



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES of 5-14-16**

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

A. Attendance:

Present: Chairman Mason, Debbie Ferrari, Jack Sorenson, Don Sukala, Greg Wisniewski, Peter Van Kampen, and Rick Callaway were present.

B. Agenda:

The agenda was approved, on a Sorenson / Van Kampen motion and passed unanimously.

C. Minutes:

The minutes of April 2, 2016 were approved on a Wisniewski / Sukala motion.

D. Consider Approval of Fireworks Display Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club:

Chairman Mason provided some background: in the past, a barge was used to bring fireworks and equipment on and off the property. For the last three years, the fireworks have been brought in across the golf course. The Yacht Club has been billed for mowing, clean-up, and extra Water Safety Patrol officers.

Motion: Chairman Mason proposed (Callaway seconded) that for this year, the Yacht Club go back to barging fireworks onto the property again, and LLLMD would pay for the mowing and clean-up to reduce the impact on the golf course. That is one of the busiest days of the year at the course, and some golfers complained about the fireworks being carted across the course and interrupting play.

Discussion: Pete Spaulding and Jeff Angst of the Yacht Club stated that in the past they have had difficulty with the barge, and the company that puts on the fireworks display may not agree to move fireworks in by barge and the show may have to be cancelled, or they may charge an amount that would require the Yacht Club to significantly reduce the quality of the fireworks display. In the past there have been problems with using the boardwalk down to the water, but that has been corrected with the use of a path mowed to the area and temporarily removing a piece of golf course fence.

Peter Van Kampen noted that thinking of the “Lauderdale Park” idea and increasing the enjoyment of the property beyond golfers to include more district residents, it would

make sense to allow this use of the property. More lake residents enjoy the fireworks that day evening than are disrupted on the golf course that morning.

Other discussion included the idea of using the boardwalk in from Hwy 12 to access the property. The current boardwalk isn't wide enough, but a proposed walking path in the future could potentially be constructed to allow ATV traffic for the fireworks display in the future.

Amended Motion: Based upon the foregoing discussion, Chairman Mason moved, Calloway seconded motion to have the Yacht Club trailer fireworks across the golf course again for one more year. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Consider Recommendation Regarding Impact and Safety Implications of “Water Jet Propulsion Devices”.

New “water jet propulsion devices” appeared on the market in 2014. The DNR has proposed rules for their regulation. Current state regulation treats the devices as Personal Water Crafts (PWCs). A personal flotation device is required, as is a boating safety certificate (depending upon the age of the user). Operating distances are the same as for PWCs and other water craft – 100 feet from other boats/piers and 200 feet from shore. Any additional limitation to the use of the devices would require DNR approval and a Town Ordinance. Other Wisconsin lakes have proposed ordinances limiting use and requiring permits for use of the devices.

Discussion

Concerns with the potential use of the devices on Lauderdale: impact on other boaters on the lakes. Lauderdale is a more densely populated lake than others in our area, and is very busy on weekend afternoons. They are low-profile and can be operated without a second person present. The operator can go underwater at times, and may not be seen by other boaters, causing a concern for safety of operator and other boaters. Also concern for liability of other boaters.

Possibilities for limiting use:

- Limit to a “safe zone” in area of lake where there is enough room – Green Lake, Mill Lake
- Weekday use only
- Limited hours on weekends
- Require a permit
- Require a safety boat – like with water ski shows
- Prohibit altogether
- Look to ordinances for other lakes as guidance – Big Cedar Lake, Twin Lakes

A Calloway / Sorenson motion to table the issue to address next month after the board can look at other lakes' ordinances passed unanimously.

The issue will be on the agenda again next month. In the meantime, the Board will gather more information and prepare to draft a recommendation for the Town to consider. The Board prefers to do this before the devices appear on Lauderdale.

F. Project Reports:

Weed Harvesting: Wisniewski reported that the equipment is in the water and in good shape. Weeds aren't growing very quickly so far.

Clean Boats Clean Water: Wisniewski reported that Connor Hamilton has started for the season, informing boaters about the program.

Country Club Drive Clean-up: Wisniewski reported that there is a plan to dig out behind the drain under Country Club Drive and install rocks on the slope to stabilize the soil so that the sediment doesn't continue to wash into the lake. The Town has a mower that may be able to be used to mow the slopes to keep erosion down. Native plants, ground cover would also be an option to prevent erosion. Dumping of leaves in the area has also been an issue.

