



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES of 4/21/2018**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sorenson at 9:00 a.m.

A. Attendance:

Present: Jack Sorenson, Don Sukala, Ron Diederich, Jim Kroeplin, Greg Wisniewski and John Summers.

B. Approve Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved on a Sukala / Summers motion.

C. Approve Minutes:

A Wisniewski / Sukala motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2018 passed unanimously.

D. Approve Minutes:

A Summers / Diederich motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 20, 2018 passed unanimously.

E. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Sorenson explained that he is going to add an agenda item each meeting for Community Comments.

Rick Callaway passed away in March. He recognized Rick for his years of dedication to the Lake. He was the Town of LaGrange representative for the LLLMD for about 11 years. Then he became the Walworth County representative for 6 years. He believed in cooperation between governments – he worked hard to facilitate cooperation between the Lake District and Town – particularly with the Water Safety Patrol project. He was a good listener, tried to get to the facts, and balanced environmental concerns with the use of the lake. He was a great guy and will be missed.

Chairman Sorenson also thanked those in attendance for coming to meetings and taking an interest in the Lakes. He thanked the Board, who are all volunteers, for their efforts during the recent transition.

The purpose of the Lake District is to preserve the environment, protect the lake, enjoy recreation on the lake, and protect safety. Jerry Peterson was instrumental in forming the Lake District, and we intend to carry that spirit forward. His goal is to help preserve the lake for years to come.

Chairman Sorenson also thanked the Lake District employees – we have quite a few between the Safety Patrol, Aquatic Plant Management program, and the Golf Course.

F. Treasurer's Report

Wisniewski presented the bank balances (attached) for the District with the Agenda.

The Equipment Reserve Accounts have increased substantially. This year he would like to inventory the equipment and evaluate the reserves to see if these accounts are sufficient. He hopes to accomplish that in the next few months so that it can be ready for the budget meeting in July.

The District has had six of their accounts at First Citizens in Whitewater. He has moved three of the reserve accounts to First National Bank, so they will be better covered by FDIC limits.

Discussion: A question was asked about why the District doesn't have a reserve study done every three years to determine what reserve accounts should hold. Wisniewski explained that in the past, based on the accountants' recommendation, reserve accounts have been based on operating costs for each project. Wisniewski would like to instead evaluate the equipment (and age of equipment) for each project to determine what those reserve amounts should be and develop a policy for the reserve accounts.

G. Community Center, Club House Facilities Discussion

Sorenson explained that he would like to view the buildings discussion separately from the golf course conditions and improvements. Those items can be discussed separately and can be added into next year's budget if it is appropriate to do so. The buildings are a separate issue.

At last year's annual meeting, there was a "no" vote on the new building. He has been reaching out to people in the community, and he has a sense that there are about three or four basic options about how to move forward. He noted that a group last year wanted to be recognized to study the issue, but he would like to try to bring the community together and figure out how we should best move forward.

Sorenson has worked to create a few options and cost estimates moving forward:

Option 1: maintain both buildings as they are

Option 2: tear off the older, east side of the clubhouse and replace that with a new structure; leave the community center on Sterlingworth Drive as is

Option 3: tear down both buildings and replace with a new 4,200 square foot building (smaller than the one proposed last year)

Sorenson would like to hear people's thoughts and work together to come up with options this year. He doesn't intend to form a committee at this point – he would like to work to hear input from all interested constituents. It may make sense to create a committee at some point in the future when we have ideas and it is clear which options we should pursue, but for now he would like to bring the community together.

Discussion: A large portion of last year's estimate was for paved parking. Would it be possible to seek a variance from the County's requirement for parking so that we can continue to park on grass as we do now? Sorenson intends to talk to Darren Schwanke at the County to see what our options might be – if changing the buildings triggers different parking requirements for the golf course, that is a very important consideration.

H. Project Reports

County – A new representative to replace Rick Callaway will have to be appointed through the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department.

Dam – Jim Kroepelin reported that he attended a presentation about dams at the Lakes Conference and had an opportunity to talk to Tanya Lourigan from the DNR who has been working on our project. We are continuing to move forward and are trying to get signatures from the owners at the Sterlingworth.

One of the Sterlingworth owners in attendance explained that they need 75% of owners to sign. There is a small, vocal group who is against signing the easement. They don't seem to understand the liability the Sterlingworth is assuming by not signing off – they have a misunderstanding of what the agreement means. There is supposed to be a meeting in May to discuss the issue. The Sterlingworth's own attorney has said it is in their interest to sign.

He received a copy of the DNR's inspection report from last August. There is nothing urgent, but there are a few items we need to work on for next year.

Wisniewski questioned whether we should commit to fixing the dam this year with or without the Sterlingworth on board. It would be great if we could get Sterlingworth's cooperation and receive the grant, but maybe it is time to go forward regardless. It is dangerous and needs to be fixed – we have the money set aside, we should just move forward. We don't want a Lake Delton-type situation here.

We will need to put the project out to bid again because the quote is a couple years old at this point.

