

## Steering Council Meeting Minutes January 17, 2007

### Meeting Called to Order 7:02PM

#### Roll Call

Members in Attendance – Robert Livingston, Tom Porps, Corinne Krebs, Jamie Smith

Members not in Attendance – Vytav Barcus, Bryan Neal, Tony Migon

Others in Attendance – Village Administrator David Cox, Building Inspector Tim Popanda, Wally Graeber

#### Special Item

The meeting started out recognizing David Cox and Tim Popanda for attending the meeting. Council members felt that their participation in this meeting was the key to understanding enforcement of Village ordinances and issues surrounding a new sand ordinance.

Bob stated that in previous conversations with Tim Popanda regarding a sand ordinance, Tim requested an aerial photo of where current sand beaches exist. While this would help determine if new sand beaches were being installed, it would not prevent the addition of sand to existing beaches.

Discussion quickly changed to wording of the ordinance. Bob stated that he would like to see an ordinance that is very clear “no sand to be added within 15’0” of the ordinary high watermark (OHM).” All members agreed that keeping the ordinance concise and clear would avoid any mishaps with understanding the ordinance itself, but enforcement of the ordinance presented the biggest obstacle.

Tim explained that enforcement of the sand ordinance would be similar to enforcement of the Shoreland Overlay Ordinance; the community would have to self-police the regulations by calling the Village. He went on to describe that the only difference between the new sand ordinance and the Shoreland Overlay ordinance would be that people could no longer obtain a permit for installing a sand beach, adding sand to an existing beach, or an after-the-fact permit for the work.

*Motion: To add verbiage to the Shoreland Overlay Ordinance stating, “no new or additional sand may be added within 15’0” of the ordinary high watermark and any new sand beaches must be located outside the 15’0” mark and separated from the lake by a vegetated buffer.*

*Made by: Corinne Krebs*

*Second: Tom Porps*

*Approved Unanimously*

This verbiage was to appear in 17.38.070 as a new item, letter I.

The group went on to discuss other items in the Shoreland Overlay Ordinance. Tom compared Twin Lakes with Walworth County. He felt that requiring the vegetative buffer prior to construction compromised its success and the verbiage stating the buffer installation should occur before construction should be changed to another bond-type system that would insure a buffer was installed once construction completed. Both Tim and David expressed a favor for this type of system since other Village codes already used such a system to insure work was being completed properly. All members agreed to eliminate “upon prior installation” in 17.38.070A and change it to include verbiage about bonding for a vegetative buffer.

Tom also mentioned that Walworth County had made a special exception for stairs. He argued that stairs provide access to the water for individuals living on steep slopes and the District could

not deny them access to the water because they required a staircase. He also stated that should an exemption be added to the ordinance, landings needed to be addressed to avoid any attempts of accessory structures being built under the staircase exemption. After more discussion about adequate landing space, the group agreed to add verbiage to 17.38.070B stating an exemption for staircases provided they do not exceed 4' in width and landings do not exceed 4' x 4' or 16 square feet.

Finally, the group addressed new legislation passed on by Governor Doyle. The legislation meant some statements needed to be eliminated from the existing ordinance. In 17.38.070 H the words "Filling and" would be eliminated and in 17.38.080B the words "damaged by fire, explosion, violent wind, act of God, the public enemy, or other calamity, or" would be eliminated. The meeting ended with commentary from Tim stating that he took pride in the Village Shoreland Overlay Ordinance because it protects the lakes as well as sets a standard for other area communities on how to protect their natural resources.

Commissioner's Meeting will be held January 22, 2007 at 7:00pm in the Twin Lakes Village Hall  
The next meeting was scheduled for February 22, 2007 at 7:00pm in the Twin Lakes Village Hall.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:58PM**