

**LAKE HELEN – Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**  
**1<sup>st</sup> 2019 Commissioners' Meeting**  
**Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3027 E Lake Helen Dr**

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

Commissioners Present: Glen Bersie, Robin Novak-Nelson, Fred Stoeger, Bill Pingel  
Commissioners Absent: Tyne Hoffman  
Guests Present: None

**REGULAR REPORTS:**

➤ **MINUTES FROM THE LAST COMMISSIONERS MEETING – Oct 20, 2018**

The Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

The group agreed that in the future the minutes should be shortened and simplified.

➤ **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

\$10,161.72 Checking Balance

*(Deposits: \$7,235 Portage County full 2018 tax assessment, \$936.88 DNR grant part 1,  
\$100 donation from Hunt 'm and Hook 'm)*

\$5,205.20.03 Savings Balance

*(\$1,000 transferred to checking in Nov and \$3,000 transferred in Dec)*

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

➤ **Golden Sands Partnership**

Robin noted that \$2057 was paid to Golden Sands in 2018 for all of the Clean Boats Clean Waters work, EWM cleanup help, and help with the DNR grant application. Fred stated that nothing was committed to Golden Sands last November for 2019

➤ **Boat Landing**

○ **Money Box & Signs**

Glen noted that the new money box has been received.

The group agreed that the new signs should be installed by May 1st **[Follow-up: Glen & Tyne]**

○ **DNR Grant**

Fred stated that we received a grant from the DNR for \$3749 for continuing the Clean Boats Clean Water project. This will help cover the boat landing monitoring work by Golden Sands. The grant requires us to commit \$1249 to this project as well.

The group unanimously approved increasing the previous commitment to this effort to cover the full amount required by the DNR.

- Fred to continue to work with Golden Sands to lock in boat landing monitoring dates for 2019. **[Follow-up: Fred]**

○ **Aerators**

Ray Oksuita stepped in and rebuilt all of the aerator motors, spending only \$642 on parts. A huge thank you to Ray and to the team that helped install the aerators and maintain them during the winter.

➤ **Lake Management Plans for 2019**

○ **Eurasian Water Milfoil**

Fred reminded the group that Golden Sands noted an increase growth of EWM last year and recommended aggressive action in 2019 .

The group unanimously approved appropriating \$2500 for invasive species removal in 2019.

Fred to work with Golden Sands to get price quotes and dates on the calendar for diving and EWM removal activity. **[Follow-up: Fred]**

- **Japanese Knotweed**  
The group approved Glen's recommendation to move forward with May and August treatments for JKW. **[Follow-up: Glen]**
- **Water Quality Testing**  
The group agreed to table this topic until the next meeting and to find out what we can at the Lakes Conference. **[Follow-up: all]**
- **Fish Management Committee**  
The group discussed possible committee members and agreed to bring suggestions to the next meeting. **[Follow-up: all]**

➤ **Miscellaneous**

- **Family Picnic**  
Robin stated that the LH County Park shelter has been reserved for Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Newsletter**  
The group liked the draft version of the newsletter. Bill asked Fred and Glen to review the articles on the second page for accuracy. **[Follow-up: Bill, Fred, Glen]**
- **Welcome Material**  
Robin noted that the same welcome material that was used last year is being given to the new property owners.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **Annual Meeting Preparation**

- Robin stated that the CWEC meeting room has been reserved. She was asked to contact them to give us access to the sound system and two microphones. **[Follow-up: Robin]**
- The group agreed with Fred's recommendation not to invite any special guests to address the property owners. He said that he and Glen could handle the lake management topics to be discussed.
- Bill noted that he will make sure that all property owners are mailed the notice, including those without a Lake Helen address. He also suggested moving the new budget approval to the end, after all of the 2019 projects have been reviewed.

➤ **Wisconsin Lakes Conference:**

- The group agreed to pay for one day's expenses for the Wisconsin Lakes Conference in Stevens Point. Robin will register everyone, after they tell her which workshop sessions they'd like to attend. **[Follow-up: all]**

➤ **Other New Business**     None

➤ **NEXT MEETING**

The group agreed to schedule the next meeting for Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Fred's cottage.

**ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Pingel, Chairperson