

Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

March 12, 2016 Minutes

Call to order: President Carol Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Treasurer Vicki Bradford, Secretary Debby Bartolerio, Village Board Representative Dave Turner, Town President Larry Kau, Village Public Safety Director James Small, DNR Representative Lance Stock and Patricia Cicero from Jefferson County, were also present. In total, 18 Lake District members were in attendance.

Reading of the Minutes: Debby read the minutes from January 23, 2016 Lake District Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki reported that there were limited transactions on the accounts. Tax receipts for \$5,678.61 and \$4,374.86 and the State of Wisconsin check for \$13,856.57 from the grant were deposited. This resulted in excess funds in the checking account. Vicki transferred \$10,033.72 to the savings account. The checking account currently has a balance of \$23,910.00.

Audit of the Books: Linda Plennes and Debby Bartolerio conducted an audit of the Lake District's accounts. They are all in balance.

Chemical Treatment Grant: Patricia Cicero reported that there will not be a chemical treatment of the lake this year. She will do a plant sampling survey in spring to look for invasive species and a full survey in summer. Options for controlling weeds include Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) and a winter drawdown of the lake.

We are not treating the lake because we met the goal of reducing the invasive species in the lake to less than 10%. It is important to have data to support future chemical treatments, should we determine to consider that option in future years. We still have a plant management plan in place - which is required to obtain a permit for harvester operations.

All Fehrmann is applying for the harvester permit. The plant management plan will be on the next regular meeting's agenda.

Regarding the winter drawdown, several topics were discussed:

1. This occurred in the past, and new types of plants began to grow
2. The 59 Dam will allow the water to be lowered by 3 feet
3. We may not have much input if the dam repair requires a drawdown
4. Rock Lake rebuilt their dam without drawing the water down, they used recirculating water pumps instead
5. Dave Turner reported that Josh talked with the DNR - the water flow needs to remain at a consistent level downstream

Carp Removal: Pat Zimmerman provided some facts about problems caused by carp and discussed the options considered by the committee to reduce the numbers. The best option is to promote a 9-day period of time during which we would welcome bow fishermen. In addition, we would agree to ignore potential light and noise created by the boats, provide a method to dispose of the carp, and have the DNR tag potentially three fish that would pay a cash prize if they are caught.

Initially, the motion to declare a moratorium on noise and light complaints to facilitate the carp shoot received a motion by Vicki Bradford and a second by Bill Alveshire. This was rescinded and additional discussion regarding the logistics of the carp shoot occurred.

Bill Alveshire made a motion to declare a moratorium on noise and light complaints to facilitate the carp shoot **and** have further investigation regarding the details of the carp shoot brought to the membership in a special meeting in approximately 30 days. A final vote would be taken based on the information required to be presented at the special meeting which includes disposal cost, insurance and/or liability for the event, village and/or town permits or permissions required for the shoot. Dave Turner seconded this motion. The membership in attendance voted, and it was unanimously in favor.

Lance Stock stated that carp spawn when the water temperature reaches 73°.

Larry Kau will look into providing a truck to haul away and dispose of the removed carp.

The special meeting date was set for Friday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Open Forum:

Lance Stock reported that the pier is being installed next week. The harvester should be placed on the east side of the boat launch, 25 feet from the ramp.

Vicki Bradford had some literature on a company that performed the DASH weed removal. The cost is approximately \$200 - \$230 per hour, and a typical lake property requires 4 to 8 hours of labor.

Bill Alveshire asked for details about the dam repairs and potential timing. Dave Turner didn't have details, but offered the following information:

- There are three taxing entities, plus the DNR, that have the ability, in some capacity, to assess homeowners to facilitate the funding of the dam
- The Village can tax specific individuals or all the property owners in the village
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- The Lake District can tax all property owners on the lake
- Attendance at the Village and Town Board meetings is encouraged

DJ will take care of the buoys this year. Greg Smith said they will put them in, DJ just needs to take them out.

Patricia Cicero stated that she will be having training for the Clean Boats/Clean Waters volunteers.

Next Meeting: Our next regular meeting will be June 11th at 10:00 a.m. A special meeting will be held on Friday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: At 11:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Dixon and seconded by Frank Loduha.