

Steering Council Meeting Minutes November 2, 2006

Meeting Called to Order 7:04pm

Roll Call

Members in Attendance – Robert Livingston, Tony Migon, Vytou Barcas, Tom Porps, Jamie Smith, Corinne Krebs

Members not in Attendance – Bryan Neal

Others in Attendance – Trustee Mike Moran, Trustee Jeremy Knoll, June Trager, Larry and Linda Smith, Pam Becker, and Catherine Becker.

Minutes

Members in attendance took a few minutes to read through meeting minutes from August 31, 2006 and September 27, 2006. A correction was made to the August 31st minutes Committee Reports; the Aquatic Plants, Natural and Invasive Species Committee changed Jim Rukas to Rita Nagle and Tony was changed to Matt Menges.

Motion to approve both sets of minutes: Tony Migon

Second: Tom Porps

Approved Unanimously

Committee Reports

Boat Safety & User Conflict – Tom Porps reported that the idea of changing regularly scheduled meetings to winter with skip meetings in summer had been voted down, but he will continue to pursue the change.

He also stated that the committee members are inquiring about how permits were written differently for boat slips on Indian Pointe. Committee members feel permits were not distributed fairly due to the why they were written.

Aquatic & Invasive Plants – Tony Migon reported that his committee contacted homeowner's about the cattail treatment. Heidi put him in contact with Gregg, who stated this was best time to chemically treat cattails. His committee asked that this activity be tabled because they do not believe cattails are invasive; so treating them would send the wrong message about the district is trying to do. They have asked to wait with the treatment until some consensus can be reached. Tony also stated that he received an email concerning the treatment and its impact on the lake health. Tony will contact the homeowners to make them aware of the situation. Robert explained that cattails reduce diversity of the vegetative communities present and the Steering Council made their decision about the treatment from an environmental stand point with an added benefit to the neighboring property owners.

Shoreline Protection – Jamie reported that most of her last committee meeting discussion involved the situation surrounding Judy Jooss. She also stated that the Shoreline committee has volunteered to maintain the newly installed shoreline projects.

Stormwater – Vytou reported that three members regularly test water in the lakes. He also stated that the season for testing is winding down but will pick up again next year. The tests reveal pockets of E.coli, which Vytou believes are cause for some concern

because results are high enough to close public beaches. Robert asked him to compile the data for Steering Council review and discussion about how to approach the problem.

Communication – Corinne reported that her committee was looking into a new location for the Annual Meeting to make it more enjoyable to attend. Members discussed important factors in choosing a location such as distance from center of town, environmental control, capacity, etc.

Old Business

Robert stated that Jim Baxa brought a concern to the district attention about snow mobile's using the Second & Hearle Protection sites area for access to the lakes. He expressed concern about the restoration project being in its infancy. Larry Smith stated from the floor that snow mobiler's who use it only do so to access the lake, but informed council members that it is not a designated access point. The Steering Council talked about signage and snow fencing to keep people from tearing through the area before it has a chance to be come established.

Bob showed the council members the cadastral maps he asked Pam Becker to laminate for displayed in the main room of the Village Hall. The shoreline committee was asked to use these maps and develop a color code for future uses lined out on the checklist. Bob explained that every Steering Council meeting from this point forward would review the five parcels assigned for the month and what each of the subcommittees determined would be possible future uses of those parcels. Bob asked that the Boat Safety committee include management in their future use assessments. He then asked the Shoreline Committee to choose the first five parcels for review and bring those assignments to the next meeting. After the first round, Steering Council members will review checklist and revamp it accordingly.

Corinne spoke briefly about advantages an Internet Protocol System could bring to the Village. Communication costs could be reduced due this type of system eliminating long distance charges for faxing, phone correspondence, conference calls etc. Corinne explained that her committee had looked into several providers and speaker phone systems to formulate their recommendation. Linda suggested contacting the Village because they may have put in a system like this already. She stated that she had heard discussion about some change in the communication system set-up for the Village, but couldn't recall details.

