

**Lower Spring Lake Rehabilitation District**  
**Minutes**  
**June 22, 2019**

**Call to order:**

Chairperson Carol Dixon called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Debbie Bartolerio, Treasurer, Jody Deichl, Secretary, and Kathy Weiss, Village of Palmyra President were present. Also in attendance were 34 Lake District members.

**Reading/Review of Minutes:**

Minutes from the March 23rd quarterly meeting and the May 22nd board meeting were read. A correction to a phone number for Pat Zimmerman (414) 255-4246 was noted. Minutes were approved with noted correction.

**Treasurers Report:**

Deb Bartolerio provided a treasurer's report noting expenses budgeted for 2019 were \$15,525.00. Actual expenses thus far have been \$3,818.40 leaving a balance of \$11,706.60. Pending expenses of \$1,330.00 for truck and harvester repair were not included in report.

Checking account balance is \$10,273.47. A matured CD was deposited into the savings account bringing that balance to \$44,391.49. Treasurer's report was approved and filed.

**Aquatic Plant Survey Results**

Patricia was unable to attend. Carol mentioned that only nine shoreline properties qualified for treatment according to the survey. Updates will be provided at next meeting. A motion was made that we sign a petition to have Susan Graham replaced. The motion failed for lack of a second.

**Chemical Treatment Results**

Andrew Sowles noted that the chemical application was mailed on April 11th. Nine properties were approved and treatment was applied on May 29th. He reported favorable results.

**Weed Harvesting Report**

Greg Smith reported we had a few setbacks early in the season due to needed truck repairs and poor weather conditions. Repairs have been made and the harvester is now in the water and the two drivers are doing a great job!

**Chairperson Replacement**

Linda Plennes was nominated as the new chairperson to replace Carol Dixon. Ballots were distributed, collected and tallied. Linda was unanimously elected as the new chairperson. Carol was thanked for many years of continued dedication and leadership of the Lower Spring Lake District. You will be missed Carol!

**Dam Repair Update**

Kathy Weiss reported that she had spoken with the engineers and they were still tallying final figures but did provide a preliminary accounting of dam expenses. She noted there were no

hidden or unanticipated costs. Engineers had a few issues with the gates not functioning properly but were overall pleased with the end result. She also acknowledged that the dam could accommodate the drawdown in the fall.

### **Cost Sharing Voting**

A series of votes were taken on the cost sharing of the dam:

1. A motion passed 33 for and 4 abstaining that all Lake District property owners be assessed via Lake District contract with the Village.
2. A motion passed 32 for, 1 opposed, 3 abstained that all property owners be assessed the same amount.

Prior to the next vote, a lengthy discussion took place on whether or not to use money from savings to defray cost of dam and if so how much. Jim Dixon pointed out both the truck and harvester are older pieces of equipment and could require replacement at any time. It was also mentioned that a successful drawdown could reduce the need for a new harvester. The option of using savings to pay for dredging each year was also mentioned but was felt to be extremely expensive, and if property owners wished to have this done they could do so on their own.

3. A motion to use \$50,000.00 from savings to defray the cost of the dam failed with 14 for, 17 opposed and 3 abstaining.
4. A motion to use \$25,000.00 from savings to defray the cost of the dam passed with 32 for, 3 opposed and 2 abstaining.

### **2020 Budget**

Deb Bartolerio presented the 2020 proposed budget for a total of \$41,000.75. This included the dam assessment estimate of \$25,275.75. The motion to accept the proposed budget was unanimously approved.

### **Videotaping of Meetings**

A suggestion to videotape meetings was made. Several concerns were raised by volunteer board members and Lake District members. A lengthy discussion took place. A motion to have meetings videotaped failed.

### **Digital Page Setup**

Holly Walslager offered to set up a digital Facebook page to promote the Lake District and what it does. While this was a great idea many questions surfaced such as: who would update, cost involved, how do you manage negative comments, do we have the manpower to do this? Due to the length of the meeting and time constraints it was decided to table this idea and revisit it at a future meeting.

### **Open Forum**

-Holly invited everyone to the 9th Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show held on Saturday, August 17th.

-Anyone interested in a free dredging estimate should contact Carol Dixon.

**Next Meeting**

September 7, 2019 @ 10:00am at the Village Hall.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:34pm