

Roll Call:

Present: Jack Sorenson, John Summers, Dean Bostrom Don Sukala, Jim Kroeplin, Greg Wisniewski (by Skype)

Absent: Sue Pruessing

Approve Agenda:

The Agenda was unanimously approved on a Sukala/ Kroeplin motion

Approve Minutes of September 12, 2020:

The minutes of the September 12, 2020 Board meeting were unanimously approved on a Summers/ Bostrom motion.

The October 31, 2020 Board meeting was cancel due to COVID 19 precautions.

Open Comments:

Jeff Angst mentioned that the proposed cost for 2022 fireworks will likely be 20-30% higher than this year. Hopefully we can get more donations or the show will need to be reduced.

This year fireworks will be on Saturday July 3, with a rain date of Sunday July 4

Confirm authorization:

Confirm authorization for Jim Kroeplin to enter into agreement with DNR for Don Jean Bay Shoreline restoration and Greg Wisniewski to purchase a new weed harvester

Resolution 2020-04 DNR Don Jean Bay Shoreline Grant

Resolution 2020-03 DNR Weed Harvester Grant

Both resolutions were unanimously approved on a Bostrom/ Summers motion

Discus and Consider Bubblers to Mitigate Ice Damage

Currently the Town ordinance allows for permitted bubblers in wet boat houses. Numerous residents around the lake have requested permission to use bubblers to reduce ice damage to their piers. The general concern is safety of open water in the winter time. Jack explained that he has contacted Lake Geneva (allows bubblers for commercial piers only) and Lake Beulah does not allow bubblers at all.

William Rouse requested being grandfathered because he has used a bubbler for many years. This is a request that needs to be presented to the Town Board.

Discussion continued about the pros and cons of bubblers and the potential impact to the ice on the lakes. Concern about damage is when the ice is going out. One option discussed was to allow bubblers in March when the ice is going out (to coincide with DNR date for ice shantys).

Possibly drill holes in the ice late season to create places for the ice to crack when thawing

Significant concerns about ice safety if bubblers are allowed. At this time, leave the Town Ordinance as is. No motion or vote was taken.

Discus and Consider Revisions to Town of LaGrange Pier Ordinance.

John Summers and Marcia Sahag have coordinated this effort. Main goal was to resolve problems in the environmentally sensitive areas. Piers and shore stations will be allowed in the sensitive areas if DNR will permit them. Materials will be limited and structures will need to be permanent (not removed seasonally). Loading Platforms (200 SF) will be allowed at the end of piers in non-sensitive areas. The new ordinance will be more in line with the DNR requirements. This was done to reduce the number of variances that would be requested, reviewed and approved. All variances will be reviewed and approved by the Town of LaGrange.

There is a maximum of 5 moorings per property. Locations of piers and mooring areas will be reviewed at the time of permit submittal.

A motion to approve the pier ordinance as revised, by Summers/ Kroeplin

Approved with a roll call vote. All voting yes except Sue Preussing (absent)

The overall schedule of final approval of the ordinance requires LLLMD approval, Town of LaGrange approval, Town Attorney review and approval, DNR review and approval, final Town review and approval of ordinance.

Discus and Consider an Ongoing Plan to Maintain or Replace Patrol Boats:

Discussions were held this past winter to review the existing patrol boats and determine how to move forward with a plan to regularly replace patrol boats and motors. The intention is to allow for regular replacement of the boats and motors so that dollars can be budgeted for these expenses. Motors typically have 700-1000 hours of use per season.

Radios were added to patrol boats to allow for direct communication with Town Rescue. An on water training drill will happen on April 17. Equipment will be reviewed afterwards to understand if there are better style boats for our purposes

There were also discussions about the use of body cameras by the water safety patrol officers. Costs would be approximately \$4000-\$5000 for the purchase of equipment and estimate of \$1500 per year for data management. A Summers/ Bostrom motion was approved by roll call vote to continue evaluating body cameras. There needs to be a specific protocol for the use of cameras.

Designated pick up locations for the Rescue squad were also established for reducing ambulance times.

Treasurers Report:

The 2019 Audited statement is on the website

The 2020 District books are on the website. Just received the second installment for taxes and DNR approval for reimbursement for 2020 Water Safety Patrol expenses.

Project Reports:

Dean Bostrom Golf Course The golf course opened this morning. Life safety repairs are continuing to be made to the club house. This year is the 100 year anniversary for the course. There is a new logo and a proposed celebration for June 26. In the future it may be helpful to send out emails with notification of special events.

John Summers Piers previously discussed

Don Sukala Town of LaGrange The Town plans to repave the West Shore Drive boat launch. All boat launches are open. The Town is in the process of requiring road address signs to be posted lake side. This is being done to help dispatch for rescue situations. Edge Broadband is working to serve the Lake area with high speed service.

Jim Kroeplin Don Jean Bay Shoreline. We received a grant from DNR for \$46,374.12 and the District is responsible for \$15,458.04. Plan to bid the project this summer and construction to happen this fall.

Watershed Study. We received a grant from DNR for \$25,000 for the watershed study. We will work with our consultant to get this started.

Clean Boats Clean Waters. We received a grant from DNR for \$6000.

Sterlingworth Bay Shoreline. Maintenance needs to be completed along the shoreline to supplement native plants and spray for invasive species. Total cost to be \$2400. Work will be completed in May and coordinated with the condo association.

Water Safety Patrol. Chief Ken Blanke will be retiring from his position on June 30, 2021. He will continue to be available to help in any way. We thank Chief Blanke for his years of service. Other WSP items were previously discussed.

Other Business: None

Next meeting is proposed for late April to approve the purchase for a new weed harvester. Aquarius is the preferred vendor. \$187,000 purchase

Adjournment

