

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
3rd Quarter Meeting
June 9, 2018

Call to order: President Carol Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Treasurer Vicki Bradford and Secretary Debby Bartolerio were present. Also in attendance was Kathy Weiss, Village of Palmyra President and Julie Powell, Village Board Member. In addition, 16 Lake District members were present.

Reading/Review of Minutes: Debby read the minutes from the April 21, 2018 Lake District Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki reported that the balance in the checking account was \$8,394.42 after a transfer of \$8,500.00 to the savings account. We had two expenses, an insurance payment of \$1,034.00 and truck repairs totaling \$3,107.23. The treasurer's report was filed.

Chemical Treatment Update: Andrew Sowles and Greg Smith's efforts in reporting water temperature were recognized.

Initially, only the finger bay was approved for treatment with 2, 4-D and the bay to the southeast was denied. A second application requesting that Diquat be applied to a number of shoreline areas was conditionally approved. Ultimately, as a result of Sue Graham's and Patricia Cicero's aquatic plant survey only 16 of the properties @ 30 feet of shoreline were allowed treatment with Diquat. Both the finger bay and shoreline areas were chemically treated on May 22.

Other alternatives should be researched, based on the limited approval we received this year.

Vote on Summer Plant Survey: A vote to authorize the expenditure of \$360 for an Aquatic Plant Survey was brought to the members. Dave Henrichon made a motion to approve, and Pat Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Weed Harvesting Report: Jim Dixon reported that we have removed 104,000 lbs of weeds so far this year. The goal is 500,000 lbs. Jim also provided a brief history of the challenges we've had in the past 10 years, including the upper dam breaking, the DNR launch repair, lack of chemical treatment approval, mechanical and harvester operator issues, and a later start that desired.

Jim Dixon provided information from a study from the University of WI about mechanical weed harvesting and the success of the control if the weeds are cut regularly.

Jim Walslager was acknowledged for replacing the seat in the truck, Gerry Doll and Roger Muehlbauer for helping to relocate the weeds that were inadvertently deposited in the wrong location, and Jim Dixon for all of his efforts to control the weeds.

Shoreland Restoration Workshop Summary: Carol and Debby went to the Lake Lot Owners 101 Workshop sponsored by the Rock Lake Improvement Association. Debby provided a summary of the things lake lot owners can do to help improve the health of the lake. They include "fish sticks", and leaving fallen trees and branches in the water, native plantings - due to their deeper root system will help stop erosion, diversion practices to prevent run-off, rock filtration which will help filtrate water from roofs, driveways and walks, and rain gardens. A document containing numerous websites describing these practices as well as many more was distributed.

Dam Repair: Kathy Weiss reported that to take advantage of better pricing, the timeline has been extended slightly. A September start is anticipated. Demolition and concrete work will be done in fall, and completion of the dam is anticipated in the spring of 2019.

Appointment of a Nominating Committee: Linda Plennes and Patricia Zimmerman volunteered to serve on the committee to gather candidates for the Secretary position, which is up for election this year.

Vote on Proposed No Wake Ordinance Changes: Jim Walslager made a motion to allow fast boating on a weekday when that day is also a holiday (Memorial Day, Labor Day and July 4) from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Jim Dixon seconded the motion. The motion was amended to state that in addition to Friday, Saturday and Sunday fast boating from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Memorial Day, July 3rd, 4th and 5th and Labor Day will be allowed. Holly DeBack made a motion to approve, and Jim Walslager seconded the motion. The motion carried 16-1.

Open Forum: Pat Zimmerman stated she is still in need of volunteers. There is training on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 at the Village Hall. A cleaning station was also added at the launch.

Carol reported that on May 25th Marxman Outdoors removed several hundred pounds of carp from our lake. They have a website which describes the charter bowfishing experiences they provide for individuals and groups. They plan on coming back for future hunts. Call (920) 382-7613, if there are any questions.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be the annual meeting/picnic and will be **August 18th** at the Pavilion at 11:00. This is a change from our original date!

Adjournment: At 11:20, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Dixon and seconded by Gerry Doll.