

2021 Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District Meeting

November 13, 2021, 8:00 AM

Lauderdale Lakes Country Club maintenance building

Meeting was called to order by Dean Bostrom 8am

The commissioners were introduced and recognized

Dean Bostrom (present)	Chairman – Golf Course
Greg Wisniewski (present/phone)	Treasurer–Aquatic/Plant Management
Jim Kroeplin (present)	Dam and Environmental Projects
John Gilmartin (present)	Piers & Septic’s
Jane Larsen (present)	Secretary – Clean Boats Clean Water
Don Sukala (present)	Town of LaGrange
Susan Pruessing (absent excused)	Walworth County Representative

Approve agenda for November 13th, 2021

Agenda approved by Greg Wisniewski/Don Sukala

Approval of Minutes of the September 25, 2021, Board Meeting

Minutes were unanimously approved by Greg Wisniewski/Don Sukala

Open Comments:

No Comments

Flag Island Shoreline Protection Conservation Easement

Dean Bostrom

Status: The lake district 25 years ago had a conservation easement on Flag Island which expired about 15 year or so ago and its changed ownership. The change of ownership triggered a title search. The question is...does the district want to consider a conservation easement or leave things as they are now. The island was owned by Bob Hollywood. There was a conservation easement in place after shoreline work was done. The Conservation was put in place June 1996 and expired June 2007. The island has been purchased by The Sergie Family. The lights and flagpole are owned by the LL Yacht Club. Currently the flagpole is not working properly, so will need to wait till spring to get that fixed. Don Sukala will follow up with Sergie family regarding the maintenance of Flag Island. No further action taken.

Sale of the Barge Transport

Greg Wisniewski

LLLMD is purchasing a new weed harvester which will be in the Elkhorn Parade on December 4th. Our current transporter is not very efficient and hasn't been used in years. We have worked on the engine, made several repairs but it is still not as efficient as we would like to make it beneficial to use. Greg investigated new transporters which now are built larger and have 2 engines which will be easier to maneuver. The district has also purchased a new weed hauling trailer which will be more maneuverable than the one we currently own. Our plans are to sell the transporter and existing weed hauling trailer. Several people were interested in purchasing the existing transporter, but the money offered wasn't sufficient... due to the age and how much money would have to go into it to make it worth their while. The Yacht Club has reached out to us about the possibilities of purchasing/donating, with plans to use it for the 4th of July fireworks. The two scenarios would be to keep the barge and wait till we get better offers or donate it to the Yacht Club. We would like to keep the transporter on Lauderdale Lakes. After further discussion, a motion was made to sell/deed to the Yacht club for \$1. There will be a return contract agreement written up for the transport its trailer stating that if the LLYC ever decide to sell, all proceeds will go back to the LLLMD. All in favor. All information will be sent to the attorney for approval.

Resolution to authorize a grant for the Don Jean Bay Shoreline Erosion Control project

Jim Kroeplin

We are in the process of applying for an additional grant for the restoration of the East side of Don Jean Bay shoreline. Jim Kroeplin originally talked to the DNR about riprap we were denied. The resolution allows Jim or any other lake district commissioner to file for a grant and sign paperwork associated with the grant.

Areas that are having the most erosion is on the western end which is the “high wave” area. The DNR will allow us to use riprap in that area. The DNR won’t let us use riprap in the remaining area. Our only option would be to install bio logs and allow vegetation to grow into them. The original bio logs which were put in 25+ years ago are still there, they have not failed tremendously but need replacement. There is a life cycle on the bio logs and will have to continue to replace when needed. Replacement will depend on how much vegetation grows and holds onto the shoreline. When we spoke to the DNR originally, we discussed installing rip rap on that entire area, unfortunately we were denied. We were however able to show based on the reach and fetch across the lake on the western end, that the waves are such that we can justify riprap. We would have about 300 feet of riprap to install. Motion to grant resolution. Greg 1st. Jane 2nd. All in favor. Motion approved.

Municipal land planning committee

Dean Bostrom

The municipal land planning within the property which the LLLD owns. Area includes buildings and areas that are wooded. It encompasses the community center, maintenance building, clubhouse, storage building and parking lot. Proximately 9 acres which goes into the wooded area. A portion of the wooded is owned by Marilyn Busa. Marilyn is not interested at this time in selling her property. However, she did say that the LLLMD would be the first to be notified when she decides to sell. We would like to secure that property. About 5-6 years ago, there was a referendum. Since that time the lakes district has put in \$15-\$20,000 a year put into life safety issues, keeping animals out, keeping the water out, etc.

