

BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 19, 2021, 8:00 a.m.
Aurelian Spring Park Pavilion

(Official)

MEETING MINUTES

Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

CALL TO ORDER (Quorum 4)

Present at the meeting was James Hochman, Dick Natrop, Roger Iglieski, Weenona Bratsett, Paul Cannestra (by telephone), Greg Twelmeyer and Jim Olson.

Residents present were Christine and Greg D., Jim W. and Lynn and Bob Soukup

A Motion was made to approve the Agenda for June 19, 2021, meeting by Paul Cannestra., 2nd Dick Natrop and passed.

A Motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2021, meeting by Dick Natrop, 2nd Roger Iglieski and passed.

A Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Informational Meeting on May 29, 2021, by Dick Natrop, 2nd by Roger Iglieski and passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christine and Greg D. just came to the meeting to find out what is being done about the Nowak property.

DAM REPORT – Jim Olson

1. Someone from Pine Lake had asked for information about the dam and Jim Olson recommended to the Board that they seek the information from the DNR. He is not comfortable giving information about how we run our dam without the express comment that how we run our dam might not be right for other lakes as each lake and dam is different. He is able to answer inquiries for informational purposes only. There is nothing confidential about how we run the dam. Jim H will provide a statement to accompany Jim's comments to ensure they are interpreted as general information only.
2. Jim Olson gave a demonstration of how the water level of the lake is maintained. He was asked to bring the demonstration to the Annual Meeting to show to the residents.
3. We are still waiting on a final decision on whether or not the DNR has all of the data it needs to decide to allow the water level of the lake to be raised, or whether or not we should continue to look into this matter.

OPERATIONS REPORT – Dick Natrop

1. Update on boat launch projects – berm removal and other repairs:

We have decided not to go ahead with adding another platform right now because of the cost. One more platform was going to be \$16,000. Over the winter the berm shifted and we will be reaching out to R&W to have them remove the berm material.

Residents expressed concern about the boat launch and how adding two or three new concrete platforms to the end of the launch might be a long term fix and might not add that much more money to the quote. Weenonah B. will bring up the issue at the next Town meeting and will look into possible grants available to fix the launch. The Town and Blue Spring Lake will be splitting the cost of the fix.

Preparation of a contact list on sewer lift stations: We currently have a list of residents who reside on or near a sewer lift stations. The lake has an easement to maintain the lift stations on each of the properties. If work is going to be done on a lift station that we know of ahead of time it would be nice to be able to either email or call the residents on those properties to let them know someone would be out working on the lift station.

Jim H. will prepare a letter remind people of the easements for access to lift station properties.

2. Weed Situation Letter:

Trapper Dick has received one response to help pick up weeds on Saturday mornings. He has a couple of helpers but would like to get more Saturday help so that he can have a schedule put out and will have help to pick up weeds. Staci will put the letter in with the sewer bills.

3. Algae on the lake:

We have looked into the algae problem in the past, but the only practical way to handle would be chemical treatment which we are not able to do.

Trapper Dick has been running the weed harvester on a regular basis. Residents also need to note that use of fertilizer with phosphorous is not allowed and it also can contribute to weed growth. If you are a lake owner it is your civic duty to pull the weeds out around your property, this will help with algae as well.

4. The torn up pavement on Blue Spring Lake Dr. is scheduled to be repaired the week of June 21, 2021.

5. Walkers around Highway H – the Town is going to move a flashing speed sign from the Little Prairie Road project and move it to the south end of Hwy H. This sign will remind people of the speed limit. The speed sign also has the potential to record speed of cars going through the area. Someone asked about lowering the speed limit to 25 on Hwy H around the lake. This can only be done with a road study and the flashing speed sign's data collection will help us with this study.

SEWER REPORT: - Greg Twelmeyer

1. Current Status- Grouting is complete by Visusewer. Visusewer caused an issues with one of the panels and will be paying the bill from Flyght for that repair. Future repairs would be to replace the last two panels.
2. CMAR Resolution- we have a grade of A and 4.0 on the CMAR report that we have to submit on the DNR portal. Jim Hochman read the resolution to accept the report. A motion was made to approve the report by Dick Natrop, 2nd by Weenonah Bratsett and approved.

TOWN REPORT: - Weenonah Bratsett

1. Status on Nowak Building Code Issue – at this time there is not much more the district or Town can do. The Nowaks building permit was extended, they have until August to complete the garage.

The Town passed a yard sale ordinance limiting the number of yard sales per year for a given residence. The Town is also working at rewording the public nuisance ordinance, to match the County ordinance, to ensure residents keep their properties clean.

Residents are encouraged to call the County zoning office with any complaints, as there little for the Town to do until the public nuisance ordinance is in place. The Town can then issues fines to enforce the ordinance.

2. Fire signs will be replaced in the next week. Two high schoolers will be going around the lake replacing the signs as necessary.

COUNTY REPORT - Weenonah Bratsett (for Walt Christensen)

1. In February, the County updated its comprehensive plan for land preservation which talks about the vision and goals for Jefferson County. Residents are encouraged to read the plan to provide input as citizens to the vision.
2. The issue of possibly adding the sewer bill to the County tax bill was brought up again. Greg Bauer had been talking to the County treasurer about this possibility at one point, but it is looking like it might not be a possibility.

TREASURER'S REPORT-

1. Audit Report: Staci is finishing gathering the rest of the data to get to the auditor, she will have everything to them by the end of the week.
2. Update bank records and signators: A motion was made to add Staci Griffiths (removing Cheryl Peters) as a signer to the Citizens State Bank account in Palmyra after the August 29 meeting. The motion was made by Dick Natrop, 2nd by Roger Iglieski and approved.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. The Goose round-up has been cancelled for this year as we did not have enough geese during the count to constitute having it done.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. The Soukup's were present to discuss what was going on with their new garage. They were planning on building a garage with a 2nd floor that has a bathroom on it. In order to do this, the District would require a deed restriction they would need to sign stating that the garage would not have a kitchen or bedroom which would make the garage to be considered a 2nd residence on their lot.

They are now trying to decide whether or not to even build. If they do build, it will be without the bathroom as they are not comfortable signing a deed restriction on their property at this time. They have all of the permits they need to continue building without a bathroom. Jim Hochman suggested they sign the deed restriction and move forward as planned.

2. Communication Plan: Is the website sufficient for publication and newsletters?
Staci will send out a notice for residents to sign up on the website if they wish to receive the latest lake news. We will no longer send out a paper newsletter in the bills, but encourage all residents to get the latest information about the lake from the website. Staci also will increase the frequency of updates to keep the information current.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dick Natrop, 2nd by Paul Cannestra and passed at 10:00 a.m.