

Twin Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District
Steering Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/8/2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Twin Lakes Village Hall, Twin Lakes, WI

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Members in attendance: Robert Livingston, Steering Council Chairperson

Jamie Smith, Shoreline Protection Committee

Vytau Barcus, Stormwater Committee

Corinne Krebs, Communication Committee

Tom Porps, Water Safety Committee

Tony Migon, Aquatic Plants Committee

Members not in attendance: Bryan Neal, Water Quality Committee

Others in attendance: None Recorded

OLD BUSINESS

The committee briefly touched on the two items under old business. The boat safety stickers have been distributed and they will continue to be disseminated as people ask for them or the opportunity comes up. Jamie updated the committee on the property inventory. They are looking into parcel numbers for some fire lanes. The project will continue in full force after the Annual Lake District Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Livingston wanted to extend a Thank You to LARA for submitting a letter to the Village exemplifying their support of moving the grant process forward.

The committee briefly discussed putting sand on the shoreline. Robert Livingston talked briefly about his concerns with adding sand to beaches and the creation of new beach near the shoreline. He stated the Village adds sand to their beaches every year, which ultimately gets pulled out by ice in winter. Sand cause the lake water to deoxygenate, increasing algae blooms near the shore. The Council agreed that the Village currently has nothing in place to regulate residents from adding sand to their beaches and the DNR jurisdiction only reaches the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHM). The Council felt the Village needs some ordinance to work from in preventing sand beaches to help oxygenate the water and reduce the algae blooms in the lake.

Motion: Ask Lake Commissioners to prohibit the placement of sand within 15'0" of the ordinary high water mark until the spring of 2008.

Motion by: Vytau Barcas

Second by: Tom Porps

Approved unanimously

The next item of business comes from the Stormwater Committee regarding coal tar sealants. Vytau spoke about the article published by *Stormwater* magazine, which addressed the negative affects of chemicals found in runoff from areas sealed with these products. The Council talked about what can be done on a Village-wide level to clean up stormwater entering the lakes and put forth a motion to... *Ask Lake Commissioners to ban the use of coal tar sealants used on asphalted areas within the Village of Twin Lakes.*

Motion by: Robert Livingston

Second by: Tom

Approved unanimously

Regarding Ordinance 14.21.100 the Council discussed changes in verbiage as proposed by the Stormwater Committee. The issue of enforcement and Village work load for enforcement of such ordinances became a focus of discussion. The Council wants to present something the Village can actually enforce. The verbiage change was to hit the peak times for construction, but the Council decided to table the issue until July.

Tom Porps explained the staff gauges with a bit of humor. The lake has a "Summer Range" that is acceptable, the final detail to be added to staff gauges would be the level of No Wake at 11.5" above the

dam board. Staff gauges will be installed at Lance Park, Musial Beach, and Mad Dans. The gauges are to help monitor lake levels and the Village become proactive in managing lake levels. The Council then discussed how the gauges could be used to propose a solid objective dam board policy.

*Motion: Ask the Lake Commissioners to approve a dam board policy that reads "The dam board shall remain locked down until the water level approaches ½ inch of the maximum high water (No Wake) limit. When the water level approaches ½ inch of the No Wake limit level at the dam, the board shall be removed for **no more than 48 hours**."*

Motion by: Tom Porps

Second by: Tony Migon

Approved unanimously

The Boat Safety Committee would like to clean-up the Bayview Channel by natural means; a draw down. The channel would be blocked off from the lake, all the water would be pumped out of the channel, so the sediment can settle out, and then water would be allowed to re-enter the channel after the winter melt-off. Robert Livingston expressed the importance of shoreline restoration and proposed that the homeowners invest in such projects to protect the channel in the long term. The bottom line is that if nothing is done on the channel, it will disappear. Robert will pursue homeowner support of the project. The Council would like to make this the next District project.

Tony Migon talked about the Aquatic Plant Management Plan. He felt the most notable point to make is that the Lakes are filling in with sediment. He said the weeds are moving toward the center of the lake with a rooting depth of 18'0" this year, 2006, from 14'0" in 1994.

Tony Migon addressed the purchase of Chemical Monitoring Kits. He is having difficulty finding a company that will do the testing for the Lake District. He stated that the companies have declined the work as a result of quality assurance. Tony wanted to get the testing done so his committee asked for approval from the Council to purchase testing kits.

Motion: To purchase water test kits and ecoli/coloform purchase the necessary test kits for water quality testing.

Motion by: Robert

Second by: Tom

Approved unanimously

Finally, Tony addressed where the chemical treatment signs will be placed. Twenty signs will be placed around the lake to make people aware of the 2,4-D treatment of EM.

The Council then moved to a discussion about why the fish stocking hasn't occurred. It was mentioned in a prior meeting by Bryan Neal that fish stocking can only occur in the spring or the fall.

Motion: Approve Fish & Water Quality Committee to get fish-stocking done for the lakes.

Motion by: Robert

Second by: Tom

Approved unanimously

Finally, the Council discussed the 2006-2007 operating budget for the Lake District. The Council felt it would be important to increase the legal budget, due to issues that are being brought up by community members looking to separate from the District or dissolve the District. Then the Council talked about increasing the Engineering Expense Budget to facilitate more project completion around the lake, mainly a spillway to help regulate the lake levels. Corinne requested an increase in the Communication Committee Budget for a Youth Program that the Committee would like to pursue. She also stated that the budget for the Communication Committee should remain as is with this slight addition, since it will allow the committee to disseminate information more readily. *A motion was put forward to accept the budget with the changes mentioned above.*

Motion by: Tom Porps

Second by: Tony Migon

Approved unanimously

The next meeting date is set for June 22, 2006, 7:00PM in the Twin Lakes Village Hall

Meeting Adjourned