunteer again to be responsible for the removal of the carp.
- The "Keep Off" sign by the harvester has not been up since the launch upgrade. Lance Stock will be contacted by Carol Dixon to determine what happened to the sign

Next Meeting Date: June 10th.

Aquatic Plant Management Plan: Patricia Cicero will update the plan. She has reviewed the current documentation, and needs input on several items:

- Should water lily harvesting be included in the plan? - Yes
- Should harvesting in the finger bay be addressed? - Yes
- Reviewing the goals - which included keeping exotic species to 10% or less. Chemical treatment has not provided a sustainable result.

Patricia also stated that spot treatments with current chemicals will no longer be approved, with the exception of the finger bay.

Scott Provost, from the State of Wisconsin's technical team will be asked to provide (or perhaps present) information on draw downs to assist in controlling exotic species. This may be valuable information considering the upcoming decisions relative to the dam repair.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 11:40 by Jim Dixon and seconded by Dave Henrichon.