

April 1, 2011

Chairman Jim Michels opened the quarterly meeting of the District of Powers Lake by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call. Mark Halvey, Colleen Keating, Neal Kuhn, Jody Jooss, Brooke Jensen, Jim Michels and Nancy Michael
2. Approval of minutes. The minutes of the January 7th meeting were read. Colleen Keating made a motion to approve the minutes. Neal Kuhn seconded. Motion carried.
3. Citizen Comments. None.
4. Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$30,770 in the general fund. The Board should look over the list of anticipated expenses that will need to be paid before the next meeting. The number of brochures that should be reprinted was discussed. George Lawrence will be contacted to see if there need to be any corrections. The Town Board had agreed to apply for a grant but they decided they didn't have enough information or money to continue with it. The grant writer felt he should be paid and sent a \$600 bill. The bill is to be split two ways. Think about future projects that could be included in next year's budget.
5. Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) Lake Protection Plan. Jeff Thorton has been unable to finalize his report. He promised to have the report to the Board members before their next meeting.
6. Wetland Management and/or acquisition. Jim Michels had prepared two map exhibits of wetlands for proposed acquisition. He explained the maps marked showing the priority of which of the wetlands should be purchased first and to see if they were for sale. Lee Kozie still has 20 acres for sale. The Board should consider moving ahead to acquire wetlands whenever possible. It was suggested to consider conservation easements to make the money go farther. Property owners will be contacted to see if they would be willing to sell their wetlands.
7. DNR and/or other grants. A check should be arriving soon. Neal met with the Town Board. He agreed to build a cleaning station consisting of a large sign and 2 brooms and the Town has agreed to install it at the boat launches.
8. Aquatic plant management. A permit application has been applied for. As soon as the ice goes off, the pretreatment survey will be done. About 10 acres are to be treated.
9. Water quality management. The water is flowing out nicely. Nancy will start water testing in June. The water is higher on the up side of the culvert on Bloomfield Road suggesting that perhaps the culvert has debris in it. Judy Jooss made a motion to approach Bloomfield about cleaning out the culvert. Neal Kuhn seconded. Motion carried.
10. Randall Twp. /Kenosha Co. issues. Rosemary Badame and Gary Glatz came before the Board and talked about the Nippersink Bowl and the pumping system the Town has installed to take care of flooding should it occur. The DNR approved the project. Rosemary gave out copies of questions that Gary has written for the Randall Town Board and Ruckert-Mielke. He feels that any water pumped from the bowl would contaminate the lake with duck weed, blue green algae and other contaminants to deteriorate the water quality of the lake. Some members of the

Benedict/Tombeau Lake District went to the Town Board requesting a 60 day moratorium on any pumping. That request was denied. He suggested extending the pipe to the Nippersink Creek and feels the Town should look for an alternate way to get rid of the water.

11. Lake Views. When does the ice go out on Powers Lake? Someone said on St Patrick's Day. This year March 24th is the official day the ice went out with all of it gone by April 1st. Jim pointed out an interesting article about commercial fisherman that fish for carp. Since fish stocking can't be done this might be a way to improve fishing on the lake. The DNR conducts fish studies on a regular basis. The fish specialist could tell when a study was last done.
12. Newsletter. Nancy stated she could always use news articles.
13. DPL Website. The website is still not up to date but will be soon
14. DPL Mission statement. Colleen combined the two statements and presented a draft of that mission statement. This will be on the next agenda and then on the Annual Meeting agenda for approval.
15. Preparation for Annual Meeting including discussion and preparation of the Proposed 2011 District Budget, nominating and voting procedures, by-laws changes and agenda items. Members should think about potential projects they would like included on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Nancy Michael and Neal Kuhn terms are up for election. The voting procedures will be included in the notice sent to members so those attending would know what they need to do to vote.
16. Citizen comments. None.
17. Other. Mark Halvey stated the Town will be placing a cleaning station at the ramp. They will provide a can for the collection of weeds. The Town turned down the electronic monitoring system at the launch. The launch pier is in.
18. Adjournment. Colleen made a motion to adjourn. Nancy seconded. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted by

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