

Powers Lake Management Quarterly Meeting 04-19-96

Attendance: P. DeMichele, L. Kozie, J. Christenson, G. Melcher, K. Kipp, J. Michels. and Attny D. Lehmann.

Replacement of Town Board Representative

Mark Pelz has been sent to replace Bob Stoll as the representative on the District Board from the Town Board. It was noted that the Town Board did not notify the Commission of the change.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented for both the 2/16/96 and 11/3/95 meetings. Motion by Christenson, seconded by Kozie, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers report

J. Christenson presented the report. A motion was made to ratify all disbursements from August 1995 to present. Motion made by DeMichele, seconded by Kipp, motion passed unanimously.

DeMichele requested that approval of the Treasurers report be tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioners Expense reimbursement policy

Melcher presented Lehmann's sheet/outline. Motion to approve expense reimbursement request form policy and guidelines, motion made by Christenson, seconded by Kozie. Motion passed unanimously.

Requests for annexation of homeowners.

DeMichele feels that the first premise is that there be no cost to the District-petitioner to incur all costs. He suggested perhaps a weighted tax for a flat charge of for ex. \$500.00 parcel. It was noted that the Walags', one of the petitioners, home is up for sale. Melcher pointed out the differences between annexing into cities vs. into a district.

A motion was made not to annex in anyone new, motion made by DeMichele. Christenson suggested that we hear from them directly as to why they want to be members and invite the two couples to the to the next meeting to explain why. Michels seconded the motion.

It was recommended the annexation be denied due to three reasons: the fact that there is no policy in place, it is not believed to be in the best interests of

the district, and the commission does not have evidence showing benefit by joining the district.

Paul rescinded his original motion.

Motion was made for the board to deny the petition of the two property owners, because the board does not support annexation at this time.

Motion made by Michels, seconded by DeMichele.

Approved: Melcher, Christenson, Michels, DeMichele, Pelts.

Opposed: Kipp

Motion passed.

CHRISTENSON

Utility Board

Peltz gave a brief description of the Town Boards feeling on the formation of a Utility Board. Attny Steen is looking into it. It was confirmed by Lehmann that the formation of a Utility Board in no way hampers the incorporation attempt. Michels stated that although he feels it is a good goal, he would like to reserve endorsement until costs and funding could be established. Melcher pointed out that all the engineering has been done and costs estimates have been completed. All alternatives were looked at the time of the Crispell - Snyder study as well. It is believed there were approx. 936 parcels for 13 million. It is customary that the Town Board would establish a Utility Board that could overlay the sanitary district.

There was a motion made that the Powers Lake Commission support the formation of a sanitary district through a petition drive. Motion made by Christenson, seconded by Kipp, passed unanimously.

Wetland Acquisition:

Michels suggested that we invite someone to the annual meeting to present the importance of wetlands to the long-term health of the lake.

Legislation:

Currently all towns in the District are under County zoning jurisdiction. Some townships have appealed to be taken out of county zoning- incl. Randall township. There was a 20 to 4 Kenosha County Board vote to retain zoning in County control.

Kipp noted that Township officials are all volunteer and lack the knowledge and experience necessary to determine long term zoning decisions that can effect the entire county.

A motion was made to send a letter to the state legislature in support of county maintaining the zoning as it currently is. Motion made by Christenson, seconded by Kipp. Approved by Kipp, Christenson, Kozie and Melcher. Denied by : Pelz, Michels and DeMichele.
Motion passed.

Lake Management Plan

Christenson suggested that due to the fact that the commissions goal has long since been established to fulfill the suggestions as set out in the Lake Management Plan , that all the commissions familiarize themselves with the adopted plan . It was suggested that the commissioners come to the next meeting with a list of how they would like to see the plans goals prioritized.

Boat Launch

A letter was shown to the board stating the DNR had issued approval for the Randall town Board to put in a new ramp at the Knolls site.

Kipp noted that she was surprised the Randall Town Board did not notify the commission of their intent as the work would be done directly in Powers Lake. Some very serious concerns were raised as to the over crowding of the lake on weekends and the safety problems that arise when the population on the lake is too high.

A motion was made to donate \$1000 to the Randall town board as a good will measure to help in funding the new ramp. Motion made by Michels. Christenson feels that the Town Board should not be awarded \$1000 when we only have a annual budget of \$20,000.

Kipp pointed out that she strongly opposes giving the town board any money because : 1.) Our taxes in the area are already too high, for the level of services provided.

2.) In light of the DNR launch due to open soon, she does not feel this is money well spent. It will only add to the unsafe conditions we experience on the weekends.

3.) The issue should be put to our members before any money is given to the Town Board.

DeMichele seconded the motion.

Approved: Michels, DeMichele, and Pelz

Denied: Kipp, Christenson, Kozie and Melcher

Motion denied.

Abstain

Fish Survey

A fish study will cost approx. \$20,000. There are grant funds available. Lehmann will talk to private consultants to see what they will charge to write the applications for us. Timetable would be 1996 - Grant process and the in 1997 actual study. The consultant would need to be under contract by Christmas.

Misc.

DeMichele asked that it be stated the record that he is here to monitor the quality of the lake.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 3:00.

Adjoin at 6:04