Town – Sukala reported that the Town passed an ordinance forbidding the use of sky lanterns that will be in effect for the Fourth of July. There are fines attached, and the Water Safety Patrol and Sheriff's Department will be helping with enforcement.

The Town of LaGrange Fire Department is purchasing new equipment valued at over \$100,000 with monies raised through fundraising – with no expense from the taxpayers.

Launch ramps are open. The pier should be in at Pleasant Lake soon.

The Town may be reevaluating property tax assessments in the next year. About 50 of the 200 buoys are in already, the rest will be in soon. We are also adding the lighted buoys at the channels.

Discussion: How can we enforce “slow no wake” in the Fall after the WSP stops patrolling, when duck hunters are out there speeding through Bubbling Springs.

Aquatic Plant Management – Wisniewski reported that we need some repair on the pier in Don Jean Bay. They had work done on the harvest trailer, and will be working on more equipment repairs in the coming weeks. The harvesting will start about June 1st.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters - Wisniewski reported he is transitioning the program to Ron. They received their DNR grant and the program will be continuing this year.

Peter Spaulding asked about the use of chemicals in Sterlingworth Bay because the weeds there were so bad last year. The DNR permitting process may be long.

Water Safety Patrol – Diederich reported that the new motor we approved in February and the boat is back. The officers will start to patrol on a limited schedule on the 5th and 6th of May. The officers will complete their training later this month. We have Local Ordinance brochures ready at the launches and the LLIA is mailing them out to everyone in the Lake District.

Discussion: The WSP officers carry firearms to make us eligible for DNR reimbursement. The DNR requires that all officers have DOJ certification, and that includes carrying firearms. Some lakes, including Lake Geneva, have two patrols. They have officers patrolling, but then also have a safety patrol that are not commissioned officers who drive around reminding people to wear life jackets, etc.

Septic – Summers reported that they have started pumping this year. This is the first year of the six-year contract with Associates Septic Services.

Piers – Summers reported that a couple of issues have gone to the Town. One seems to be resolved, another is a property owner who has asked for a pier several times. Sterlingworth has applied for a pier replacement, extending the length – that has gone to the DNR for approval. Anyone who would like to comment on that is welcome to do so. If the DNR approves the pier it will then go to the Town for approval.

Golf Course – Sorenson reported that Summers has spent a lot of time at the clubhouse trying to fix some issues so it is safe. Summers explained that he has patched the roof, replaced some drywall in the ceiling, replaced some outlets and some wiring. He would like to help keep the building safe and standing until there is a decision about what to do with it. The building is old and he thinks people have to be realistic about the condition of the building as we move forward.

The golf course opened for the season before the recent snow storm.

Highway 12 – Sorenson reported that he has been in touch with Jeff Knight, our Redline Coalition consultant. There isn't State funding for the Hwy 12 project at the current time.

G. Community Comments

Sukala suggested that anyone interested in being the County Representative to the Lake District should contact the County Board.

Dick Mikulecky asked if there is going to be a golf course committee for operations.

H. Other business

Sorenson tentatively scheduled the next meeting for May 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m. on a Summers / Kroeplin motion.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea White.

**Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District
Bank Balances 2016 2017 2018**

4/14/2018

<u>Current Operations:</u>			12/31/2016	12/31/2017	3/31/2018
Lake District	Checking	1st Citiz.	\$27,052.26	\$22,601.75	\$90,227.00
	Money Market	1st Citiz.	\$85,895.84	\$12,304.18	\$112,309.58
Lake District Operating Reserve					
	CD	1st Citiz.	\$102,269.01		
	Money Market	1st Citiz.	\$72,289.75		
Reserve Funding 2017					
Aquatic Pft Mgt	Checking	Advia	\$13,152.48	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water Patrol	Checking	1st Nat.	\$6,264.96	\$7,365.54	\$6,486.30
Operating Accounts			\$306,924.30	\$42,271.47	\$209,022.88
Reserves:					
Dam Reserve		1st Citiz.		\$85,026.81	\$85,069.21
APM Equipment Reserve		1st Nat.	\$59,239.66	\$107,982.10	\$108,035.96
Water Patrol Equip. Reserve		1st Nat.	\$60,171.13	\$109,315.23	\$109,369.75
Golf Equipment Reserve		1st Nat.		\$50,019.73	\$50,044.68
Equipment Reserve			\$119,410.79	\$352,343.87	\$352,519.60
Capital Project Fund:					
	Checking	Advia	\$1,929.10	\$384.27	\$384.27
	Money Market	Advia	\$115,202.83	\$108,530.65	\$108,638.92
			\$117,131.93	\$108,914.92	\$109,023.19
LL Country Club					
	Checking	Advia	\$27,969.53	\$14,936.09	\$3,712.30
	Money Market	Advia	\$15,018.26	\$30,516.29	\$7,528.35
			\$42,987.79	\$45,452.38	\$11,240.65
Total			\$586,454.81	\$548,982.64	\$681,806.32
Bank Balance	Audit		\$586,455.00		
Book Balance	Audit		\$569,727.00		