

LLLMD 2021 Annual Meeting
Lutherdale Bible Camp Pavilion
September 4, 2021 10:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Sorenson at 10:00.

The Commissioners were introduced and recognized;

Dean Bostrom, present	Golf Course
Greg Wisniewski, present	Treasurer and Aquatic Plant Management
John Summers, present	Piers and Septics
Don Sukala, present	Town of LaGrange
Jim Kroeplin, present	Secretary, Dam and Environmental Projects
Susan Pruessing, absent excused	Walworth County Representative

Approval of Minutes of the September 5, 2020 Annual Meeting

The Minutes were unanimously approved on a Pete Spalding/ Walker Johnson motion

Commissioner Elections

Two Commissioner positions were up for election. Two candidates submitted nomination forms. John Gilmartin for Commissioner #4 and Jane Larson for Commissioner #5.

Both Commissioners were elected to fill the three year term.

Recognition of Chief Ken Blanke

Ken Blanke was recognized for his service as Chief of the Water Safety Patrol for many years. Ken retired on June 30, 2021. Chief Blanke was presented with a plaque recognizing his service and accomplishments.

Project Reports

Water Safety Patrol

Jim Kroeplin

This years patrol information thru August 31 was presented in comparison to previous years. Boat activity seemed to be slightly lower than last year. Two common citations are to boats towing more than two people behind the boat and boats pulling people without a spotter.

Dam

Jim Kroeplin

Water level at the Dam is checked on a regular basis. Recently checked a few days ago. The level is about 2" lower than the average level last year.

Don Jean Bay Shoreline

Jim Kroeplin

We received only one bid on the shoreline restoration project and was higher than expected. We need to talk with DNR about our options to proceed with the project.

We are in the process of submitting for an additional grant for more shoreline restoration in Don Jean Bay

Watershed Study

Jim Kroeplin

The watershed study is ongoing. A second public meeting was held on Zoom on August 31st. A third meeting will be held in mid to late October. Information will be posted on the Lake District website along with notes and information from the meetings.

Piers

John Summers

LLLMD handles the pier process. The Town of LaGrange approves or denies the permits.

The new pier ordinance is at DNR for approval. Please check with the pier inspector before you do anything on your pier.

Septic Program

John Summers

Program was started in 1992. Systems are pumped once every three years.

Golf Course

Dean Bostrom

100 year celebration on June 12, 2021. Net revenues are up this year. Dollars will be put towards upgrading equipment for maintaining the course. Improvements on the course are listed in the District Dialog.

Improvements to the clubhouse include structural safety issues and operation improvements. A volunteer painting (Men's League) day will be held on September 25, 2021 to clean and paint the trim on the clubhouse.

Additional discussions about improvements to the Club House will continue in the future.

Town of LaGrange

Don Sukala

Don expressed a "Thank You" to Ken Blanke for his service to the Town safety.

The Town is proceeding with plans for the replacement of the Deacon Island Bridge. Construction is scheduled for October 2022.

Jack Sorenson discussed concerns with the proposed gravel pit on Hwy H near the lake. Dean Bostrom and Jack Sorenson will be attending the Sugar Creek town meeting on September 9 to object to the proposed pit. Concern is that the ground water flows west to east so any pollutants could possibly effect the water feeding the lake. 72% of the water feeding the lake is ground water. Washing of the gravel is a concern along with the reclamation of the property afterwards. Concern was also expressed about noise, dust and traffic.

Jack Sorenson mentioned the interest to construct pickleball courts near the Community Center. This is something that the Board will need to review and consider in the future.

Jack Sorenson mentioned the concern about large waves that tipped over a sailboat during a race. It seems to makes the most sense to try to educate the boaters about the concern and their responsibilities associated with the boat wakes.

There was also comment about the need to police the parking at the boat launches and on the roads near the launches. The Town is in the process of passing an ordinance restricting parking along the roads. Boat launch fees will be raised next year.

Aquatic Plant Management

Greg Winiewski

342 tons of weeds have been harvested so far this year. This has been a heavy year. The new weed harvester is being built and we will take delivery in the Spring of 2022. Harvester and trailers will be delivered then. Cost is about \$205,000 with a DNR grant of \$89,000. The balance will be paid for out of reserve funds. Aquarius is the manufacturer and they are local. We will sell the existing trailer and transport barge. The existing harvester will be kept to use periodically.

Treasurers Report

Greg Wisniewski

Greg explained the budget process for the Lake District. He also explained the use of reserve accounts to allocate dollars for longer term projects. He then explained the 2022 budget and budget items in more detail. The proposed budget for 2022 is \$377,000 plus \$30,000 for continuing golf course equipment/improvements which results in a proposed tax levy of \$277,169.

A motion and second was made by Bob Larson/Walker Johnson to approve the 2022 budget of \$377,000 (plus \$30,000) and tax levy of \$277,169. It was unanimously approved by a hand vote.

Greg also explained that a full audit is not required. We will be having an accounting firm review our books and processes to make sure we are in compliance.

Other Items

Peg Eggert explained a new program for food donations to the local food pantries. A collection will take place this fall and donations can be picked up at the end of the pier or porch. This could be coordinated with people cleaning out food items before heading south for the winter months.

A special "Thank you" was extended to John Summers and Jack Sorenson for the years they were on the Lake District Board. John served for four years and Jack served for 17 years.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 on a Bob Larson/Walker Johnson motion.