

Twin Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District  
Steering Council Minutes

Date: 4/27/2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Twin Lakes Village Hall, Twin Lakes, WI

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Members in attendance: Robert Livingston, Steering Council Chairperson

Jamie Smith, Shoreline Protection Committee

Vytau Barcus, Stormwater Committee

Bryan Neal, Water Quality Committee

Corinne Krebs, Communication Committee

Tom Porps, Water Safety Committee

Members not in attendance: Tony Migon, Aquatic Plants Committee

Others in attendance: Trustee Mike Moran, Trustee Jeremy Knoll

Council members reviewed the meeting minutes from January 12, 2006 and January 26, 2006.

*Motion to approve:* Robert Livingston

*Second:* Bryan Neal

*Approved Unanimously*

Old Business:

**A.** Boat safety stickers and notice boards have been completed!

*A motion to approve putting courtesy notice boards up at Lance Park, Musial Boat Launch and Mad Dan's was made by Bryan Neal.*

*Second:* Vytau Barcas

*Approved unanimously*

Signs will be posted when the buoys go in.

**B.** Stormwater Ordinance – Robert Livingston presented current Village stormwater ordinances and will email a copy of these ordinances to each council member. The stormwater committee should review and cross reference the document with other ordinances/regulations. Trustee Moran suggested that we compile a packet to give to each person who comes into the Village Hall for a permit, so he/she is aware of the Village regulations regarding stormwater and shorelines.

It was suggested that the committee provide the Village with 40 copies of a packet containing Environmental Regulations (Chapter 8.60), the Erosion Control Ordinance (Chapter 14.21), the Grading, Filling, and Stormwater Control Ordinances (Chapter 14.22), and the Shoreline Protection Overlay Ordinance (Chapter 2005-8-1), so Building Inspector Tim Popanda can give it to people who are coming into the Village Hall for all individual property development permitting issues..

*Motion to approve:* Bryan Neal and Robert Livingston

*Second:* Corinne Krebs

*Approved unanimously*

The committee expanded the discussion to include others who will receive a copy of the packet including: contractors who are working within the Village;; the District Website; the Village Website. A condensed packet will be given to local realtors, so it can be passed out at the annual meeting, and copies will be placed in the Village Hall for anyone to pick up.

**C.** Hearle Shoreline Protection project. At the Shoreline Protection Committee meeting, the proposed pier and handicap parking space were removed from the project due to

the controversy surrounding the structure and limited space for parking. The Lake District will monitor the site for vegetation damage and if assessed later to be necessary, the pier will be put back into the project.

*A motion to move forward with the Hearle Project by sending it out to bid was made by Bryan Neal*

*Second: Vytas Barcas*

*Approved unanimously*

Separate bids will be obtained for each part of the project (Hearle Ave. portion and Second St. portion). Further discussion took place regarding a pedestrian bridge to cross the channel and changes that will occur once the area is taken over by the park board. The committee will continue to pursue shoreline protection sites for the future.

- D. Staff gauges and lake level monitoring. Tom firmly stated that the gauges are not an issue, but mentioned that he is concerned that the lake levels are dropping like a rock!! Robert Livingston explained that Village President Howard Skinner and other Village employees checked on the status of the dam. They reported back to Robert Livingston that the water level is at the concrete abutment and there was no debris obstructing the opening. There is some speculation that water is being diverted around the dam into the Hunt Club in Illinois. The Council discussed if and what action can be taken to address the issue.
- E. WAL briefing. Jamie attended the State Convention for one day and commented that the trip was educational. She talked briefly about the pier regulations. There are no answers at this point from the state. Other topics discussed involved Madison's lack of shoreline ordinances.
- F. Property inventory update. The process is painstakingly slow. The maps need to be adjusted for context and property must be physically surveyed in order to determine actual property lines. This is especially true for controversial properties. Robert asked Jamie to make adjustments to the list of properties, separate properties beyond 500 feet of the lake, eliminate properties that are labeled lift station/shed because there is no other future use, and then categorize what is left based on size.

The Council then discussed the potential project on Bayview Channel. It is next on the list of areas to address. Dredging the channel is a long and tedious process. Approval by authorities will be difficult to obtain. The Council discussed trying to do a channel draw-down to condense muck and kill off invasive weeds. In one year, the channel conditions could be drastically improved.

#### New Business:

- A. Grant progress: Robert Livingston provided an update that Northern Environmental sent out the first grant application and will be completing the second grant application shortly.
- B. Add language to shoreline ordinance regarding sand: Robert charged all committee leaders with bringing the topic up in committee meetings, so they can report their committee's thoughts and ideas back to the Council. Robert explained that the DNR regulates sand being dumped in the water, but he feels that sand should not be allowed within the 15' shoreline area in Twin Lakes. Sand does not oxygenate well and causes severe algae blooms. It needs to be replaced every year because ice pulls it out into the lake, and we have a 15' buffer set to protect the lake. Why not protect it from sand additions. The Council touched on enforcement of the rule, but rule needs to be in place first before it can be enforced. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

- C. Suction truck volunteered to Village for stormwater sewer cleanout.
- D. Funding for high school environmental program development.: Vyttau reported that Steve Sproul (teacher, Wilmot High School) may have his environmental studies class become involved with water testing for the Lake District.. Details will come in the future. This could be the start of the Twin Lakes Youth Program!!
- E. Updated "Guide for Wisconsin Lake Organizations". All members were asked to look at the updated guide for lake organizations. Copies will be emailed to Jamie Smith and Village Hall for Trustees.
- F. Annual Meeting Preparation.  
*A motion to submit District bills to Village for payment was made by Bryan Neal.*  
*Second: Tom Porps*  
*Approved Unanimously.*

Next Meeting: May 25, 2006 Budget Meeting at 7:00pm, Twin Lakes Village Hall  
May 31, 2006 Special Requested by David Cox, 7:00pm, Twin Lakes Village Hall

*Motion to Adjourn: Bryan Neal*  
*Second: Tom Porps*  
*Approved*