

September 30, 2011

The quarterly meeting of the District of Powers Lake was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Chairman Jim Michels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call. Judy Jooss, Brooke Jensen, Nancy Michael and Jim Michels. Neal Kuhn and Mike Halvorson were absent.
2. Approval of Minutes. Judy Jooss made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10th meeting. Brooke Jensen seconded. Motion carried. Judy Jooss made a motion to approve the special board meeting minutes on June 18th. Brooke Jensen seconded. Motion carried.
3. Citizen Comments. Nancy Michael contacted the Sheriff's Department about the rash of daytime burglaries in Kenosha County in recent weeks. Detective Santelli stated that residents should report anything unusual in their neighborhoods and to keep their doors locked. A notice will be sent from the web site to make residents more aware of this.
4. Treasurer's Report. Brooke Jensen reported a total of \$16,202.81 in the general fund. Nancy Michael made a motion to pay the bills pending. Jim Michels seconded. Motion carried. Brooke Jensen made a motion to order an on line subscription of the Kenosha News for approximately \$30.00. Jim Michels seconded. Motion carried.
5. Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Lake Protection Plan. The Board has received draft copies of the report and are in the process of reviewing it. Neither Jeff nor his associate could not make the meeting today. This report builds on the previous one. Now there is 20 years of data to analyze. Discussion ensued. Nancy and Judy will collect and submit any comments and forward them to SEWRPC.
Colleen Keating came at 5:32 p.m.
6. DNR and/or other Grants. Neal has submitted the paperwork for reimbursement of \$12,388.00. He will follow up with the DNR for possibly \$975.00 more. There was 4.4 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil and .81 of Curly-leaf pondweed before the treatment. The post treatment survey showed only 3.25 of Milfoil and .25 of Pondweed. The post treatment report is posted on the web site.
7. Watershed Management. There is concern that the flood elevation between Walworth and Kenosha County is different. This affects the FEMA flood insurance. Hey and Associates has submitted a proposal to investigate the Powers Lake flood plain for \$3,500.00. Their findings will be forwarded to both counties as they are the ones to make any changes. The letter was read and discussed. Nancy Michael made a motion to accept the proposal of Hey & Associates. Brooke Jensen seconded. Motion carried. Judy Jooss abstained.
8. Wetland Management and/or Acquisition. Annual Meeting attendees supported investigating the purchase of additional wet lands. Representatives from the Kenosha County Planning and Development Office and the Kenosha and Racine County Land Trust will be invited to the next meeting to explain to the Board the different property acquisition procedures that are available. A letter will be sent to all the wetland property owners to see if they would have any interest in selling some of their property. A meeting can then be set up with them.

9. Aquatic Plant Management. All ready covered.
10. Water Quality Management. Nancy Michael stated that e-coli was nonexistent in the water tests this summer. Ninety five percent of all the tests were in the single digits. She is very happy with the water quality of the lake.
11. Adopt-A-Lake Program. Paul Anderson from the Illinois Institute of Technology was contacted to see if he would be interested in using Powers Lake as a water study lab. He submitted a plan to do an audit of sustainable watershed management. This is not exactly what was in mind. Possibly this would be a duplicate of testing as USGS tests the lake 5 times a year. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.
12. Annual Meeting. The commissioners were asked to comment on the Annual Meeting. At that meeting someone asked to have the Jefferson Island channel cleaned as sand has obstructed one side. Wave action moves sand around. The district might not have the right to have the channel cleaned. Dan Adams volunteered to contact the DNR to see what the process would be and who is responsible for cleaning the channel. The commissioners will be kept informed.
13. Town of Randall/Kenosha County Issues. Judy Jooss stated they will be meeting in 2 weeks to adopt the Water Resource Management Plan for Kenosha County. This is an overall plan for land and water conservation. Nancy Michael explained there is an informational meeting next Tuesday on the effort of Bloomfield to incorporate into a village. She will keep the Board advised.
14. Newsletter. Congratulations the newsletter was very good! Nancy has some good ideas for future ones also.
15. DPL Website. Nothing to report.
16. Citizen Comments.
17. Other.
18. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by
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