Motion: Tony Migon

“Pass forward the Communication committee request that the Village retains the services of an internet provider for voiceover Internet Protocol (IP) from either Vonage or Charter and the purchases of a Polycon station surround sound speaker phone system for the main conference room of the Village Hall.”

Second: Jamie Smith

Approved Unanimously

Bob stated that he would like to, again, ask for Zoning Amendments concerning Sand Beaches. He's been told that this particular ordinance has been in underwriting for the past couple of months and he's beginning to think that it's not being worked on. He suggested a deadline of November 30, 2006.

Motion: Vytou

“Ask the Village to complete Zoning amendments to include a clause concerning sand beaches and maintenance of sand beaches.”

Second: Tom

Approved Unanimously

New Business

Members discussed what the dam board policy should state. Members are getting concerned about the high fall levels seen in the lakes and the lack of a plan for the situation. Tom did a review of dam board policy drafted by the Steering Council, “The dam board shall remain locked down until the water level approaches ½ inch of the maximum high water (No Wake) limit. When the water level approaches ½ inch of the No Wake level at the dam, the board shall be removed for **no more than 48 hours,**” at the June 8’ 2006 meeting he felt it needed to be presented to the Commissioners again. Tom noted that at this point in time, the lake level is high and if we get frost or an early freeze, there may be a lot of damage on the north shore of Lake Elizabeth because at this point the lake is at about 1” from flooding. Bob stated that Village employees checked on the dam board level which two days ago was 6” over the dam board. At this point the Steering Council would like to encourage the Lake Commissioners to adopt the dam board policy drafted in June.

Motion: Tony Migon

Second: Corinne Krebs

Approved unanimously

Bob then asked for member opinion about a permanent staff gauge. Tom felt a permanent location would not be useful since winter lake levels cannot be controlled. Members explored the topic more by considering benefits, drawbacks, possible locations and configurations for such a staff gauge. Bob felt the seawall at Sunset Beach would serve as a good location for Lake Elizabeth and on Lake Marie concrete abutments on the channel would be solid enough and visible enough for a permanent gauge to be put there. A motion was made to put up one permanent staff gauge at the sea wall at Sunset Beach for trial and a second one would be considered based on performance of the first.

Motion: Bob Livingston

Second: Tony Migon

All in favor except Tom (who will be doing the work there)

Bob reported briefly on the Esch Road Project. He informed the Steering Council that Twin Lakes did not receive the Lake Protection Grant for Esch Road. Bob will provide more detail at the next Steering Council meeting after he’s had a chance to meet with Northern Environmental about specifics.

Robert reported on progress being made on the Lance Park Project. The Adhoc committee chose Crispell-Snyder to engineer Lance Park. Robert expressed concern about the whole process and the amount of money being proposed for completion of the project. Robert explained that Baxter Woodman wrote into there grant proposal that they would do the engineering for the parking lot. Robert believes there are many layers to the Lance Park project that are not necessary and will not really benefit the Village as a whole because there is no real probable cause to flatten the hillside there, no reason to spend almost \$200,000.00 on a parking lot that does very little in the way of stormwater management.

Finally, Bob explained that the Shoreline committee does not want Judy Jooss to represent the Lake District especially on the Adhoc committee. Jamie feels that with the allegations set forth put her in a precarious position with the Shoreline Committee whom has already asked for her resignation. Judy has refused to resign and the Committee has asked that she be removed from the Adhoc as a representative of the Lake District. Bob commends Judy for all her input to the project at Lance Park, but expressed a loss of confidence in her ability to represent the wishes of organization as shown by the Shoreline committee's persistence concerning the allegations. Tony asked what would be the benefits or repercussions of such actions. Bob simply answered that he never wants the district to reach a point where there isn't someone who disagrees. He feels that it is in disagreement that we can really look at an issue from all angles and come to the best solution.

Motion: Bob Livingston

“Remove Judy Jooss from the Adhoc Committee and appoint Jamie Smith in her place.”

Second: Tony Migon

Steering Council Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 30, 2006 at 7:00pm in the Twin Lakes Village Hall.

Meeting Adjourned 8:42pm