

**LAKE HELEN – Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**  
**1st Quarterly Commissioners' Meeting**  
Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM  
at 3040 E Lake Helen Dr, Rosholt WI

The Lake Helen P&R District organizational meeting was originally scheduled to begin at 5:30pm at 3009 W Lake Helen Drive. A note was left at the original site noting that the meeting was moved to 3040 E Lake Helen Dr. There the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melissa Ferg at 5:50pm.

Commissioners Present: Melissa Ferg, Robin Novak-Nelson, Bill Pingel  
Commissioners Absent: John Hopfensperger, Mark Brandenburg  
Guests Present: Cory Nelson

**REGULAR REPORTS:**

**- MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING:**

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

**- TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Robin reported the following account balances as of April 19<sup>th</sup>:

Checking \$569.56

Savings: \$11,212.69, includes monies collected for the fish stocking fund.

Bill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Melissa seconded, Motion carried unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**- SLOW NO WAKE HOUR SURVEY**

Bill stated that 98 letters were mailed to the LHP&R District property owners in March to get their opinion on the Lake Helen Wake-No Wake times. Melissa noted that of the cards that were returned 51 favored no change, 16 favored option 2, and 4 favored option 3. Bill stated that he contacted Gary Speckman, head of the Portage County Parks Department, about the survey and the requirements for changing the county ordinance. Gary commented that it would take about two months for any proposed change to make it through the county's approval process.

The Commissioners agreed that the two options with the highest number of votes should be presented to the property owners at the Annual Meeting for an official vote. The Annual Meeting notice should contain a proposed motion to that affect calling for a written ballot response.

**- EWM TREATMENT FOLLOW UP**

Melissa stated that she spoke to Scott Provost of the DNR about the EWM treatment. Scott told her that no visible EWM was found last year. Therefore no additional treatment is needed at this time.

She also noted that Stantek, the firm who did the May 2014 treatment for us is no longer doing that type of work. They recommended contacting Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource.

The group agreed to the following action in 2016:

- Continue to monitor the boat landing and to make sure that boaters are aware of the "Clean Boat Clean Waters" rules.
- Pull any EWM that is found.
- Spot treat any problem areas.

➔ Volunteers are still needed to monitor the boat landing.

➔ In addition we need volunteer divers that can pull any EWM plants that are found.

## **- BOAT LANDING MONITORING 2016**

Cameras: Melissa noted that she received approval from the Portage County Parks Department to install two boat landing monitoring cameras and signs in the Lake Helen County Park. Cory Nelson volunteered to help Melissa acquire the cameras.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **- 2016 Annual Meeting Preparation**

- Place & Time: The annual meeting is scheduled for Sat June 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am
  - ➔ Robin will contact the CWEC offices to confirm our being able to use their meeting room for the Annual Meeting and to reserve the use of the PA system, two microphones, and a projector for use with a computer.
- Treasurer's Report & Budget:

Bill suggested that the Budget and Treasurer's Report that is mailed along with the meeting notice and the numbers reported at the meeting, should be identical. He proposed, and the group agreed, to use a twelve month period for both from May 1 through April 30.

  - ➔ Robin to adjust the Treasurer's Report and new Budget to run from May1 through April 30.
- Commissioners Election:

Bill and Mark's three year terms expire at the Annual Meeting. Bill stated that he will run again. (Following the meeting, Mark confirmed that he is not interested in another term.)

  - ➔ Bill to mention the election and the need for volunteers to run for the open Commissioners' posts in the meeting notice and on the web site.
- Boat Landing:
  - ➔ At the meeting Melissa should note the need for volunteers to monitor the boat landing for the "Clean Boats – Clean Waters" project" and for divers that can pull EWM.
- Fish Stocking:
  - ➔ Mark to provide an update on the fish stocking plans.
- Wake-No Wake vote:
  - ➔ Bill noted that we have to follow parliamentary procedure and the by-laws when discussing this topic and taking the vote. The group agreed that Bill should include the proposed motion and the by-law sections that address the voting procedures with the meeting notice. In addition he should prepare a written ballot to be used for the vote.
  - Bill agreed to help Melissa with this topic to him at the meeting
- Picnic:

August 8<sup>th</sup> was suggested as the date for the picnic.

  - ➔ Robin to contact the Portage County Parks Department about open dates in August and to reserve the park shelter for the picnic.
- Meeting Signs:
  - ➔ Bill to purchase new meeting notice signs to replace the two that were stolen last year.

### **- OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

- Central Sands Water Action Coalition: Melissa noted that she had been contacted by CSWAC. She distributed copies of the information she received from this group. The Commissioners agreed that there was no interest in our active involvement at this time.
- Next Meeting: The next Commissioner's meeting will be scheduled following the election at the Annual meeting.

## **ADJOURNEMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:15pm by Robin. Bill seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.