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P.O. Box 462
Powers Lake, Wisconsin 53159

Minutes
Meeting of May 20, 1991
of the Board of Commissioners
The District of Powers Lake

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Donald Werner, Chairman.

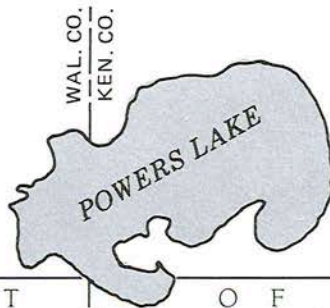
Present were Donald Werner, George Melcher, Gerald Christenson, Rowland Laughlin, and Dennis Maki, comprising all members of the board. Also staff members of SEWRPC, Nancy Zolidis and Tammi Dake.

Dr. Zolidis presented drafts of chapters five and six of the Lake Management Plan, copies of which had been supplied to board members prior to the meeting. There was a thorough review of these chapters and a lengthy discussion with the board offering many suggestions and revisions.

Chapter five once more brought out the excellent quality of Powers Lake water and the importance of maintaining that quality. Certain environmentally valuable areas of the lake, together with rare aquatic plants, were identified which should be carefully protected. The board requested more scientific data in explanation.

Special attention was paid to recommendations pertaining to sites for public access - launching and parking. Using DNR criteria the plan identified possible sites for consideration. The board strongly opposed any encroachment on residential areas. The Town Board has been pressing for a site in the Knolls park calling for a paved parking area on the shore and a garage for the Water Patrol. Among other things this would be a violation of state shoreline zoning regulations. The board expressed it's insistence on a commercial or public area. It was decided that Don Werner and Dennis Maki would meet this week with Tammi Dake to make a careful inventory of sites which would be acceptable to the District.

Chapter seven of the plan addresses the critical issue of lake usage - boating, recreational conflicts and safety. According to DNR standards boating on Powers Lake - and actually for the entire Southeastern Wisconsin region - has reached proportions of overcrowding which are a serious threat to safety and to the fair-sharing, and enjoyment of the lake. The plan as written discussed the many alternatives which are possible. It is agreed that much more extensive regulations must be applied. The SEWRPC will offer specific recommendations in chapter eight of the management plan which will be reviewed at the next meeting of the board on June 20, 1991.



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They also will provide By July 12 a summary of the total plan for use with the Annual Meeting notice.

George Melcher moved and Gerry Christenson seconded that we conditionally accept chapters five and six of the plan subject to changes requested. Passed unanimously.

On motion by George Melcher, seconded by Gerry Christenson, the regular July quarterly meeting of the board was moved to June 20 to permit time for planning the Annual Meeting. Passed unanimously.

On motion by George Melcher and seconded by Gerry Christenson, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Secretary

Approved:

Chairman