

Minutes of the District of Powers Lake Quarterly Meeting, April 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Neal Kuhn at 5:00 p.m. and all said the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Jim Michels, Deron Johnson, Judy Jooss, Brooke Jensen, Neal Kuhn, Mary Adams, and Mark Halvey were present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Behind on minutes. June 2014 missing. Deferral of approval of minutes: *Jim Michels* moved to defer approval; *Judy Joss*, second for the purpose of discussion, all in favor. *Jim Michels* advocated a "recording secretary." Discussion on finding someone to take minutes. Brief discussion of pay for the recording secretary.

3. Treasurer's Report

Brooke Jensen and : \$37,286.00 received \$109.47 from Walworth (lottery or possible correction/rebate). \$1,500 for plant survey. Approve expenses (pending) through end of June; Motion by *Mary Adams*, second by *Deron Johnson*, discussion, all in favor, motion passes.

4. Municipalities: Town of Randall, Wheatland, Village of Bloomfield, Kenosha & Walworth County issues

Bob Stoll: Review of changes to Chapter 20. Undertook review/change because it had been so long since major review/modification (1991). DNR has become more involved in making regulations uniform from lake to lake. Lots of redundancy between Randall and state regulations. Goal was to eliminate redundancy and simplify regulation. Cut the size of the ordinance down significantly. More restrictive on pier placements. More restrictive on riparian rights. Lots of clean up items. Discussion of staff gauge and measurements from headwall. Draft has been submitted to DNR for approval, will take about 60 days. Once approved, there will be a public hearing. Discussion of property "on the point." Is there anything that can be done to relieve nuisances (dogs, etc.) for property owner? Water patrol is being aggressive in telling "dog owners" that the dogs need to stay on the boat and off of the property. Nuisance ordinance provision is a possible tool to manage the situation on the point. Ken Monroe said the Village of Bloomfield will more than likely adopt the proposed Ch. 20 regulations so that the Village of Bloomfield and Randall will be the same. *Mark Halvey*: Boat launch is up and running. Dumpster is back. Daily boat launch fee has been increased to 8 dollars.

5. Shoreline Protection

Dr. Thomas Slawski of SEWRPC: Comprehensive presentation of lake classification. Discussion of impervious surfaces, water sheds, fish and wildlife, erosion, and land use/future use. Lake Classification Grant has been extended a year (Kenosha Co). Incorporated lakes are not in county jurisdiction, thus are not in the study. PowerPoint presentation of materials. Discussion of urban development on impervious and erosion considerations (shore land & shoreline). Discussion of what is considered near shore, shore land, shoreline.

Data from study is used to help one understand what level imperviousness exists in “near shore” and how it relates to state ordinances for impervious surfaces. County has to update ordinances to comply with State regulation 115 by 2016, a challenge for urban lakes due to non-conformity of land parcels. Data may help to develop mitigation strategies (impervious run off, erosion, etc.). Study to be completed by December 2015.

Neal Kuhn: Defer discussion of plant survey to next meeting. Milfoil is becoming a hybrid. Recommendation to sample to determine if we have this hybrid. Discussion of treatment fees. Budget is \$10,000 we are at \$8,750. Motion to move forward with treatment (as discussed), *Jim Michels*, seconded by *Deron Johnson*, discussion, all in favor, motion carries. Down to 7 acres of milfoil. Water testing: Nancy Kemp has volunteered to do water testing.

6. Watershed Management

7. Other Business issues

Discussed newsletter. Discuss e-newsletter at next meeting. Discussion of website. *Mary Adams* advocated that we set up an email account for website (\$25.00). Possible vendor in Racine for future website design/work. We need to ensure the tax rolls (Kenosha, Walworth) are updated for annual meeting. *Mary Adams*: Discussion of legal representation in regard to ordinance changes at the Village of Bloomfield, etc.

Next meeting: June 12, 2015

8. Citizen and/or Commissioner Comments

Concerns about tree cutting near wetlands (DPL owned). *Judy Jooss*: Do we need to consider wetland restoration (due to invasive species)? Possible budget item to have evaluation made (for next meeting). *Jim Michels* (commissioner comment): complimented new agenda format. *Mary Adams* (citizen comment): May 31 clean up Powers Lake event. *Neal Kuhn* (commissioner comment): letter to Bob Stoll soliciting a way to address the issue on the point (dogs, nuisances, etc.).

9. Adjournment

7:25pm by *Judy Jooss*, seconded by *Jim Michels*, all in favor, so moved.