



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES of 09-12-2015**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mason, at 8:00 a.m.

- A. **Attendance:** Present: Chairman Mason, Rick Callaway, Debbie Ferrari, Peter Van Kampen, Jack Sorenson, Greg Wisniewski and Don Sukala.
- B. **Agenda:** The agenda was approved on a Callaway/Van Kampen motion and passed unanimously.
- C. **Approve Minutes:** On a Callaway/Wisniewski motion the minutes for the August 8, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted, unanimously.
- D. **Elect Officers:** On a Callaway/Sukala motion, the officers remained the same and were unanimously elected for the following year – Mason as Chairman, Sorensen as Secretary and Ferrari as Treasurer.
- E. **Consider New Ski Team Agreement:** Chairman Mason deferred the new agreement for the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers (LAS) until the October, 2015 meeting. The agreement is being re-written.
- F. **Consider New Website Features:** Discussion regarding features the district can access on the new website that were not previously available on the old website. The website can be updated and documents can be added much more easily. The website will have an email capture tool that will allow the district to send emails to those who subscribe. Each of the Lake District “projects” has its own page with information regarding the project and contact information for commissioner and district employees for that area. The website will be more interactive than the old site and can be used to keep homeowners in the district updated about various projects and events for the district. Board members agreed to review and submit text for their project by September 30.
- G. **Long Range Planning:** Chairman Mason assigned projects to Lake District Commissioners as the District continues exploring a Long Range Plan for the District’s property including the Community Center, Wetlands, and Golf Course. Plan to be comprehensive, but can be implemented ad hoc as community desires and funding allow.

Project Assignments:

Wisniewski: infrastructure, detailed reports on problem issues, input from outside professionals, renovation of building(s) or new building.

Van Kampen: non-golf recreation for the property, costs.

Sorenson: impact on traffic, Hwy 12 access, DOT involvement, consideration of possible future project to widen Hwy 12.

Mason: explore building replacement.

Debbie: communication.

Another Long Range Planning meeting to be scheduled for next summer, independent of Annual Meeting.

H. **Project Reports:**

Sukala reported that the new buoys at Pebble Beach have been working well, they are looking into a different means of anchoring them there in the sand. The new ordinance regarding towables in the channels needs DNR approval. The Town of LaGrange's preliminary budget shows taxes to increase 1%.

Callaway reported that the Townships in Walworth County were divided about 50/50 in regards to short-term rentals. Half of the Towns would like the County to enforce their ordinance banning short-term rentals (these are those with lake access), and half of the Towns do not have a problem regarding short-term rentals (these are largely the Towns without lakes, so they do not see short-term rentals). The County will likely be pushing the Towns to manage the problem themselves.

Ferrari reported that the 2014 Audit statements should be ready soon. She asked for a resolution from the Board to create separate bank accounts (checking and money market) for the non-lapsable reserve for the Long Range Capital Plan established in the approved 2015 budget. On a Sorenson / Van Kampen motion, the Board unanimously approved a resolution to create these separate accounts.

Ferrari also reported that the Water Safety Patrol has now issued 6 OWIs this year. There was a question at the Annual Meeting regarding the new ordinance banning blue lights for watercraft that are not patrol boats. Clarification on this point is that blue cup holders, etc. are okay – these will not be mistaken for an emergency vessel. Blue lights cannot obstruct the navigational lights – the bow / stern lights have to be discernable. Another question at the Annual Meeting was about buoys. The location of buoys is determined by the DNR - the Lake District cannot decide to move them farther from shore.

Sorenson reported that R.A. Smith is making plans to send to the DNR to alter the building behind the spillway of the dam. The back portion of the dam is the old mill house and water goes under the floor. The DNR doesn't want anything impeding the open flow of water, so the dam will be corrected and will undergo more frequent dam breach analysis. It might be necessary to partially remove the dam house because the concrete is 15 inches thick and may be too difficult to safely cut through.

Van Kampen reported that piers and septic pumping are running smoothly. Associates is doing a good job and the District can update the County website for the required tax assessments easily.

Wisniewski reported that the Weed Harvesting will be operating for another three weeks as their permit allows. They will pass 300 tons of weeds, and are seeing lots of floaters churned up from wave action. These turn into muck, so they are doing their best to harvest them. Starting in October, the crew will begin work on equipment, ordering parts, and rebuilding machines as needed to prepare for next year. There haven't been any major damages to the weed harvesting equipment this year. One accident with a boat moored at a pier, working on being rectified with the boat owner. Clean Boats, Clean Waters – Connor Hamilton has been encouraging people to watch for weeds being transported into the lakes, and has received a positive reaction.

Mason reported that the golf course is on track to be self-sustaining this year, and there haven't been any major breakdowns for equipment. The Water Safety Patrol pier on Don Jean Bay is being replaced. The frames were broken so the carpet and plywood decking was all that was holding it together. The contractor that performed the Wetlands restoration will continue to target invasive species – buckthorn, purple loosestrife, phragmites.

Mason also reported on a zoning change in the WI State Budget. Zoning for shoreline frontage restrictions is being removed from local control. Counties cannot create stricter standards than those created by the state anymore. Developers, particularly in the northern part of the state, are pushing for the change, and WI Lakes is not pursuing the issue. Membership dues for WI Lakes have increased, the Lake District will have to determine whether membership in the WI Lakes organization should continue, given their recent lack of leadership.

- I. **Other business:** Question and discussion regarding property owners new to district. Some of the realtors, notably Karen Ostermeier, makes a welcome packet for people purchasing property in the District; this includes a LLIA membership form and directory. LLLMD has a WSP brochure in the LLIA Directory.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m. on a motion made by Ferrari and seconded by Sukala, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea White.