



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MINUTES of 6/17/2017**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mason, at 8:00 A.M.

**A. Attendance:**

Present: Chairman Mason, Debbie Ferrari, Jack Sorenson, Greg Wisniewski, John Summers, Don Sukala, and Rick Callaway.

**B. Agenda:**

The agenda was unanimously approved on a Sorenson / Ferrari motion.

**C. Minutes:**

The minutes of May 20, 2017 were unanimously approved on a Sorenson / Callaway motion.

**D. Discuss New Lighted Buoys**

Summers presented information on newer, LED lighted buoys that are available. Our red and green navigation buoys are getting old and are faded. Using these lighted buoys on our lake would make navigation easier. The thought would be to start with a few buoys to mark navigation in Bubbling Springs and the channel entrance into Sterlingworth Bay. If we get a good response from boaters, we could add more in the future. There are two different products – both solar powered and can be a constant or flashing light. The first product would screw on to the top of an existing buoy, or we could purchase new buoys that are lighted. Marcia Sahag noted that the buoys and their placement have to be DNR approved, so we need to make sure the buoys are acceptable for our DNR warden. A Summers / Mason motion to recommend to the Town that we pursue new LED-lighted navigation buoys passed unanimously. Summers will follow-through with John Anderson and the Town Safety Committee.

**E. Project Reports**

**County:** Callaway had nothing new to report.

**Town of LaGrange:** Sukala reported that the dredging around the Town's boat house and the Lauderdale Landing has been completed and costs were \$5000 under bid. Austin Piers did some work on the Bubbling Springs pier. The Town doesn't mow the grass at any of the boat launches – the Sterlingworth launch in particular starts to look really unkempt. There was some discussion at the Town of a port-o-pot and dumpster being

made available at the Bubbling Springs launch because that launch is getting more popular. The Town is considering adding a port-o-pot but waiting on the dumpster.

**Highway 12:** Mason reported that there is a petition out in the community to encourage the DOT and state elected officials to resurrect the EIS that was started and abandoned a year ago. We are confident that the study would show that the Red Line Route would be the most sensible and cost-effective way to eventually expand Highway 12. We know there isn't funding at present, but we want to encourage them to make a decision, once and for all, about which way this route would go – so we aren't back in a position in 10 or 20 years where we are trying to lobby to prevent the highway from going through our lake community. Also, we are afraid that incremental changes to the existing Highway 12 – from LaGrange to Whitewater, or from where the 4-lane ends in Elkhorn to Hwy ES or Hwy A, for example – could eventually result in the expanded highway taking the Red Line Route because it would be more cost effective.

Someone at the last meeting mentioned Hwy 120 and Hwy 53 in Illinois are being expanded – that was very good information to be provided. Mason contacted Jeff Knight regarding that issue, and he provided a report from the Illinois DOT from May. They are moving forward with a toll road for Hwy 120 from I 94 to Fox Lake. Hwy 53 is also being expanded from Grayslake south to northern Lake County. The expansion of both of these roads may mean increased traffic on Highway 12 coming out of Illinois.

If we continue with Jeff Knight into next year, we will be able to keep the existing fee structure.

**Septic:** Summers reported that he is going to meet with Peter Van Kampen and Andi to go over the bidding process for this year.

**Pier Inspection:** Summers reported that Mr. Sidhu is the only pier in question at the moment, and that the decision will be in the Town's hands as the pier would be located in an environmentally sensitive area.

**Water Safety Patrol:** Ferrari reported that there has been one OWI so far this season. Officers are now patrolling 7 days per week. The two boating classes for the season have been completed. Six new officers have been hired and are patrolling with experienced officers. Beginning next weekend, officers will additionally be working with the Town to patrol Pleasant Lake Park to help regulate who is using the Park. Officers are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, with patrols at ramps, and at the golf course for the fireworks. Chief Blanke is having back surgery in July, so they are making preparations for functions to be handled in his absence as he recovers.

There is a bill at the state level to eliminate the requirement for a spotter – the bill has passed the state senate and is in the assembly. There was some indication that part of the bill would preclude a county or town from making a rule stricter than the state law. Jeff Angst suggested that she bring this issue to the Town's Safety Committee. Sorenson pointed out that we have a lot of information about boat density and safety on our lake. Ferrari is trying to follow through with Amy Loudenbeck who apparently opposes the bill, or at least would want to add an amendment to allow for a more strict rule.

**Aquatic Plant Management:** Wisniewski reported that since May 30, the harvesters have removed 28 loads from Sterlingworth Bay. The harvesting schedule is on the website so people can move their toys out of the way so the crew can get a better cut. Equipment is old, but seems to be working okay so far. Harvesting in sensitive areas cannot begin before June 30, so the crew will be moving to those navigation channels after that. There was some dredging in Turtle Cove, they were using the DASH method. Baywood did a chemical treatment last week.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters has provided 120 hours monitoring at ramps and educating boaters. Jeff Angst provided some rakes for the launches. Summers suggested that it may help to have a wire disposal bin of some kind for people to put weeds so they don't wash into the drains and plug them up. The District is going to try it out at one launch to see how it goes. Summers and Angst are going to follow through with this plan.

**Dam:** Sorenson reported that the DNR prepared the Sterlingworth easement document with all the Sterlingworth owners on it, but only the seven board members signed it. The County wouldn't record the easement document written and signed in that fashion. He contacted the DNR to have the document rewritten so that only the board members need sign it. He anticipates being able to pick up that signed document this week and hopes that the dam work can be done this year. The contractor is still ready, despite the delay. He thanked Jim Kroepin for his help knocking vegetation back at the dam.

**Insurance:** Sorenson had nothing new to report.

**Fireworks:** Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 1 at 9:30. The vendor will be here with the truck at 8:00 a.m. that day. Chris will mark a path across the golf course and remove one section from the split-rail fence to allow access to the wetlands. They will use three ATVs and trailers to move the fireworks in. The last tee time allowed that day will be 5:00 p.m. and golfers will be told that they need to be off the course by 8:00.

**Golf Course:** Mason reported that Myers Park has been mulched and edged, and the grounds crew has a full staff. Rounds are on track with previous years. There are two long range planning meetings scheduled for July 1 and July 29 at Lutherdale. Bill Henry is going to present different versions of site plans. There will be different versions of a building and associated costs. He will report the current state of the community center and existing clubhouse. The meetings are for input and information only. No decisions will be made. The timeline for implementing a plan will be determined by the informational meetings – if the community wants to move forward, we could have a vote Labor Day weekend. If the community doesn't like the plans, we could go back to the drawing board. The plan is designed to be implemented in phases – it isn't economically feasible or practical to do everything at once.

**Goose Harvest:** The USDA has been under intense public pressure not to harvest geese. Our numbers have declined. The first few years we harvested well over 100 birds every season. Last year we only got 20, the year before it was about 50. The USDA doesn't want us to proceed unless we can get 35 birds. The goose harvest for Lauderdale for this year will be cancelled, but we are not giving up on this important program that helps keep our lakes cleaner. Perhaps an every other year harvest will be manageable.

**G. Treasurer's Report:**

Ferrari reported on current account balances:

Current accounts total \$197,542.97

Reserve accounts total \$308,048.12

Capital Project Fund is \$182,674.55

The budget meeting will be next month so she will provide each board member with a report for 2017 year-to-date and the 2018 budget proposal.

**J. Other Business:**

The next board meeting will be July 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Dick Mikulecky said he has been in touch with TDS, trying to get high speed Internet to the lakes area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m. on a Callaway / Sukala motion.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea White.