

Lake District Committees Meeting August 27, 2006

Call to order 11:05am
Roll Call – done by sign in

Robert welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance for coming. He explained the day was not optimal, but his goal was to get everyone on common ground.

Corinne Krebs nominate Robert Livingston for Steering Council Committee
Chairman
Second from the floor
Unanimously approved

Robert stated that this will be his final year as Chairman. Question was raised from the floor as to his reasoning. He explained that he feels that others need to step into the leadership position so we continue to move forward instead of becoming a group just to get a vote! He believes that there will always be targets to reach and he wants people to become more active; educating themselves, looking for solutions to the problems, and taking that leadership role to make our lakes and our community better.

Pam Becker suggested that the Steering Council Chair become more involved with the Planning Commission. Robert didn't feel that was necessary. He wants the District to provide enough information and become actively involved to make better policy throughout the Village.

Ed Varden wants to know what the district needs to do to gain the authority to control over the things that we are working on. Robert explained that the Lake District as it stands, is an advisory committee and that we need to support the Village not take control over the authority the Village has. He believes the Village needs help with enforcement. We should look into getting staff to support the Village rather than continue fighting with the Village. The Lake District Committee Members are volunteers and right now, the entire work load is left up to the Committee Members. He feels the Village would be best served by hiring a full time staff person to help with enforcement of ordinances rather than adding more rules and letting them go un-enforced. Ed believes the Village will not get it done. Tom Calkins brought up that the Trustees are also "practically volunteers". He agrees that if we can get one person in and make it worth their while; let them make a living from it, so that it becomes their priority. Pam believes that we have come out of a "black hole" and we have trustees who are willing to work with us.

Robert went on to explain a few of the projects that will be up and coming for this season. He also talked about our current grant funding situation. We lost the TRM (Targeted-Runoff Grant) grant due to late submission, but stated that we will be resubmitting the grant for the next round of funds available. He mentioned that a decision on the Lake Protection Grant will be announced in October.

The final broad spectrum statement Robert wanted to make is that the Communication Committee will be assigning a member to each subcommittee to keep the public up-to-date on all the issues and projects the Lake District is working on. These people will be there to write press releases, create signs, get educational opportunities out, and help with community outreach. They will not be responsible for keeping meeting minutes since their volunteer time is being spent attending sub-committee meetings. Robert believes this will facilitate constant contact with the community will keep our Annual Meeting brief and running smoothly.

Robert then asked the committees to meet, choose their leaders, and adjourned the meeting.