

LAKE HELEN – Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
4th Quarterly Commissioners' Meeting
Saturday October 1st
at Lake Helen County Park Shelter

The Lake Helen P&R District Commissioners' meeting was called to order by Robin Novak-Nelson at 9:15 am.

Commissioners Present: Robin Novak-Nelson, Bill Pingel, Fred Stoeger
Commissioners Absent: Melissa Ferg, John Hopfensperger
Guests Present: None

REGULAR REPORTS:

➤ **MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING:**

Fred made a motion to accept the minutes from the last Commissioners' meeting. Robin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

➤ **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Robin Novak-Nelson provided the Treasurer's Report. The account balances are:

\$5,713.96 in Savings
\$1,985.45 in Checking
\$ 288.09 from the Boat Launch

The largest disbursement was the payment for the fish stocking. That payment was from funds that had been collected over the years and designated for that purpose

Fred made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bill seconded, Motion carried unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **INVASIVE SPECIES:**

- Eurasian Water Milfoil: Melissa received a notification from the DNR stating that they had found some EWM plants in Lake Helen. Fred contacted Amy at Golden Sands about the potential to have them help us with the removal. They said that there would be a contact fee for their services unless the county had funds available that could be used for that purpose **[FOLLOW-UP]** Fred to follow-up with Golden Sands to determine the cost and the best timing for the removal.
- Bill addressed the Japanese Knotweed problem that has never been eliminated from a few properties on the lake. He stated that UWSP was not the one who helped with the removal in 2013, but rather it was Golden Sands. He contacted them, but did not have any specific cost information.
[FOLLOW-UP] Bill to see if Fred can help with the Golden Sands contact to determine what eradication options are available.

➤ **FISH STOCKING UPDATE:**

The fish stocking was done at the end of September.

[FOLLOW-UP] Bill to contact Mark to determine the details, including the quantity and fish types actually ordered, and the final cost.

➤ **CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER – BOAT LANDING:**

Fred stated that he and Cory plan to install the video camera at the boat landing sometime this month. **[FOLLOW-UP]**

➤ **WELCOME PACKET FOR NEW OWNERS:**

Robin distributed an initial sample of the Welcome Packet that will be distributed to new owners. Bill and Fred thought that it looked very good. A few options to consider were discussed.

[FOLLOW-UP]

➤ **GOALS AND PLANS FOR 2017:**

- Potential beautification effort: Fred stated that he spoke to Ray Oksuita, Town of Alban Chairman, about some of the beautification ideas. He noted that Ray was very supportive and open to having us do something on a few areas that are owned by the Town. He also reviewed the options for ordering trees and shrubs through the DNR, Prairie Nursery, and Jung Seed. He noted that he did not receive much response from property owners who wanted to participate in a District purchase effort. Bill suggested that we focus on beautifying public areas around the lake.

[FOLLOW-UP] Fred to continue to pursue beautification options for review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

Bill stated that he still would like to meet with Fred to bring him up to speed on the Lake Management Plan and to get his input for updating it. **[FOLLOW-UP]**

➤ **NEXT MEETING:**

The next Commissioner's meeting will be on Saturday January 28th at 10am.

(Note: due to a conflict, the next meeting date has been rescheduled to February 4th at 11am)

ADJOURNEMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:00 am by Fred. Bill seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Pingel, Secretary

Note: "[FOLLOW-UP]" - indicates an action item that needs to be handled. These items will be on the agenda for the next meeting.