We want to thank Paul Lopardo and the men’s golf club for creating a painting day. The crew power washed and scraped old paint off the buildings and refreshed them with new paint. It looks much better. The existing building will eventually fail, and we will need to do something soon. The current septic tank and water drainage are some of the larger issues that we have problems with We will need to relocate the septic area which will serve the entire municipal area. We need to come up with a master

plan and the focus on the clubhouse. Looking at either renovating the existing clubhouse or replacing the footprint. We need more functional space. The ideal building will large enough to have functions and parties and will serve the golf course and the community, The LLLMD is looking develop committee to start addressing all the issues and bind them together so that we don't have to sink any more money into the buildings we currently have. The committee will be appointed by the board but independent of the board. Jack Sorenson would be willing to chair the committee. He will be looking for 5-9 members who live on the lake. Jack would oversee approving the committee. Motion made to form a Land Planning Committee. Motion to form a committee. 1st Greg Wisniewski 2nd Jim Kroeplin. Motion approved. Dean Bostrom made a motion to make Jack Sorenson the chairman of the committee and Jim Kroeplin the board liaison to the committee. 1st Dean Bostrom 2nd Motion approved. Jack Sorenson has already put a list of ideas together and ready to start working. More to be discussed at the next meeting.

Soil testing for future municipal areas

Jim Kroeplin

Soil testing for the new septic area: Before we can size the septic system, we need to check the soil area to make sure it is conducive for a new system. Jim received a proposal for \$2,250.00 to do 5 deep soil tests from Butler Engineering out of Palymra. Referred by Walworth County Sanitary. Greg Wisniewski made a motion to approve the soil testing with a budget of \$3000 for the septic fields funded out of the capital projects fund. Dean 2nd All in favor Motion approved.

Body Cameras

Jim Kroeplin

At the last meeting, the board talked about leasing body cameras for the lake patrol officers. In the past, some interactions with people stopped by the water patrol have not been positive. Jim talked with patrol officers, and they were in favor of it. The cost to purchase 6 cameras would be \$27,461.97, payable over 5 years (\$5492.39/year). After the 5 years, we will own the cameras. The board will put together a policy before the body cameras get used. The police chief has put together his policy that and has not yet reviewed by our attorney. With patrol officers wearing body cameras, the chances of a negative interaction will be reduced greatly. Motion to purchase the cameras by Greg Wisniewski, 2nd by Jim Kroeplin. All in favor. Motion approves.

Project Reports

Jim Kroeplin

Don Jean Bay Shoreline- They gave us the OK to remove the bio logs from the original project. They want us to bid the project in the spring to get more than just one price. The grant dollars that they awarded originally will not be affected by removing the old bio logs. The 2nd grant is to install bio logs. If we receive this grant, we will do both projects at the same time.

The watershed study: The first zoom meeting was held on November 2nd. The next meeting is planned for December 14. We need to talk to the consultant to get a draft copy of the water shed study. We need to start looking at what projects they might identify and the costs. Based on dollars and possible future grants. Jim hopes to put together a schedule for the work that will need to be done. Projects to be completed 2-5 years.

Water Safety patrol: Boats out of the water. 447 is up by the maintenance building, officers plan on cleaning them up. Boat #449 is at Reeds Marine for winterization and reviewing for any repairs.

Dam: The dam seems to be functioning well. The water level is about 85-50. Down about 1.5-2 inches. From last year.

No. 1 Tee Drainage: We received a proposed drainage grading plan from the engineering firm but with the septic in the middle it makes more sense to sit tight and move forward after we do something with the septic

Board Meeting

Don Sukala

The Town of LaGrange as past budget. Less than 1%

Aquatic Plant Management

Greg Wisniewski

Annual report was sent to the DNR before November. Total weeds 436.5 tons. That is a record. Our new harvester will be delivered in the spring.

Clean Waters Clean Boats

Jane Larsen

Everything has been filed. No news to report.

Septic

John Gilmartin

No Reports

Golf Course

Dean Bostrom

We had a good Year. Up 200 rounds from 2020. That excludes the 100th anniversary celebration day which was a Saturday. Revenue we are up about the same as last year. Last year we are about \$40,000 surplus, which we would like to reinvest back into our golf course. The painting project with the men's league did a great job on the building, everything looks fresh. We have a contract with Alpine Trees who will remove several dead trees this week. Sparky worked together with BK Landscaping who regraded the 3rd T-box. The sand traps were squared off and bare areas around the traps have been over seeded and growing in nicely. Everything looks good and you will see a noticeable difference in the spring. The buildings have been winterized and ready for winter. The website needs to be up to dated.

Treasures report

Greg Wisniewski

Bank balances have been reduced due to year end. There is a \$50,000 cash flow loan from the golf course. We are pretty much on with budget, little over on aquatic plant management. There is around \$2000 for the new hitch on the truck. Some more money needed for septic. Tax levy PC-505 issued. Documents went over to LaGrange and going to Sugar Creek this week.

Other business

Dean Bostrom

Talked to Sue from the county regarding the reports that we contracted with Nestor. We don't currently have tax parcels within the lake district but can go to the county direct to obtain tax parcels for free and save \$1,200.00.

Next board meeting: March 26, 2022

Meeting Adjourned