

Roll Call:

Present: Jack Sorenson, Greg Wisniewski, Ron Diederich, John Summers
Jim Kroeplin, Don Sukala, Sue Pruessing

Agenda:

The Agenda was modified to move the pier discussion to item 5 and was unanimously approved on a Summers / Sukala motion.

Approve minutes of February 15, 2020 meeting:

The minutes of the February 15, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved on a Wisniewski / Kroeplin motion.

Community Comments:

Jeff Angst reminded everyone that the fireworks show will be Saturday July 4. Viewing is available at the golf course. There will be hand washing stations provided and also a donation box. Show starts at 9:30. Thank you Jeff.

Sue Pruessing informed that Walworth County recently provided two days of Covid testing at the fairgrounds and 1000 test kits were used. Another round of testing will be held by the County. Dates are to be determined. US Census is ongoing and is important for allocation of funding. Please go online and fill out the census. There has been an increase in Covid cases in the Lake Geneva area. A number of businesses were closed as a result. So far over 500 cases and 18 deaths from Covid in Walworth County. Please see the County website for more information.

Discuss Pier Ordinance Revisions: Summers

John Summers and Marcia Sahag have been reviewing the existing ordinance and have proposed revisions to the ordinance.

The primary areas of concern have to do with the environmentally sensitive areas. A study determining the environmentally sensitive areas was completed in the 1990's and is available on the Lake District website.

Proposed revisions to the ordinance include;

In the previously developed shoreline areas

1. No chemically treated wood posts for piers
2. Shore stations would be allowed if they are aluminum and adjacent to a pier
3. Piers and shore stations must remain in the water year round. (Permanent)

In previously undeveloped shoreline areas

1. Owners need to meet the existing County Shore Land Ordinance, get DNR approval and then Town of Lagrange approval
2. All riparian owners are entitled to a pier. DNR has authority over location and configuration.

The proposed ordinance will be enforced by the Town of LaGrange. LLLMD will make recommendations to the Town. After the ordinance is approved by the Town it must be approved by DNR. Likely a back and forth process with the attorneys and DNR.

There was much discussion about the existing piers and shore stations in the sensitive areas. Also the limited options to install new piers in these areas.

A Kroeplin/Wisniewski motion was unanimously approved to table the discussion until more information can be obtained from DNR about what their policy will be and to get an opinion from legal council.

Treasurers Report: Wisniewski

The proposed budget was presented by Greg Wisniewski. A special reserve account was proposed to set aside dollars for Don Jean Bay shoreline stabilization, Tee #1 drainage improvements and Wooded Preserve maintenance. The reserve amount would be \$68,263. This was unanimously approved on a Kroeplin/ Sorenson motion.

The proposed budget for 2021 was discussed and a tax levy in the amount of \$198,682 was unanimously approved by the Board on a Summers/ Diederich motion. This will be presented at the September 5, 2020 Annual Meeting.

The golf course seems to be doing well this year. Golf revenues are up, year to date and does not look like the District will need to subsidize the golf course.

Town of LaGrange: Sukala

Town of LaGrange has received a lot of additional money from the boat ramps. It seems that a lot more people are using the Lake.

Lake Wandawega has obtained a permit from the DNR to pump water out of their lake into sugar Creek. Their lake level is very high due to rain and runoff. They propose to lower the level by 18”.

Dam: Kroeplin

DNR grant reimbursement was received in the amount of \$73,695.51

Don Jean Bay Shoreline: Kroeplin

Recently met with a consultant to review the status of the shoreline. Only portions are showing problems. The previous work (2004) was completed with DNR money so we will be limited as to what we can do. Currently discussing with DNR to understand what the options might be.

Watershed Study: Kroeplin

Working with a consultant and DNR to understand the Grant process. A new grant program is being started. Pre application is by September 1 and grant application needs to be submitted by November 1.

Clean Boats Clean Water: Diederich

DNR left the enforcement of the program open to the local agencies. We will start the program and have someone at the boat launches.

Water Safety Patrol. Diederich

All going good. We have had one OWI so far this year. There have been a couple of breakdowns with the patrol boats but repairs have been made and all are operating well. Lots of warnings have been given and few citations.

Aquatic Plant Management Wisniewski

The 5 year permit has been issued by DNR. Harvesting started June 4. We need to start looking at replacing the weed harvester in the near future.

Septics: Summers

No news.

Golf course: Sorenson

3855 rounds of play so far the year. The point of sale system is working very well. We will have very useful data to help us analyze the financials at the end of the year. Thank you to volunteers for help painting the signs and other projects around the golf course.

Discussion about the new building has been taken off the table for now due to Covid 19. We will continue to complete minor repairs to preserve it for a few more years.

New fence and landscaping was installed along Country Club Drive. Also some rip rap was installed to reduce erosion in the woods.

Other Business:

Two commissioners are up for election this year. Nomination forms need to be submitted to the District by August 5, 30 day prior to the Annual Meeting, (September 5)

Volunteers needed:

Need help for invasive species this fall. Groups of 10 people or less to comply with Covid requirements.

Will the golf course be available for the Yacht Club golf outing. Jack will check with Kristy. A number of golf outings have been canceled.

Need to start making plans for the Annual Meeting to accommodate concerns with Covid 19. Possibly a tent along with the pavilion at Lutherdale. A sound system will be needed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 on a Summers/Sukala motion.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Kroeplin

