

BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Informational Meeting
May 29, 2021 9:00AM
Village Park Pavilion
Palmyra, WI 53156

Unofficial MEETING MINUTES



Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Call to Order: Present at the meeting were Board Members; James Hochman, Paul Cannestra, Winona Bratsett, Roger Iglieski, Dick Natrop, Greg Bauer, and Staff Members; Dick Rohloff, Greg Twelmeyer as well as approximately 40 residents.

Jim Hochman announced that there will be 2 board positions open for election at the Annual meeting this year.

Independence Day festivities and plans were reviewed. Residents could pick up flags and flares at the meeting for their home and for their neighbors. The following dates and times were confirmed:

- Saturday July 3 – 6:00 pm. - Ski Show
- Saturday July 3 - 9:00 pm. - Fireworks
- Sunday July 4 – 5:00 pm. - Boat Parade
- Sunday July 4 – Ski club to announce raffle winner
- Sunday July 4 – rain date for fireworks

The traditional parade will be deferred until Labor Day Weekend. Some residents voiced opinions about the rescheduled parade noting that family and friends had already been planning on the parade. The parade is a large tradition and it will be missed during the 4th of July festivities.

State of the Lake Report

The Ski Club has special hours for practice: Saturdays from 10 am to noon in the East Shore area. Other boats are not to paddle or boat in that area. The Ski Club also practice on Mondays from 5 pm to 7 pm in the same area. Their first practice is May 29 and they will host their first ski show Sunday, May 30 from 6 to 7 pm.

The Ski Club has a 50/50 raffle going on to help raise funds, merchandise as well as coffee and snacks were available for purchase during the meeting. The Ski Club is always looking for new members, being a part of the club is a good way to learn water safety, skiing and leadership skills.

The boat launch continues to bring in funds. In 2020, over \$4,400 was brought in which goes into an account which will be used to help offset the costs of boat launch repairs.

Directories of residents are available upon request. They are available on the website as well once you sign in to the website as a home owner. The website continues to be a great tool for information. Thank you to Natalie Marcus, Jim Hannes and Diane Knauer for their work on the website.

Social Events: Roger Iglieski has started a Social Club for Blue Spring Lake with the intention of giving an opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another through social events. On June 11 there will be a

gathering at T&D's for fish fry. Please let Roger know if you will be attending so we can let T&D's know how many people to expect around 5 pm. The social club will be adding news and events on the website.

Sewer Report

Greg Twelmeyer reported on sewer system updates. We have had to upgrade the computer system since the old computer ran an old version of Windows. Electrical panels for the pump stations are being upgraded and added to the SCADA system. There are two panels left to do. Visusewer will be doing repairs to 2 different areas this summer. Overall \$70,000 to \$80,000 will be spent on upgrades and repairs to the sewer system this year.

The Village has informed us that rates will be going up with the new sewer plant being installed. The rates could go up approximately 60 percent. Jim Hochman reported that we have engineers and attorneys working to understand the new sewer contract which has not been signed yet. We can expect our quarterly charge to each residence to go up in 2022. We have been saving for the time when the sewer plant would be upgraded, so at this time the District is in good shape.

Dam Report

The DNR requires a periodic dam inspection which has been completed. The dam is in good shape, but the DNR requires the water level to be lower by 2 ¼ inches. We are hoping to show historical figures to the DNR to show that this water level can be raised safely.

Operations Report

Compost Site – branches can be deposited in the center area if they are 3 inches or less. No construction debris is allowed.

Goose round up – Mary Jo McMahon has organized the opportunity for a goose round up. We need a count of approximately 30 to geese to set a date for the round up. Late June in to early July we should be able to get a firm date set of when this will take place.

Note: We were notified, June 7, 2021, that due to low goose population that the goose round up will be postponed until 2022.

Weed harvesting- the DNR representative we have been working with for many years, Sue Graham, has now retired. A reminder was given that we cannot harvest in water that is 3 feet or less in depth. The DNR is generally not to favorable with chemically spraying for weeds. We do not expect to spray this year. Dick Rohloff has already started harvesting weeds for the year.

Boat launch berm- a berm has been created at the boat launch and we are getting quotes to have that repaired and possibly adding another ramp at the launch.

Town Report –Weenonah Brattset discussed lake roads. Dick Natrop has been put in charge of Town roads. If anyone has an emergency regarding roads, contact Dick Natrop. Jefferson County roads are now ATV friendly. This does not mean that ATV's are allowed on Town roads. The town is working at negotiating a fire and EMS contract. Blue Spring Lake makes up nearly 50% of the Town's tax base and helps fund the fire and EMS services. The town passed a resolution recently that yard sales in the town were limited to one day only and no more than 3 times a year.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Bauer discussed the 2020 budget schedule noting that we were in good shape and actual figures were in line with that budget. The Audit for this year is a little behind. Greg Bauer will be working to get that complete before the Annual meeting.

District Business

Please remember that the lake is not a receptacle for leaves and yard debris.