Insurance: Sorenson had nothing new to report – everything is fine.

Dam: Sorenson reported that the DNR wants the water to flow over the dam rather than under the structure. When enclosed it can become clogged and presents a safety issue too. The DNR is requiring the Lake District to be granted easement from the Sterlingworth Condominiums to inspect and repair the berm if necessary.

County: Calloway has been re-appointed as County Representative for the Lake District Board. He reported that the pier is to be put in at Pleasant Lake. No parking problems reported so far.

Town of LaGrange: Sukala reported that the launches are collecting fees, last year the Town collected \$17,000.

Piers / Septic: Van Kampen reported that both programs are working well.

Long Range Planning (Added Amenities for Lauderdale Park): Van Kampen reported that he visited four communities in Florida with amenities similar to those being considered here, specifically pickle ball, bocce, and the walking path.

Pickle Ball: growing sport among retired people, but presents problems. It is very noisy – communities have found that they need to limit hours in which people can play and require alternate equipment (that is still noisy) because of complaints about the noise. Van Kampen's recommendation would be that Lauderdale Park not include pickle ball as people along Country Club Drive, people on the golf course and at the clubhouse would be exposed to that noise all the time.

Bocce: also popular among retirees. Huge variety in cost of installing, but very affordable, quiet, doesn't take a lot of space. Van Kampen reported that he is looking into the cost with local builders.

Walking Path: a meeting will be organized for homeowners along Country Club Drive to address any concerns about a future path. For now, Van Kampen is planning to pursue the possibility of a path from the clubhouse along Hwy 12 and across the wetland to avoid bothering homeowners along Country Club Drive.

Water Safety Patrol: Ferrari reported that 2 of the WSP boats are in the water. No problems with the boats to report so far. They had new decals placed on them early this Spring. One new officer has been hired, and they will be hiring two more. There is a new DNR issued boating handbook this year, available online and at the Boat House (Marina).

The local ordinance brochure has also been updated and is available at the boat launch and at the Boat House (Marina).

The DNR instituted a new computer system this year and has initial problems with Registration stickers. Stickers should be arriving shortly, but some boaters may not have received them before the expiration of the old stickers.

The Water Safety Committee meeting was held in April.

Treasurer: Ferrari reported on current account balances.

Ferrari also announced that the LLIA annual meeting and 110th Anniversary Picnic will be June 11th at Lutherdale.

Environmental: Mason reported that the Gladhurst Association on Green Lake hired a tree trimming service to cut down trees on the Lake District's property without the District's knowledge or permission. The Sheriff's Department has been notified. Because the Lake District owns the lot in the Gladhurst Association, everyone who is a member of the District is entitled to use the Gladhurst Park on the lake as owners in the association.

Mason also reported that there is a problem with muskrats that the DNR is addressing with increased trapping. Beavers have also taken up residence in some boathouses on Middle Lake. The muskrats have undermined the riprap in Sterlingworth Bay. Travis Schroeder at the DNR may have ideas to further protect the shoreline with native plantings.

Golf Course: The weather so far this Spring has been horrible for business, but the course is in good shape.

Website: At Nestor Dyhdalo's suggestion, the District purchased an additional URL that is similar to that already used by the District.

The District needs additional email addresses for Lake District residents. So far, about 90 people have provided their addresses through the "Newsletter" function on the new website. The Board discussed ways to reach out to residents to provide addresses – provide a sign up at the registration for the annual meeting.

G. Consider Purchasing Used Fairway Mower:

Mason explained that the current fairway mower is an over 20 years old, has over 5000 hours on it, has been overheating to the point where it is inoperable, and is now broken beyond repair as parts are no longer commercially available. The Golf Course has an opportunity to purchase a used 2012 Toro fairway mower that has 1200 hours on it.

After some discussion, a Van Kampen / Wisniewski motion to purchase passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed financing. The Golf Course could pursue a commercial loan through a bank, or the Lake District could provide the financing at a lower interest rate.

A Van Kampen / Sorenson motion to provide financing at 1% interest over five years through the Lake District passed unanimously.

H. Other Business:

The next LLLMD Board meeting will be held June 10, 2016 at 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. on a Sukala / Sorenson motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea White.