

## **SCHOOL SECTION LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – Thursday May 25, 2017**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Frank Arndorfer, John Manthe, Chuck Wood, Tom Casper, and Donald Solberg

**LAKE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vic Herbert and Nina Solberg

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – John made a motion to accept the minutes for the April 19 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Chuck, and the motion was approved.
- 3. TREASURERS REPORT** – John read the treasurers report. The checking account balance is \$944.52. We have \$37,968.57 in savings, with \$2,000 in reserve for chemical treatment in a future year, for a total of \$38,913.09. John asked Don if he had a copy of the payout schedule for the State. Don will look and see if he has it. We received a bill for \$600 from our attorney, Bill Chapman, for his work on the land acquisition. Our workman's comp carrier, Travelers, is no longer going to be providing this insurance. We will be back with EMC. Don made a motion to accept the report, Tom seconded and the motion was approved.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Smukowski land purchase:
    - i. Review of our meeting with the County – rezoning, hiking trail, grass mowing of our lot. Frank and Don met with Duane Grimm from Waukesha County Parks, and Sandra Scherer, the Town of Ottawa planner. Sandra feels that our property will need to be rezoned. We have received documents from her that have to be completed, this will include what our planned uses are for the property. Sandra told us that the Town/County have long term plans to extend a trail from the Grumlin Glacial Trail to Ottawa Lake. Their original plan was to go down the old Tibby trail, but the land owner will not allow that. They could as an alternative come around the lake and through our property, and then down Dolmar Park to the Paradise Valley land. She was very happy to hear that we were also interested in a hiking trail. Duane volunteered to have the County mow our land at the same time that they mow their dike. (They have since done the first mowing.) He also offered to help us get a permanent easement for the use of their property to dock the harvester. We would no longer have to apply for a conditional land use every year. This will require County Board approval. Duane will be getting us an application for this.
    - ii. Establish committee to determine potential district use of the land. Frank will chair the committee. We have volunteers from the Weidensee's and from Vic Herbert. Todd and/or Bruce may be willing to participate. John suggested that we only have one person from each of the households.
    - iii. Discussion of temporary land use policy until use is approved at the Annual meeting. Request from Carrie Weidensee for a garden. Don made a motion to allow Carrie Weidensee to put in a garden on the district's property, for this year only. Frank seconded the motion, and it was approved.
    - iv. Possible approval of one time cutting by Jerry Smukowski. Jerry had asked at closing if he could get some estimates on what companies would charge to mow this property. He got two estimates and offered to cut for the same cost. We however do not have any money in the budget this year for cutting. The County has volunteered to mow the grass when they mow the dike. A discussion followed about the process of getting Board approval before any funding commitments are made. Don will tell Jerry that the Board did not approve the funding for Jerry to mow the property.
  - b. Update on engine replacement for the weed harvester. The old engine is out and the new engine is supposed to be shipping this week. Frank said that Dan seems to think that the installation should go quickly. Dan took some photos of the flywheel assembly and gave them to Frank. Frank is going to send that to EngineMon. Some parts are going to be needed and we won't know what exactly

we will need until the engine shows up. Frank is not going to be available to help Dan. Don offered to help out while Frank is gone. The engine is shipping to the Peterbilt shop in Waukesha. We will have to make arrangements to use either Frank or Don's pick-up truck to get the engine. Dan has a skid loader that he can use to take the engine off of the pick-up. Frank estimated that the earliest the harvester could be in the water would be the first week of June. Frank said that we started harvesting on May 17<sup>th</sup> last year. Our permit does not have a fixed start date, the start date changes depending on when the fish breeding is done. Don asked if Frank could provide the DNR with an estimated start date for the harvesting. Frank will provide that to Sam at the DNR. John told the Board about an individual that he knows who works with diesel engines and has also worked with eight other lake districts on their harvesters. He changed the engine on Fowler Lake's which is almost exactly like ours. They had the same Hatts engine as ours. He is available as a resource. He can manufacture anything that we need, and can also phone in orders for hoses or oil. He has recommended changes to our anti-freeze and also the hydraulic fluid to what is commonly called "bean oil".

- c. DNR training for weed harvester operators – set date. Frank has had a call into Sam at the DNR but he has been out in the field. We have a list of names for potential new part-time operators. We may have to start harvesting and then have Sam provide his presentation at a later date. John will get the names to Frank, who will coordinate the date with Sam.
- d. Picnic planning. The picnic will be on August 26. The only thing that has to be done now is reserve a porta potty. Don will put information in the newsletter regarding the picnic and will contact Arnold's for the port potty.
- e. Newsletter input. Don is holding off on the newsletter until the harvester is operational. It will also have information on the land acquisition and the picnic. Frank will provide a "chairman's" column. We are targeting mid-June.
- f. John asked if we had gotten any further contact from Jared Wartinbee regarding his request to remove the lot that he planned on purchasing on the "Lauer" farm from the district. Don advised that he has had no further contact. A discussion followed regarding the commitment to pay off the loan for the land acquisition. This would prevent us from removing that assessment from his property tax. We would consider removing his property from the district, provided he paid his portion of the special assessment.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Potential lake draw-down in Fall 2018 – County has new boat landing in the budget for 2018. It was brought up at the meeting that Frank and Don had with the County that there will need to be a lake draw-down. The County wants to rebuild the boat launch for a new concrete ramp. They have to draw down the lake to install keystones and then later they install a pre-build concrete ramp. At the same time they need to do dam maintenance. We have our first meeting with the DNR and the County on June 2. The draw down would benefit the Lake District as well: temporary compaction of sediment, Milfoil reduction, and also provide residents with an opportunity to do shoreline repairs. We are going to have to coordinate the draw down so that people get their boat out of the water before the lake is drawn down. Ice fishermen will probably lose their access to the lake through the County boat launch. The permit for the draw down has to be done by the County since they own the dam. Based on a prior meeting with Heidi Bunk DNR, the maximum benefit for Milfoil eradication is if we left the lake drawn down for 18 months. Don said that he couldn't support that and didn't feel that the residents would support that either.
- b. Pick dates for future meetings. Don is going to traveling all of July and possibly the first two weeks of August. The next Board meetings will be held on June 15, July 13, and August 24.
- c. Town Boating ordinance. Don asked what the status was on the change in the ordinance, removing the restrictions that were put in when we were doing the dredging project. Tom said the changes and been made and approved. (The Town web site still has the old ordinance)

- d. Town Board agenda. Don suggested that we get on a future Town Board meeting agenda to provide them with an update on what we were planning on doing with our land. Frank will attend the July 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. John will also plan on attending.
- 6. Town and County Report** – Chuck provided an update on the septic tank pumping enforcement. The County is working on getting a financial penalty if the second notice is ignored. Tom advised that the Town has a new Chairperson , Cheryl Rupp, and two new board members have been appointed to serve until the next scheduled elections. Ottawa is now part of a new combined fire district, Western Lakes, which will serve Dousman, Ottawa, Summit, and Oconomowoc. Sullivan will also be served under contract. This should reduce fire insurance cost and the Town’s portion of the budget will be reduced. North Prairie may also participate in the future, providing better service to the Southern portion of the Town. A discussion followed regarding the poor address signs in the Town compared to other townships in Waukesha County and surrounding counties. It was also brought up the difficulty in reading street signs. Tom is going to bring these concerns to the Town Board.
- 7. Public Comments - None**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT** - Don motioned to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. Motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY DON SOLBERG, SECRETARY, (262-965-3545)