

BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 22, 2019
Town Hall



MEETING MINUTES

8:15 A.M. Call to Order (Quorum 4)

Board Members present at the meeting were Jim Hochman, Diane Knauer, Greg Bauer, Greg Wolak, and Dick Natrop. Staff members Greg Twelmeyer and Mary Jo McMahon were also in attendance, as well as District resident Eileen Oelke.

8:17 A.M. Secretary's Report - Diane Knauer

Minutes - Approval of minutes from May 04, 2019 Board Meeting. A motion to approve Minutes from the 05/04/2019 Board Meeting was made by Dick Natrop and 2nd by Greg Wolak. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes – Approval of minutes from May 25, 2019 Informational Meeting. A motion to approve Minutes from the 05/25/2019 Informational Meeting was made by Greg Bauer and 2nd by Greg Wolak. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda – Approval of agenda for June 22, 2019 Board Meeting. A motion to approve the 06/22/2019 Board Meeting Agenda was made by Dick Natrop and 2nd by Greg Bauer. The motion carried unanimously.

Diane mentioned that she has to get meeting agendas to the newspaper and to the County two weeks in advance of meetings. She asked that everyone provide timely input so that this time schedule can be met. Diane will send meeting agendas to Jim Hochman three weeks in advance of meetings, and then to the rest of the Board requesting input. This should enable her to be able to get final agendas to the newspaper and the County on time.

8:27: A.M. Sewer Report - Greg Twelmeyer

Report on sewer flow – Greg Twelmeyer reported that flow volume is 27,000 to 28,000, which is still a little high. There has been a lot of rain, and some of the increase can be attributed to that.

Status on VisuSewer and alternate proposals for sewer repairs – Greg Twelmeyer mentioned that he has never used anyone other than VisuSewer to do the types of sewer repairs that were identified this past spring. Jim Hochman responded that our attorney, Dick Yde, has named some additional companies. Jim will send the names to Mary Jo, who will ask all of the companies for competitive bids.

Status on replacing manhole cover near the Herbst property – Jim Hochman asked Greg Twelmeyer why the price quoted by Sabel Mechanical to fix the sewer cover is so high. Greg explained that it is more than just the cover. The hinges are broken and the cover needs to be water-tight and include a lock. He mentioned that it has been broken for 3 years, since the dredging operation in the cove ended. The lid is not attached and anyone can open it and potentially fall into it. Jim asked Greg Wolak to see if he could get another quote or two from other vendors to see if the work can be done at a lesser cost.

Review of the CMAR (Compliance Maintenance Annual Report) – Mary Jo reported that she and Greg Twelmeyer had completed the CMAR for 2018, which is due back to the DNR by the end of June. She distributed copies of the CMAR to the Board for their review. A motion to pass a resolution stating that no problems regarding the sanitary system were identified in the CMAR and therefore no further actions were required, was made by Greg Bauer and 2nd by Diane Knauer. The motion carried unanimously, and the resolution was signed by Jim Hochman.

8:44 A.M. Dam Report - Jim Olson

Status of the dam – Jim Olson was not in attendance. Jim Hochman stated that he has gotten calls from residents questioning the water level, which is lower than it has been in the past. This is causing issues with piers and boat lifts. Greg Twelmeyer mentioned that the boat launch has also been affected. Boaters are “power launching” to get their boats out of the water and onto their trailers because of the low water level. This is causing a sand berm to form at the bottom of the launch which needs to be dug out. Greg said the ski club has lost 2 propellers because of the berm. Jim Hochman asked Mary Jo send an email to Jim Olson and Jim Hochman to see if we can solicit Dick Herbst’s assistance in discussing this issue with the DNR.

8:56 A.M. Town Report – A Town of Palmyra representative was not present at the meeting. Jim Hochman announced that Weenonah Brattset is our new Town representative, replacing Ed Miller.

Town of Palmyra Roads report – Dick Natrop reported that potholes have been patched. He stated that the is thinking of borrowing money to Town roads which are in poor condition. The Town will have a meeting in the fall to discuss funding for road repairs.

8:59 A.M. Treasurer’s Report - Greg Bauer

Bills for approval – Greg Bauer reported that there were no bills currently waiting to be approved. The final bill for the Audit has been approved and payment has been sent to Johnson Block.

