

**BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Via Zoom  
October 21, 2021 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law



The meeting was called to order at 6:pm (31 total)

Board members and staff present at the meeting: James Hochman, Dick Natrop, Paul Cannestra, Gerry Gerndt, Staci Griffiths; Walt Christensen;

Community Members who identified themselves: Mary Jo and Bob McMahon, Greg T., Harold Fischer, Lisa Gdaniec, Ian Hahn, Jay Wendt, Jim Hannes, Katy Budda, Larry WSIA, Ryan Kloplic, Lucas Twelmeyer , Paul Curtis, Casey Quinn, Steve Marcus; Paul Vittuci, R. Schauer, Patti Werner; T H Orter, , Kristi, Tony M

**Public Comments**

**\*Please be advised per Wisconsin State. Statute. 19.84(2), information will be received from the public.**

**\*Please state your name and lot # or address when addressing the public.**

**The letter regarding ballast or wake boats was the topic of Public Comment.**

**Mary Jo McMahon lot 131:** Why was there a paragraph included with a suggestion of no wake in the small bay? We discussed this at the annual meeting and consensus was that it was slow wake. They are not thrilled about the no wake, but would prefer slow wake

**Dick N. –** The meaning behind the letter is that the bigger boats dispel themselves to the big bay where there is more water to plane out

**Ryan Kloplic:** What is clarity on deep stern high powered boat? Length of boat? Dam issues? Is there a problem with the dam? Let's fix the dam so that we can have a lake. If we are concerned about large wake impact on the entire dam, should we consider Wake Attenuating Systems: some harbors and marinas use them to break waves from the boat traffic from entering the marina. He would like to be part of the future of the lake and its decisions.

**Dick Natrop.:** keep in mind the dam is the spillway and the earthen dam is around the lake. Is the spillway good enough to hold 2 or 3 more inches of water if the lake is higher.

**Jim Hochman:** At the annual meeting there was discussion about this issue. There was concern about the dam at the meeting DNR is going with an older water order about the lake level. To date due to lack of records, we cannot refute what the DNR has told us to do. We are concerned about unnecessary pressure on the dam. Wave action, wind or boating traffic and types of boats (the letter suggests we control types of boats)

**Lucas Twelmeyer:** Opposed to how the board put this letter out. It is an opinion letter that a governmental body put out. Education vs Regulation: WI DNR has an ordinance 30.68 state statute. Cannot cause a hazardous wake or wash. There is already an ordinance for this. WE can address on a case-by- case issue by contacting the local warden and DNR.

Board should be adapting to how citizens use the lake. Educate the public and give them a chance to give them what they want to do. Surf boats on the lake don't surf in the little bay because it is so small and so shallow. Larry Meddock from WSIA is on the meeting and can share what Pewaukee Lake had learned.

**Larry from WSIA,** could assist Lucas in educational materials from Pewaukee Lake. He is here to help us navigate issues we may have. He prefers looking at scientific data and not on opinions and emotions. Would like to offer all of the resources they have, data, universities with scientific data to understand wave energy is all about. All of the resources are offered for free.

**WSIA is happy to host seminars. A majority of people don't know the rules of the water. . . despite saying they do.**

**Larry – phone: 407-620-7992**

**Website: [www.wsia.net](http://www.wsia.net)**

**[larry@wsia.net](mailto:larry@wsia.net)**

**Dick Natrop:** We now have feedback from dozens of residents. The board is not trying to regulate anything at this time, only to educate people about boating for the good of the entire lake.

**Larry@WSIA** is happy to host seminars. Wake responsibly seminars are offered through WSIA and dealers. A majority of people don't know the rules of the water. . . despite saying they do.

**Richard Schauer** – Lot 122, no damage to his shoreline, owns an inboard ski boat. Thought the letter was very inflammatory and was written to get a rise out of people. If there is an issue with the dam, then we should look at it and repair it and take care of it. If it needs strengthening. . . This matter does need to be looked at as more people are wake boarding. Most people on the lake do a good job, we have a nice lake.

**Jim Hochman:** Decision was made to create a committee to further address concerns Steve Marcus, will you chair that committee? Members: Jim Hochman, Paul Cannestra, Lucas Twelmyer, Ryan Kloplic, Harold Fischer; Jerry Wendt; Katy Budda and Dan Browkoski, Dick Natrop, Casey Quinn; and the Horters.

Secretary's Report – Paul Cannestra

Agenda – Approval of agenda for October 21, 2021 Board Meeting, Dick, Jim H, approved

Minutes - Approval of minutes August 28,2021 Annual Meeting Jim H., Dick N, approved

- Approval of minutes of August 28, 2021 Board Meeting Dick, Jim, approved

**President – Jim Hochman**

Status or update on the Sewer Contract

Sewer rates have gone up considerably effective January 1, 2021 reflecting the beginning of the new sewer plant. Whether or when the reserve for replacement fund of \$486,000 would be applied to the sewer rates.

