

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Minutes from June 14, 2014 Lake District Meeting

Call to Order: President Carol Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Also present were Treasurer Vicki Bradford, Secretary Pat Zimmermann, Village President Dave Turner, Water Resources Management Specialist Patricia Cicero and County Supervisor Blane Paulson.

Reading of Minutes: Pat read the minutes from the April 5, 2014 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Vick Bradford reported that she paid \$10,097.93 for the chemicals recently applied to the lake. Money was transferred from the passbook savings account to the checkbook for this purpose and will be returned to the savings account when we receive reimbursement from the DNR.

There is a negative \$73.31 showing in the herbicide account, but this will change when the reimbursement is received.

We have 128.75 volunteer hours thus far this year which calculates to \$1545.

We are earning less return on our investments as the interest rate on the CDs is down to .7% from 1.2%.

Carol, Vicki and Pat held an emergency meeting on June 12th to approve moving an additional \$900 to the harvester repair/supply budget due to some unexpected, necessary repairs.

Chemical Treatment Report: Patricia Cicero updated us. Patricia attended a meeting with the Department of Natural Resources to discuss the chemicals being used in Lower Spring Lake, their effect and concentration and the length of time they are remaining in the water. Volunteers help Patricia track the level of chemicals in the water.

This year, with the help of Michelle Nault from the DNR, Patricia sampled all 236 sites in the lake. Curly Leaf Pond Weed (CLPW) was found in 9 sites. Eurasian Water Milfoil was found in 40 sites. We cannot apply any chemical treatment out to the east side of the lake because it is too shallow. Patricia also reminded us that it is not possible to eliminate invasive species, just control them. With the help of the samples/data gathered we will be able to analyze how long the chemicals applied have remained in the lake for maximum efficiency.

Patricia will be back in August to do plant sampling. CLPW grows under the ice and dies the end of June/start of July. Leaves look like lasagna noodles. Since Patricia will not be back out to the lake to obtain samples until August the CLPW will be gone by that time. She encourages interested residents to contact her about CLPW sightings. PatriciaC@Jeffersoncountywi.gov.

Water Lily Harvesting Update: Carol reported that J & J Aquatic Transplant Nursery which was contacted to harvest water lilies for their own resale has removed about 1,000 water lilies at the east end of the lake near the Prado property.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters: Anne Perkell reported that this year's program is underway and she is looking for volunteers. The purpose of the program is to inform boaters and fishermen/women about unwanted "hitch hikers" being given a ride between lakes in the area. This is a valuable public service and helps preserve the integrity of our lake and others. Anne is looking for both adult and young adult volunteers and this would be a great way for high schoolers to satisfy their community service requirements for graduation.

The volunteer hours are assigned a rate of \$12 per hour and the state reimburses the Lake District ½ that amount. So, bring a chair, bring a book, paddle over by kayak or drive over by car. In a 2-4 hour stint it is typical to speak to 2-20 boaters, so there is "downtime" within which to relax a bit. And it is fun to meet and speak to the boaters who are utilizing our lake.

Anne is happy to conduct the pre volunteer training for this program ~~and~~ which takes less than an hour. If everyone would volunteer for a 3 hour stint just once or twice this summer just think of the number of volunteer hours that would accrue. **You can contact Anne at 847-867-9102.**

Geese Depredation Update: Bill and Beth Alveshire addressed 19 nests and 92 eggs were destroyed.

Spring Clean Up Project: The DNR will be trapping and moving the beavers in the Scuppernong River and then destroying the dam. This should occur in the next couple of weeks and then we will proceed with the river clean up.

Trees in the water at the entrance to the large bay by Hwy 59 near the Adler house (blue house) are being removed. One has already been removed and the other tree will be removed at another date. Greg Smith expressed some concern that the removal of these trees will remove fish habitat and Patricia Cicero confirmed this. However, the Adlers had requested help in taking out the trees which extended many feet under the water.

Thanks to Gene and Barb Bevil for the use of their pontoon boat and to Bob and Dorothy Chappell and Bill and Beth Alveshire for all their hard work.

Dam Repair Update: All paperwork has been completed and our application for the grant for the dam repair will be approved at the next grant budget cycle which is in 2016. The dams are very old and much in need of repair and Josh is keeping a close eye on them, monitoring every day. During the recent rains that we experienced, the lake came up almost to the cresting point of the Mill Road dam.

Harvesting Report: Josh and his crew replaced the seals in the harvester's motors and then found bearings in need of replacing. This necessitated the addition of \$900 to the harvesting repair budget. The harvester will be repaired by Monday June 16th which is the first day we can cut post weed chemical application. Scott, the operator that we used last year, will be all set to begin on Monday. The harvester shafts are also in bad shape and in the future, two motors will need to be replaced at a cost of \$1900

each. Bob Wielepski asked if Josh has a back-up motor and Jim Dixon reminded us that this harvester breaks down a lot less than the previous two cutters.

Boat Launch Update: Carol relayed Al Fehrmann's report that our launch project is being lumped together with Lower Genesee Lake which is resulting in some delays. The launch will likely not be completed until the Spring of 2015. We have money budgeted for this process through July 2015.

The kiosk at the launch was damaged recently and the DNR repaired it.

Open Forum:

Debris in River: Pat reported that there is a barrel submerged in the Scuppernong River. Mike Miljan reports that it is plastic. DNR will be contacted re removal.

Carp: There are hundreds of carp in the east end of the lake. Proposed a possible carp shoot. Carol will call the Wisconsin Bow Fishing Association and alert them that we have an abundance of carp and they may wish to fish our lake. There may be a problem with access though as the east end is extremely shallow perhaps too much so to accommodate the type of boat needed for this type of fishing.

Unmarked Stumps in Lake: Jeff and Deb Bartolerio advised that there are some tree stumps in the shallow area near the grass outcropping east of the blue house which could cause property damage to boats. We will look into marking these.

Fourth of July Parade: Debbie and Ed Shields will organize the 4th of July parade which will take place at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 4th at the East end of the lake. All boaters are invited to participate. Decorate your boats; large and small; kayaks to pontoons. Bring an appetizer to pass and we will gather on the west side of the lake after the parade to convivate and celebrate our independence!

Next Meeting Date: August 23rd at 11 a.m. at the Beach Pavillion. We will first conduct business and then the picnic begins! Please bring your own beverage and a dish to pass. The Lake District will provide the meat. This has always been a great way to end the season and relax and socialize a bit.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 with a motion by Jim Dixon, seconded by Bob Wielepski.