

Twin Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District Steering Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/27/2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Twin Lakes Village Hall

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM
2. Members in attendance Bryan Neal, Vytau Barcas, Jamie Smith, Corinne Krebs, Tom Porps, Tony Migon, and Robert Livingston.
Others in attendance Trustee Mike Moran
3. Meeting Minutes from 6/12/2006 and 6/22/2006 were read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Robert began the meeting with Committee Reports. Tom Porps, Chair of the Boat Safety & User Conflict Committee started the reports by discussing some additions to the proposed new buoy boat that would make it more useful to the Village in years to come. Corinne asked Tom to extrapolate on why the new boat was needed so everyone could understand and the information could be used at the Annual Meeting to help the public make an educated decision on the purchase. Tom obliged, explaining how the existing boat had fallen into disrepair, the time and effort required to put buoys in and the limited usefulness of the boat compared to when it was originally purchased. Then he went on to talk about differences between pontoon-style boats and barge-style boats. Finally, he addressed economical and physical benefits to the boat as well as possible future use. Tom also stated that the elect has been saving for this purchase over the past 5 years, so the district would not have to raise the entire cost of the boat this year. Then Tom went on to talk about the staff gauges. The gauge stationed at Lance Park appears to be pretty well beaten. The Council members felt finding a new location after the Park renovation would help alleviate the problem along with some education to the public as to what a staff gauge is.

Tony Migon, Chair of the Aquatic & Invasive Plant Committee spoke next about weed identification in Lake Elizabeth. Aaron and Associates could not substantiate enough milfoil beds in Lake Elizabeth and the June treatment was abandoned. Tony went on to explain that the entire lake is not treated only specific locations, for example on Lake Mary; areas near Esch Rd and the Pink House Bay were treated on July 12th, 2006. He felt it would be a good idea to revisit the issue in September when more of the part-time residents would not be around to have recreation affected by fall treatments. A question was raised about notification to the public when a spraying occurs. Tony explained that with any chemical treatment, the area needs to be posted with signs. For the aquatic spray, anything within 200'0" of the spray needs to be posted for

adequate safety. He also explained that the posting occurs immediately following the treatment and that anyone who sees those signs should avoid the water all together for 24 hours. Those who fish the area should avoid the fish in that area for 48 hours. These time frames are suggested based on the half-life of the chemical or active ingredient (2,4-D) being used in the treatment. Finally, Tony handed each Chair a copy of the Aquatic Management Plan submitted by Aaron and Associates for the twin lakes.

Robert suggested that the committee look into other invasive species control around the lakes; i.e. loosestrife and cattails. He believes that management for more than one invasive species allows us to better the lake by encouraging native plant species to thrive.

Jamie Smith, Chair of the Shoreline Protection Committee spoke next. She explained that the committee did not meet in June. However, they will be sending the Haerle Avenue and Second Street projects out to re-bid with hopes for a fall installation. She also mentioned that the committee would like to pursue Lance Beach and Sunset Beach as future project sites.

Vytautas Barcas, Chair of the Stormwater Committee, reported that his committee has received the kits and begun testing. The tests that have been done already are showing some signs of E.coli in the lake, but he's not certain as to what levels would be cause for concern. He's continuing to look for a source that will help him calibrate the volunteer testing, at this point he is pursuing the County. One question seemed to come out of the all the discussion: "What should the Lake District or Village do if readings come out at alarming levels?" The Council agreed to continue thinking about the issue and will discuss it again at a later date.

Corinne Krebs, Chair of the Communication, Education, & Youth Committee, reported that her committee is focused on the Annual Lake District Meeting. She stated that a multi-media presentation and power-point presentation will be put together just like last year. She also stated the committee intends to provide printed material for this year's audience.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item addressed was potential future shoreline projects the district should pursue. Bayview and Sunset seemed to be the most obvious places to start, then Lance Park and Mad Dan's were discussed. The question was raised as to whether or not the Village could or would run a Village Marina at the Mad Dan's site!?! Revenue generated from the marina would go toward the construction and renovation of the site. All members seemed to be in agreement that this was a good idea if it was possible.

Second on the list was the issue of fall fish stocking. Bryan Neal, Chair of the Water Quality and Fish Committee, reported that the types of fish stocked in the lakes alternate; one year it's Walleye and the next it's Small Mouth Bass. In 2006, Bass were scheduled for stocking, but there have been some problems with the Bass crop this year. He informed the council that 7-9" Walleye were being

looked at for stocking this year due to the problems with the Bass. Bryan explained that the cost of stocking used to be split with the Sportsman's Club in town, however, he's having difficulty getting any decisions to be made as to whether they will participate this year. Bob asked that the committee maximize their \$2,000.00 budget in fish and finalize the stocking for 2006. Bryan suggested that they still ask the Sportsman's Club to participate. Everyone agreed to the idea, as long as it didn't hold up the stocking.

NEW BUSINESS:

The last item on the agenda to address, involved amendments to the budget due to changes in the buoy boat purchase. David Cox explained the changes to the buoy boat budget itself and how it affects other previously approved budget items. Additional funds allocated to legal expenses were removed; with hopes that the District would not face more frivolous separation claims. The other changes involved using reserve funds left over from previous years to cover the rest of the cost without increasing the mil rate. Everyone applauded David for his effort and time. The new budget proposal would be the one explained and presented at the Annual Meeting.

The next meeting date was set for August 31st, 2006, 7:00pm at the Twin Lakes Village Hall.
Meeting Adjourned!