

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

April 23 2022 - Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Village Hall- 10:00 AM

Present: L. Plennes-Chairperson, J. Deichl-Secretary, D. Bartolerio-Treasurer, K. Weiss, Village President, A. Watkinson, DNR, M. Ulman, Jefferson County

Lake District Members Present: J. Dixon, C. Dixon, S. Reynertson, D. Wilbur, B. Alveshire, B. Alveshire, D. Henrichon, S. Deichl, D. Schultz

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 by L. Plennes.

MINUTES

The minutes from the January 15, 2022 meeting were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by D. Bartolerio and second' by L. Plennes.

TREASURERS REPORT

D. Bartolerio prepared and read the treasurers report. The date at the top of the page was amended to 2022. She noted the 2022 budgeted amount was \$32,300.00 of which \$4,341.04 has been paid out. \$2,651 for harvester repairs, \$1,367 for harvester labor, \$174 for herbicide application/fees, and \$147 for administrative expenses. More expenses are expected as the summer season gets started.

As mentioned in the January minutes, D. Bartolerio will present facts and figures to the village board asking that they consider reinstatement of monetary support of lake operations. Anyone having information of tasks or duties from previous years that had been performed by the village, please contact D. Bartolerio and she will include the information in her presentation. The lake is a wonderful asset enjoyed by everyone – not only the lake property owners.

CHEMICAL UPDATE

C. Dixon presented the following: On 3/8/2022 and 4/5/2022 L. Plennes, J. & C. Dixon had zoom meetings to discuss chemical treatment with Arthur, Marisa, Brian Suffern, Kristina Pechacek and Michael Sorge. We appreciate how well they listened to our concerns and their openness to change.

Agreed on plan to use Weedar 64 (2, 4-D) for EWM and Aquathal K for CLP continuously along the shorelines. Looking for seasonal control instead of 6 weeks of relief in these shallow areas. Diquat sprayed by the beach, Reynertson's and Omdoll's because they are near the path of greater water movement. A path will be cut to allow lake access for the Fehrmann's. How much of the plan is allowed depends on Marisa's pretreatment survey finding presence of milfoil and curly-leaf. The application was submitted on March 18th and Arthur already issued a permit on April 11th. Total projected cost including application fee is \$5,278.70. In addition, the Village is paying \$250.00 for beach area treatment. Let us know if you see EWM or CLP growing along your shoreline.

THE SCHEDULED DATE FOR THE CHEMICAL TREATMENT IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH (THURSDAY, MAY 12TH IS AN ALTERNATE DATE IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER) Please see the email from Jim & Carol Dixon dated May 7th for a copy of the application, map of areas requested, and permit. Any questions please contact Jim or Carol Dixon.

WEED HARVESTER REPORT

I. Plennes reported that we have hired three harvester operators for the summer. Two have already completed the required DNR boaters safety course. Mitch from Inland will instruct each of them on operation of the harvester itself and J. Dixon will instruct them on truck operation. The harvester is back from Inland and the new pump and cutter bars installed. Routine maintenance will be performed and it will be ready for launching. S. Deichl and J. Dixon will install the pier once the harvester is in the water. Painting of the harvester has been put on hold until fall.

DRAWDOWN

The request for a 2022/2023 drawdown was made at the April 4th, 2022 village board meeting. This was tabled until the following board meeting. A huge “thank you” to both Arthur and Marisa for their in-depth reports on the effectiveness of previous drawdown relating to weed growth and fish population. It was noted in the report that a drawdown allows for shoreline plant growth control and a drawdown with a cold winter can have lasting effects of up to 3-5 years. Another goal of a drawdown is stabilization of sediment and muck, sometimes gaining a couple inches of depth. Many surrounding lakes have had successful drawdowns weed wise. The majority of lakes that have drawdowns are marshes much like our lake. Lake district members were encouraged to attend the next village board meeting in support of a drawdown.

GEESE DEPRIDATION UPDATE

The Alveshires have reported that they have had two successful nest hunts. They destroyed 8 nests with a total of 42 eggs. They also sadly noted a lot of debris in the water. We would like to organize a lake district wide clean-up to remove logs and downed trees, etc. followed by a pot-luck type gathering. Please step up to volunteer as this is OUR lake! Let’s keep it beautiful! More to come as the weather gets a little warmer. Please watch for details in your email.

TRUCK CONDITION

The truck is running but no further decisions have been made as far as replacement.

OLD BUSINESS

J. Dixon has agreed to be the interim harvester co-ordinator but we are still looking for someone to fill this position! Please contact one of the board members if you are interested!

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, **July 13, 2022 at 7PM** at the Village Hall. Please note the evening meeting time! Hoping the evening hour will accommodate more lake district members.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by D. Bartolerio and second’ by K. Weiss at 11:09.