

Steering Council Meeting Minutes September 27, 2007

Meeting Called to Order 7:17PM

Roll Call

Members in Attendance – Robert Livingston, Bryan Neal, Vytou Barcas, Tom Porps

Members not in Attendance – Jamie Smith, Tony Migon, Joe Bergeron

Others in Attendance – Corinne Krebs

Minutes:

Minutes from 7/12/2007

Motion: Vytou

Second: Bryan

Motion approved unanimously

Minutes from 8/18/2007

Motion: Bryan

Second: Tom

Motion approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

Skipped due to Treasurer absence!

Old Business:

The first order of business revolved around the recent seasonal high water levels. Robert reported that President Skinner has authorized the dam board to be pulled again to relieve more water from the lake system even though only 3" of water are currently going over the board. Discussion included an understanding that a vegetation block has formed causing the backup of water in the lakes. Bryan posed the question if this is cyclical or a more permanent change occurring on the lake. Members felt this was a difficult question since so many factors affect cyclical and permanent changes. This led to conversation about Zebra mussels clarifying the water allowing weed beds to expand due to better light penetration. Tom stated that he believed Zebra mussels are cyclical, because he's seeing fewer attached to the buoys than last year.

Bob then asked Tom to have a sign designed that would represent the staff gauge to help people understand the information staff gauges provide. Tom accepted the challenges and the Communication, Education, & Youth Committee will be asked to provide funds and design support for the sign.

Bryan reported on this year's fish stocking. He reviewed last year's events for everyone; the District stocked Lake Elizabeth with Walleye, so the DNR stated that we could add Walleye only to Lake Mary.

The committee discussed using its entire \$2,000.00 budget for stocking Lake Mary with 7-9" Walleye.

Motion: The Lake District utilize \$2,000.00 to purchase and stock as many 7-9" Walleye in Lake Mary in fall of 2007.

By: Bryan

Second: Tom

Motion approved unanimously

Bryan mentioned that other private parties will be donating funds to increase the number of fish being stocked. It was mentioned that LARA and others may want to donate funds as well.

Bryan also mentioned that the Fish & Water Quality Committee is considering a "Half-log Project" The committee listened to a presentation by a DNR biologist that informed them about structures that aid in fish spawning. The committee felt individual homeowners could participate in the project by adding these structures beneath their piers to help the Small-mouth Bass population by providing low protective areas for breeding. Until the project can be further developed, the committee has determined that they will become more involved in phosphorus testing of the water.

New Business:

Robert asked Tom to report on the Twin Lakes Park channel maintenance. Tom reported that the Park is looking to have the bridge replaced due to its poor condition. They expect to receive an engineering assessment within a couple of days. Should a new bridge go in, the DNR has preliminarily approved a temporary access road while the bridge is under construction. Tom asked about the dredging material debris. He's looking to get

Tom then reported that all the buoys have been pulled and three buoys are missing from Lake Elizabeth. He also stated that the boat is running great and has been outfitted with brand new pumps and motors. Bryan asked Tom if the Buoy Boat could be available for the fish stocking later this year. Bob stated that this would be good, because Walleye tend to be territorial so dispersing them throughout the lake would potentially help the stocking be more successful.

Bob asked Vytav about his committee. Vytav said that he's still having trouble getting a quorum together for his meetings. A suggestion was made to request non-active members to resign, lowering the quorum requirement for the committee.

Finally, Robert discussed the three Esch Road Project solutions with committee members to determine which of the solutions, the Lake District would pursue. Members talked about using septic tanks to separate particulates from the stormwater rather than the special storm receptors. Since the cost of the septic tanks would be considerably less, members felt a series of tanks could be installed and the Village could use the suction truck to clean the system. Members discussed taking the plans to Powers Lake Construction and ask them if they would be interested in providing a price on the Esch Road project with a few modifications (bring bottom elevation up to keep the ditch dry, install a series of septic tanks).

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2007 at 7:00PM at the Twin Lakes Village Hall.

Meeting Adjourned 8:57PM