

Twin Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District
Steering Council Minutes

Date: 12/22/2005

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Twin Lakes Village Hall, Twin Lakes, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

Members in attendance: Robert Livingston, Steering Council Chairperson

Tony Migon, Aquatic Plants Committee (late due to traffic)

Jamie Smith, Shoreline Protection Committee

Bryan Neal, Water Quality Committee

Vytautas Barcus, Stormwater Committee

Corinne Krebs, Communication Committee

Tom Porps, Water Safety Committee

Others in attendance: Trustee Mike Moran Judy Jooss

Minutes:

Minutes from September 29, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously.

Motion made by Toni Migon, second by Tom Porps

Treasurer Reports:

Tony Migon will provide treasurer report at the next regular meeting.

Old Business:

1. Past, present, and future uses of Village owned property (update and organize mapping & sites)

Judy Jooss gave the Council an update of the property inventory packets. She stated that she is up to approximately 60 parcels. Since the inception of the project Judy has been able to obtain higher resolution cadastral maps, which would allow the printed images to come out clearer. She has historical use records for approximately 40 sites and will need more definitive information on fire lanes in the Village. Robert Livingston will get her a collection of photos taken by volunteers to help in compilation of the parcel packets.

2. Selecting a consultation firm for the Lake District.

The proposals from each of the 4 consultation firms were opened and committee members began to review the concepts each firm presented. Light discussion occurred between members to clarify the proposals, once each member had a chance to briefly review each proposal, discussion opened up to the Council as a whole. The committee determined that Crispell-Synder just didn't provide enough information for discussion and was eliminated almost immediately even though they presented the lowest bid for the project. Judy pointed out that the firm just didn't fill the proposal with "fluff". Although the Council recognized this as a good point, they felt the firm didn't show enough interest in the District work to warrant further review. Meanwhile, Graef, Anhalt, and Schloemer were not initially chosen to receive a request of proposal, Robert felt that each firm should be given one more chance to make their case due to the amount of time that had lapsed. The firm responded quite impressively with a packet containing, not only some initial research on the Esch Road site, but several options that

could work to manage stormwater received by the site. The proposal was very impressive and seemed to out-weigh the initial disappointment in the firm. The council almost immediately decided to ask the firm to return for a special "final decision" meeting on January 12, 2006. The special meeting would involve a 15 minute synopsis of the proposal and a 15 minute question and answer period. This special meeting would allow Council members not involved in the initial interviews to see the firms and their representatives in action. It would also give the members a chance to cross compare the firms so they could be evaluated on a more equitable level. The Council struggled with choosing the secondary firm that would be asked to attend the special meeting in January. Christopher Burke demonstrated that the firm has experience in working with narrow sites and presented a fairly clear proposal, but left out some key expenditures that the members felt might overwhelm the budget of the District. Northern Environmental provided a very clear cost proposal, but didn't specify their initial concept for the parcel. Both Burke Engineering and Northern Environmental gave impressive initial interviews and portrayed a good understanding of the lakes, along with lake issues. In the end, the Council chose Christopher Burke Engineering to return for the special January meeting. Corinne Krebs and Robert Livingston would notify each firm of the Council's decision.

New Business:

1. Committee Reports (year-end and future)

Tony Migon, Aquatic Plants Committee Chair, followed up with a concern presented to them by Lynne Hellman about 2,4-D (a chemical used to treat the invasive Eurasian Milfoil). The residual reports indicated that 10.1ppb were present at Bayview, 15.3ppb were present at Lance Park, and 20.0ppb were present in front of the Hellman property. Tony commented that the readings were a little surprising in that they showed higher levels in areas not specifically treated. The contractor used for the treatment explained that the chemical can move around the lake with wave and wind action. Through some research Tony found that the levels presented were considered background noise. The minimum that could be detected was .7ppb. Corinne asked what level of the substance would be of concern; Tony said he would look into it and get back to the committee. Tom Porps, Boat Safety & User Conflict Committee Chair, reported to the Council that the Courtesy stickers are ready for print and that staff gauges will be ready for installation once the ice is out on the lakes.

Jamie Smith, Shoreline Committee Chair, reported on the committee's progress with Sunset Beach Project. She stated that a test dig could be done and bottom-line costs need to be figured out. She also commented that the Park board would really like to see plans for the site before moving forward. Robert stated that he would get her the revised plans for the Hearle project.

Vytautas Barcas, Stormwater Committee Chair, asked for more guidance on what the committee should be attacking. Robert suggested that the committee investigate stormwater ordinances for the Village, assist with the property inventory by identifying stormwater pipes (photo documenting, water testing, and monitoring), and establish a protocol for testing.

Bryan Neal, Fish & Water Quality Committee Chair, stated that the committee would like to start the fish stocking process. He will work with Dale Gittings to get things rolling and asked if there were any restrictions on the stocking. Robert was going to investigate the question and get back to Bryan.

Corinne Krebs, Communication, Education, & Youth Committee Chair, reported that she has been having difficulty getting the committee together for a quorum so the committee hasn't proceeded with any projects. She asked for suggestions from the Council. Discussion about advertising, changing the quorum policy, resignations, dual member participation, etc. took place, but no final decisions were made.

2. Proposal from Park Board discussion of Lake District's authority over park shorelines.

Robert brought a proposal from the Park Board to the Council concerning authority or jurisdiction over park shorelines. All Council members agreed that park lands should remain under Park Board authority and jurisdiction. The Council would be happy to advise and provide suggestions on funding, project plans, etc., but feel the District and its funds should remain clearly separate from park project ambitions.

Next meeting date: "Special Meeting" 1/12/2006 at 7:00 PM, Twin Lakes Village Hall
Regularly Scheduled Meeting 1/26/2006, 7:00pm, Twin Lakes Village

Hall

Motion to adjourn by: Tom Porps

Seconded: Tony Migon

Approved