

Steering Council Draft Meeting Minutes January 27, 2008

Meeting Called to Order 7:07PM

Roll Call

Members in Attendance – Robert Livingston, Bryan Neal, Joe Bergeron, Tom Porps, Jamie Smith,
Tony Migon, Vytai Barcas

Others in Attendance – Sara Lancaster, Trustee Mike Moran, and Corinne Krebs

Minutes:

Minutes from 9/27/2007

Motion: Tony Migon

Second: Tom Porps

Motion approved unanimously

Committee Reports:

Tony Migon reported that the Aquatic Plants Committee has followed the activity of the weeds, dormancy. He stated that although they have not been active he intends to have a presentation for his committee to better understand invasive species beyond Eurasian Milfoil and Loosestrife. After the presentation he hopes the committee will have a better understanding of what they should do to improve the quality of the Lakes.

Jamie Smith opted to skip the Shoreline Committee report due to having all items to be discussed on the agenda under old business.

Bryan reported that the Fishing Committee successfully stocked the lakes with fish last fall. Bryan submitted a letter along with photos of the stocking to Robert that he encouraged everyone to review at their leisure.

Joe Bergeron talked about the informational pamphlet the Communication Committee is drafting up to inform the community about what the Lake District is about. He also mentioned that an educational article on sand beaches will be presented at the committee meeting scheduled for Saturday.

Tom Porps reported for the Boat Safety Committee that the new buoy boat has been winterized and put into storage until the 2008 season begins. He detailed that the boat needed to be drained, painted, and covered with heat tarps. He went on to discuss buoy purchases for 2008. He explained to the council that some of the shallow beaches required a different type of buoy. The buoys used in these areas wrap a post that keeps them upright when water levels are low preventing damage to the bottom and sides of the buoy. The council agreed that more of that style buoy should be used and purchased for 2008.

As a side note, Tom presented information on the new bridge to be installed over the channel in Twin Lakes Park. The bridge will be constructed of one solid piece of steel 15' wide by 30' long, with side rails at 42" in height (state regulation of side rails on bridges with bike traffic). The project is scheduled for completion by March 2008.

Vytai Barcas had nothing to report for the Stormwater Committee as he has been having difficulty scheduling a meeting and obtaining a quorum.

Old Business:

Bob presented some new information on the Esch Road project. He began by informing everyone that the plans for Esch Road put together by Northern Environmental were engineered beyond the needs of the Village. He requested permission to explore alternatives. The village authorities stated that they would be open to alternate ideas, especially if it will save money. Bob met with a representative from Contech that has a similar product (CDS devise) that will help capture sediment from the runoff water. The representative suggested that the District go back to the original engineer to draft up the plan changes so the project can be permitted. He also stated that the alternative may increase chances of obtaining grant money or points for potential grant funding of the project. The only problem is a personnel change has occurred at Northern Environmental causing the delay in project progress.

Discussion regarding the project seemed to be fairly unanimous.

Motion: Approve funding, not-to-exceed \$5,000.00, to GAS for completion of the Esch Road Plans.

Tom Porps

Second: Tony Migon

Approved Unanimously

Motion: To pursue 2008 grant funding with GAS

Jamie Smith.

Second: Bob Livingston

Approved Unanimously

Bob asked that the Communication Committee pursue signage for the Hearle and Second Ave. Project Sites. He wanted the signs to be educational to express why the project was done and how it's beneficial. This led to discussion about South Lake Ave. Bob told Jamie that the committee may want to consider investing \$300.00 for supplemental plugs to be placed in the biolog to help stabilize it.

Before moving onto New Business, Tom mentioned that the Committee needed to make a decision regarding the old Buoy boat and trailer. Bob asked Tom for his thoughts on this. Tom suggested offering the trailer for sale to the Chamber first since they use it for the fireworks. He then suggested the Committee either decide to scrap the boat or try to sell it. Committee members discussed their options and formulated the following motion,

Motion: Offer the old buoy boat trailer to the Chamber for \$1.00 as a good faith action.

Second: Tony Migon

Approved Unanimously

The committee will attempt to sell the boat and after a reasonable amount of time has passed without selling the boat, the committee agreed to scrap it for metal.

While discussing the buoy boat, Bob presented reimbursement funding for the repair expenses of the new buoy boat.

Motion: To approve funding for repairs made to the buoy boat

Second: Tony Migon

Abstain: Tom Porps

Approved Unanimously

New Business:

Bob began by introducing the Lance Park Project plan ideas. Committee members discussed pros and cons surrounding the sand beach and its restoration to a naturalized shoreline. Some members felt that the beach is a major attraction to the area, others felt that by not addressing the sand beach the District would not be supporting their own ordinance; there was also some discussion about controlling traffic to the water. Jamie brought the discussion full circle by stating the committee felt that they should at least obtain bids for the design of the Lance Park Shoreline, because Bob has drafted all the previous plans pro bono in the past. So the Council Members had to determine whether or not they felt comfortable having Bob get paid to draft the plans for the park.

Motion: To propose Creative Edge as the engineering firm to create the shoreline restoration plans for Lance Park, not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Second: Joey Bergeron

Abstained: Robert Livingston

Approved Unanimously

After reviewing the budget for the Lake District Tony Migon confirmed that the Shoreline Committee has \$65,000.00 to put toward shoreline restoration at Lance Park.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2008 at 7:00PM at the Twin Lakes Village Hall.

Meeting Adjourned 8:27PM