Payment for the Harvester recap - Mary Jo McMahon reviewed sources of funds needed to pay for the new Harvester. The money we have saved in our Harvester LGIP fund along with the money from our DNR Grant will be enough to cover the balance due on the Harvester. The first payment included money from our general operating fund that will be re-paid with proceeds from selling the old Harvesters.

Launch Fees – Greg Bauer reviewed the Launch Fee Payments Report and reminded everyone that the funds collected would be placed in a separate LGIP account for maintenance and repair of the launch.

9:18 A.M. Operations Report - Dick Natrop

Plaques update – Dick Natrop reported that he had checked two additional sources for the memorial plaques, but they were both very expensive. Jim Hochman suggested that Gary Kincaid might be able to help out with the plaques, and Greg Twelmeyer mentioned that Pat might have some suggestions as well. Dick will check with both of them.

New weed harvester, shore conveyor, trailer update – Dick Natrop mentioned that manufacturing of the new harvester is on track. He said that Dick Herbst and some others on his bay had expressed an interest in buying the small harvester. They have asked Dick Natrop what we paid for the small harvester, and Dick will get that information to them. There are several issues besides cost that the residents will need to consider (insurance, DNR permits, etc.) before making an offer to buy.

There was further conversation about the berm that is forming at the end of the boat launch ramp; it will need to be removed. Greg Twelmeyer stated that we might be able to use the contractor who is digging the basement for a new home being built on Blue Spring Lake Drive, since the contractor has his equipment on site. A discussion followed regarding whether or not the Town could be asked to share the cost. Dick Natrop said he would hire someone to dig out the berm and approach the Town about cost sharing.

9:25 A.M. Website - Diane Knauer
Diane reported the following:

There were 98 visits by 25 visitors to the Website during the past month. We have 181 members in 113 total accounts registered. The most visited page is Announcements.

New Postings:

- Louis Alan Whitney Obituary
- 3/16, 5/4 Board Meeting Minutes and 5/25 Informational Meeting Minutes
- June Resident Directory
- 6/22 Meeting Agenda
- Harvester Photos
- Harvester Help Announcement

Greg Bauer will send the recently completed Audit summary to Diane for posting on the Website. Greg Twelmeyer stated that the time for the July 5th ski show is incorrect of the Website. It will start at 7:00 PM, not 6:00. Diane will make the change.

9:30 A.M. Old Business

Follow-up on late fee and administrative handling fee for late sewer payments – Jim Hochman, Mary Jo McMahon - Jim Hochman will provide advice from Dick Yde regarding how much we can / should charge for the late fee.

Follow-up with repairs for final resident who received the smoke test Letter – Greg Wolak reported that he was able to get in touch with the last resident who needs to repair their broken sewer clean-out.

Six-month extension of the sewer contract with the Village – Jim Hochman will make another formal request of the Village to formally extend the sewer contract while a new contract is being negotiated. It has been sitting with their attorney for quite some time.

Follow-up on status of Old School House property – Diane Knauer will reach out to Blane Poulson to see if a building permit has been applied for, and to check if any ordinances prohibit the vehicles being parked at the property. Jim Hochman will also ask the owners for a progress report so that he can answer questions from residents inquiring about the property.

9:50 A.M. New Business

Eileen Oelke asked if we would be spraying weeds in the lake this year. She has a lot of milfoil near her property. Dick Natrop responded that the DNR will not issue us a permit this year, so there will be no spraying. We should be allowed to spray next year when, hopefully, new chemicals will be approved.

Diane Knauer asked if the Board had any responsibilities for the upcoming Independence Day activities, and Jim Hochman suggested Board members could volunteer to be judges. The Board selected the Mischio's as the honorary family for the parade this year. Mary Jo mentioned that the fireworks display seemed rather short last year. She will call Wolverine to see what the length of the show should be.

Greg Bauer made a motion to pass a resolution thanking Ed Miller for his service as Town Representative to the Board. Diane Knauer 2nd, and the motion passed unanimously.

10:10 A.M. Future Board Dates
 08/03/2019 – Board Meeting
 08/31/2019 – Annual Meeting
 08/31/2019 – Board Meeting following Annual Meeting

10:14 A.M. Public Comments - None

10:15 A.M. Adjourn
 Dick Natrop made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Knauer 2nd, and the motion passed unanimously.