

LAKE HELEN – Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
2nd 2018 Quarterly Commissioners' Meeting
Saturday April 28, 2018 at McZ's Brew Pub

The Lake Helen P&R District Commissioners' meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Melissa Ferg at 4pm.

Commissioners Present: Glen Bersie, Melissa Ferg, Robin Novak-Nelson, Fred Stoeger,
Bill Pingel

Commissioners Absent: None

Guests Present: Cory Nelson and Barb Bersie

REGULAR REPORTS:

➤ **MINUTES FROM THE LAST COMMISSIONERS MEETING – February 10th**

Robin made a motion to dispense reading the minutes from the last Commissioners' meeting and to accept them as written. Glen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

➤ **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Robin provided the Treasurer's Report. She included a listing of all of financial transactions that took place since the last meeting. The account balances are:

\$1,216.03 in Savings

\$1,372.55 in Checking (\$3,500 was transferred from savings to checking since Feb 10)

Robin noted that \$270 was paid at the end of March for the electricity used to power the aerators. They were shut off last week.

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

Bill noted that the Portage County Treasurer's Office reported that the 2017 tax assessment was \$7,235.10. The first payment has not been received yet, but the Town of Alban Clerk has been contacted to find out when we can expect to receive it.

➤ **ANNUAL MEETING FINANCIALS**

○ **Treasurer's Report**

Robin distributed a draft copy of the Treasurer's Report for the past twelve months. A lengthy discussion took place. It was agreed that Robin should list the major types of expenses that fall into each category.

○ **Budget**

Robin distributed a draft copy of the proposed budget for the next twelve months. The full \$7235.10 from the 2017 tax assessment is included as income.

Another lengthy discussion took place about the amount that should be budgeted to handle the various projects that we have agreed to, including staying on top of the invasive species issue and the boat landing monitoring. It was noted that we will be spending more than we will be taking in and will not be prepared to handle any invasive species removal efforts without additional income.

Fred stated that we also need to be prepared to repair or replace the aerators. He will contact a local plumber to get an estimate on the costs.

Fred moved to add \$300 to the budget to handle the Wisconsin Lakes membership dues and conference.

Bill made a motion to add ½ mill tax assessment to the budget. Seconded by Fred. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **2018 Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention**

Robin, Fred, Glen, and Bill attended the Wisconsin Lakes Convention that was held in Stevens Point on Wednesday April 18th. Each mentioned the highlights of the sessions they attended.

- Fred and Glen noted that one thing they learned was that there should be representatives from the county and township that are part of the Commissioner group.

- Bill stated that he met a number of people who were representing Lake Associations. It was very obvious that those who set up our Lake District had a lot of foresight.

➤ **Fish Sticks**

Fred stated that he learned a bit more about what it takes to install a fish sticks bed. The DNR requires an application process that will take about a year to complete. In addition, it should receive approval from the LHP&RD property owners.

➤ **Golden Sands Boat Landing Monitoring**

Fred provided an update on the discussions that he's had with Golden Sands about our request to have them provide boat landing monitoring for the Clean Boats Clean Waters program. They are still finalizing their staffing needs, as other lake districts and associations have requested their serviced as well.

➤ **Invasive Species Removal Plans for 2018**

Fred provided an update on the discussions that he's had with Golden Sands to help us stay on top of the invasive species issues in and around the lake this year. He noted that we may have to hire divers to pull the EWM from the deeper areas.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Lake Walk/Beautification project**

The group agreed that we have enough on our plates this year without adding another lake beautification project at this time. No funds have been allocated in the budget.

➤ **Annual Meeting Preparation**

Bill distributed a draft version of the Annual Meeting notice and agenda that will be sent out to all LHP&RD property owners. The group worked through that draft agenda.

○ Treasurer's Report & Budget: See above

○ Election: Robin stated that she will run again for another term. Melissa stated that she will not be running for another term. Robin noted that Tyne Hoffman may be interested in running.

○ Annual Picnic: The Lake Helen Park shelter has been reserved for the annual picnic on Saturday August 18th. Information will be mailed out with the Annual Meeting notice.

○ 2017 Accomplishments: Fred stated that he will put together another presentation this year highlighting this past year's accomplishments and recognizing those who helped.

○ Other topics: Fred & Glen will handle the Lake Management session (plans for invasive species removal, boat landing monitoring, and boater safety.)

➤ **Other New Business** None

➤ **NEXT MEETING**

Fred recommended having a short meeting at 6pm on June 1st at the park shelter. The purpose will be to walk through the annual meeting agenda. Bill will publish a meeting notice.

ADJOURNEMENT

Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm. Bill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Pingel, Secretary