Our hope is the next contract would be 20 years and that the rates charged to the District will be equivalent elsewhere in the Village. We are working toward that, but we are not there yet. Will not recommend a contract, until we have answers to those questions. The Village cannot deny us sewer service. Those who have looked at the budget can appreciate the money we spend on sewer equipment and the money we ask of the residents each quarter and the money we save with our increased rates. The rates have gone up dramatically, but we are not raising the quarterly assessments on each home at this time.

### **Sewer Report - Greg Twelmeyer**

Greg would like to call Josh from Flygt because we do not have a spare for simplex lift stations. If something goes out we are in trouble. Dick has the paperwork and will be signing it. We are way down flow wise with an average of 15,000. Diggers hotline calls – we get 8 to 10 of them a week. When we replace the rest of the panels that need to be replaced, the floats should be replaced at the same time as they are just as old as the panels.

Greg T is an operator. He is not a secretary. We can't necessarily get 3 bids when we need to buy a pump. Our controls are LW Allen and our pumps have to be flygt pumps. The Board does need those vendors to get us insurance certificates at the beginning of each year.

Some manholes need to be repaired before the winter. Northwest came out with Dick to look over the manholes.

### **Dam Report - Jim Olson**

Scheduled date to begin lowering the water level to winter level November 1, date to lower lake.

### **Operations Report - Dick Natrop**

Berm at boat launch, trapper Dick will get in touch with R and W to get rid of berm and haul material out. If they can do that, it would be easier to do that work after we lower the lake level.

Sat. July 2 – Fireworks for the coming year. Suggest we increase from \$5,500 to \$6,000. Move to contract Wolverine to provide us a fireworks display Sat. July 2, 2022 in the amount of \$6000 plus the cleanup costs. July 4 would be twice the cost. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul C. approved.

Trapper has observed a new weed on the lake. Looks like stringy hair. Dick Herbst said it came from Southern Illinois. Trapper cut a lot in early September. Dick will get in touch with Jefferson County and the DNR. Weeds have not gotten out of control yet, but we need to keep it under control.

Jim H. it has been said that these new species seem to come in on boats. Fisherman, other boaters . . . when you see people launching, please remind people to make sure their boats are clean before they enter the lake.

Shelter over the pump control panel was completed.

Gotten quotes from Xylem: floats, pumps, minimal disruption in service. Septic pump came out and pumped. Quote would cover the cost of the new replacement pump. We need to have a replacement pump on hand.

Need to replace float system at the station near Twelmeyer. Total cost would be over \$7,000. Standard business: to sign the quotes

We have had a lot of construction going on around the lake in the last couple of years. Dick will be in touch with engineer for Jefferson County to come out and inspect our roads and be preemptive on maintenance to the roads instead of waiting until they give out. We may be able to get by for another 5 years with a chip seal. Road repair is generally a Town expense. There are grants from other government bodies.

Town budgeted \$240k for roads. As Town board member/road superintendent, he has \$240k available to repair roads. Town has spent \$200k this year. Town has taken out a loan to pay the road bills, but has a grant that is covering 70% of the costs.

Trapper will get Dick his cutting report tomorrow for the year. Cutting was way down for the year. Final report to be sent to the DNR

#### **Town Report – Weenonah Brattsett – was not present. Dick Natrop spoke.**

Working on the fire and ems contract with the Town. Pete Sommerhauser, Jim Gallagher are on the committee from the lake along with a few others. We have a proposed contract. Looking to negotiate fees that are representative of the experience of the Fire and Ems calls for the town. The lake consists of about 1/3 of the calls for the town. If they are not willing to negotiate and give a fair price for the services, there is a clause in the contract that it automatically renews. We are protected until October/ November of next year at this year's rates.

#### **County Report – Walt Christensen**

Does not have anything new regarding BSLMD. County right now is adopting the budget. 470 pages of the budget. Tuesday, 7 pm at the courthouse for the public to hear about the budget. Roads are expensive. Lake Districts don't have roads . . . State law does not allow for any increase. Total tax levy is \$33,000,000 plus.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Greg Bauer (out of town)**

- Audit final results – as it has been in the past
  - Current Financials – January 1 through October 15. Profit and Loss statement, it appeared that for the first time in recent money, we were operating at a deficit. Within the budget, we have sewer repairs/upgrades, etc. Capital expenses. These come from sewer reserve. If this is the case, we are doing well. WE are on the positive side about \$90,000. We are absorbing at this time the impact of increase in sewer charges. We are funding various reserves for replacement (sewer, dam, etc.) We are setting aside funds to handle emergency needs if they arrive.
- Bank and Sewer Payments Discussion
  - Prepay quarterly assessment
  - Change mailing address to PO Box F, not 159
  - No way to put sewer payments on tax bill
  - Other suggestions: online bill pay. . . zelle payments?

#### **Old Business - Nowak Property**

Jim has spoken with Ms. Nowak numerous times. Status of their renewal of their permit. Permit application 1/26/2021 variance approval. This expires 1/2023. Matt Zangel signed off.

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn: Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt, approved.**