

Lake District Steering Council Meeting August 31, 2006

Call to order 7:06pm

Roll Call

Members in Attendance – Robert Livingston, Tony Migon, Vytas Barcas, Corinne Krebs, Bryan Neal

Members not in Attendance – Tom Porps, Jamie Smith

Others in Attendance – Trustee Mike Moran

Meeting Minutes – No draft minutes were available to approve. However, Robert talked to the committee chairs about making sure the Village receives minutes approved at the meetings. Corinne volunteered to email all committee chairs the process for minutes again, now that we are starting a new season.

Committee Reports

Robert wanted to use this meeting as a means of gearing up the district subcommittees for 2006-2007 accomplishments. He asked each leader to report on their committee's activity, then provided each leader with some direction for future projects.

Aquatic Plants, Natural and Invasive Species Committee – Tony Migon reported that his committee lost Rita Nagle, but gained a new volunteer named Matt Menges. He also mentioned that the cattails in Bayview channel present a new opportunity for aquatic plant control. He stated home owners in the area have brought the issue to his attention. Robert agreed that the cattail growth in that area has become cumbersome and asked that the Aquatic plant committee looking into cattail control measures for that area. He provided at least two management techniques; cut/chemical treatment or burning. Tony said he would contact Heidi Hopkins from the DNR about their policies for cattail control. Robert also suggested the committee look into Loosestrife eradication, especially around Indian Point. Robert believes the committee should look into controlling other invasive plants, aquatic and terrestrial. Invasive land-loving plants can be spread through seeds being carried in stormwater runoff, so awareness and control of these species becomes just as important control of invasive aquatic species.

Before moving onto the Stormwater committee report, Bob explained that the TRM Grant applied for to assist with stormwater projects was denied to the Lake District. Bob extrapolated that sometimes it is easier for the Village to accumulate enough points to be awarded the grant than the Lake District.

However, the district was going to pursue another grant in cooperation with the Park Board.

Stormwater & Non-Point Pollution Committee – Vytas Barcas reported the committee members had begun water testing on 16 different locations. They would like to continue testing once a week, so he has ordered enough test kits to get the committee through October. Vytas took the conversation further by inquiring about what course of action should the committee or Lake District take if results received from these test kits show causes for concern. Bob suggested the results be brought to the attention of the Steering Council. Trustee Moran asked that the District tread lightly and be sure to present solutions if problems arise or become evident through the testing process. Everyone agreed that this is a topic that needs to be discussed further as testing takes place and results become available. Bob asked that the committee team up with the Fish & Water Quality Committee to do testing. Finally, Bob asked that the committee also support the Shoreline Committee in researching the affects of draw-downs on lakes.

Boating Safety & User Conflict Committee – No report was given from the committee due to absence of chair, Tom Porps.

Shoreline Protection & Rehabilitation Committee – No report was given from the committee due to absence of chair, Jamie Smith.

Communication, Education, & Youth Committee – Corinne reported that the committee's last meeting discussed opportunities for the committee to reach out the public and constantly provide them with a connection to the Lake District through educational articles, news releases, and a youth program. Corinne informed the Council members that each subcommittee has a communication committee liaison. They are to use the liaison as a means of connecting the subcommittee activities to the outreach program established by the Communication Committee. These people will not be responsible for meeting minutes, but they should be asked to provide press releases for the committee, design appropriate signage, draft educational articles, etc. These liaisons need to be contacted for each meeting and should attend as many meetings as possible.

Fish & Water Quality Committee – Bryan Neal reported on the fish stocking situation for fall 2006. He explained the history of fish stocking on Lake Mary and Elizabeth lead him to the understanding that small mouth bass were to be stocked in both lakes in 2006. He then informed the Council that the fisheries had a problem with the small mouth bass crop and he would not be able to stock the lakes with bass, but he could stock with walleye. Mr. Welch with the DNR informed Bryan of plans to stock 11,000 - 2" Walleye fingerlings in Lake Mary

in 2007. He also told Bryan that stocking Walleye in both lakes this year could interfere with stocking by the DNR next year. The Steering Council had previously approved the purchase and release of 2000 Walleye into both lakes, however, with this new information, a new motion was made:

MOTION: We have approved and recommend that up to 2000 fish be purchased for stocking in October 2006. ~ Made by Bryan Neal

SECOND: Vytau

Approved Unanimously

Bryan stated that he would continue pursuing contact with Dale Gittings, President of the Sportsman's Club, inviting them to participate in this year's stocking, but he would not allow their lack of participation to prevent the stocking from taking place this year.

Bob concluded the Fish and Water Quality Committee report by asking Bryan to get his committee involved with the Stormwater Committee's water testing program and look into getting secchi disc readings started for both lakes. Secchi disc readings help gauge water clarity and may provide some additional information about why aquatic weeds (both invasive and native) seem to be more prevalent on both lakes as time passes.

The next meeting date was set for September 28th, 2006 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm