

Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

June 11, 2016 Minutes

Call to order: President Carol Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Treasurer Vicki Bradford, Secretary Debby Bartolerio, Village Board Representative Dave Turner, Julie Powell, Village Trustee, and Patricia Cicero from Jefferson County, were also present. In total, 14 Lake District members were in attendance.

Reading of the Minutes: Debby read the minutes from March 12, 2016 Lake District Meeting and March 18 Special Lake District Meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Copies of the meeting minutes from the Special Board Meetings held on April 12 and May 12 were distributed for the attendees to read themselves. One correction to the Special Board Meeting Minutes from April 12 was noted - the amount remaining on the AIS Control Grant was \$38,488.50 instead of \$34,217.00. There were not any questions regarding the Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki reported that there were limited transactions on the accounts. There were only two checks issued, \$300 for the Harvester Permit and \$972.00 for the Insurance Policy premium. The Treasurers Report was filed and approved.

Chemical Treatment Report: Patricia Cicero reported that she surveyed 230 points and found Eurasian Water Milfoil at 18 sites and Curly-leaf Pondweed at 20. Treatment of the finger bay was considered, but the presence of either invasive plant was not excessive and therefore is not warranted.

AIS Grant Extension: Patricia Cicero reported that the grant officially expires the end of 2016. A proposal was prepared for a Grant Scope and Time Amendment, which requested an additional year to use the funds, and broadened the scope to include; a plant survey, update the aquatic plant management plan, options for future treatments and a public meeting to obtain feedback.

Questions regarding the proposal were fielded by Patricia Cicero.

A motion to approve the proposal for the Grant Scope and Time Amendment as presented was made by Bill Alvshire and seconded by Bob Wieliepski. The motion was unanimously carried.

Carp Removal Update: There have been 12 carp in the disposal barrels up to this point. A brief discussion occurred regarding extending the event. At this time, it doesn't seem feasible to do so. None of the "tagged" fish have been caught.

Weed Harvesting Report: The harvesting permit has been obtained, which covers 2016 only. The Martin farm has agreed to take the weeds this year. Harvesting in the finger bay is limited to the center of the bay. If there are any concerns about the weeds, contact Al Fehrmann at 262 495-8468.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters: Gene Bevil has been helping weekly, along with Dorothy and Bob Chappell. More volunteers are desperately needed. Anyone willing to help can contact Dorothy at 414 791-7919 or via email at shirodd@msn.com You will get a free T-shirt!

Dam Repair: MSA Engineering Group has been retained to conduct soil samples and topography surveys. Once completed, the appropriate type of dam will be determined based on the results. The Village Board has discussed assessing the lake property owners for a portion of the dam repairs.

Bill Alveshire made a motion to table any vote relative to the Lake District's contribution until the costs are determined. Gerry Doll seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Village has been budgeting \$5,000 per year for the dam repair. Most of the funds have already been expended for engineering work. An amount between \$11,000 and \$13,000 remains. Dave Turner again encouraged lake district members to attend Village and Town Board meetings to voice their opinions and concerns. The motion was unanimously carried.

Open Forum:

The majority of the discussions revolved around the dam, specifically:

- The Village has been budgeting \$5,000 per year for maintenance of the dam, the balance is between \$11,000 and \$13,000. These funds have been used for maintenance as well as some of the costs associated with the repairs.
- Dave Turner reviewed the actions, options, and considerations of the Village Board up to this time.
- Discussion regarding forming a committee with Lake District Members from the Village, Town, and Village Board Members occurred. Dave Turner reiterated attendance at the Village and/or Town Board meetings was encouraged to voice opinions/concerns.

The 4th of July parade needs a chairman. No one volunteered.

Linda Plennes and Pat Zimmerman have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for filling the position of President.

Two items related to the Boat Launch were mentioned; the board had one of the doors broken off, and boaters were looking for garbage cans (again). The DNR has a "what you carry in, you carry out" policy and will not supply garbage cans.

Two dead turtles were found after the chemical treatment.

The next meeting date will be August 20.

A motion to adjourn was made at 12:15 by Jim Dixon and seconded by Bill Alveshire.