

Phantom Lakes Management District

September 22, 2021, 7:00PM

Annual Meeting Minutes

Mukwonago Town Hall (W320S8315 Beulah Rd Mukwonago WI)

APPROVED

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairman Joe Graczyk.

2. Open Meeting Notice:

The meeting was noticed and posted according to law.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2020 Annual Meeting:

Mary Heuver motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 9-26-2020, seconded by Kathy Verduyn. Motion carried (unanimous).

4. Fisheries Management/Stocking:

Steve Verduyn provided an update. The permit was approved by the DNR. 1300 Walleye and 1800 Bass will be stocked on 9-29-2021 at approximately 10am. The stockings will be split with half going in at the Andrews St launch and half going in at the Police access point off Shady Ln.

Jack Fiene had concerns with Walleye being stocked on Lower Phantom lake due to the shallow nature of the lake and higher water temperatures. Dave Schmalzer said that he has successfully caught Walleye on upper and lower phantom lakes and stocking has been successful in addition to keeping the pan fish population in check.

5. Harvesting Report:

Harvesting Manager, Dawn Couillard, provided an update. There was a slow start to the season this year due to engine problems with the harvester and weather delays preventing the launch. Low water levels also made harvesting difficult at times. The harvesting crew/employees have been working out well. The dump truck is in good shape, although the harvester is rough shape and has a leaking hydraulic pump and a leaking hydraulic motor for one of the cutters. PLMD will investigate having these issues resolved during the off season. The harvester is scheduled to be removed 10-6-2021.

Bill Morris is a contractor with a special (smaller) 5ft harvester and was hired by PLMD. Bill was on the lake 3 times during the 2021 season, for approximately 7 days total. His crew removed aquatic plants in the shallow water areas specified in the DNR harvesting permit that only permit a smaller machine. PLMD plans to continue this for the 2022 season.

Jack Fiene commented that Mike Eastlund cannot get his boat out from his shoreline. Jake Jagmin responded indicating PLMD is not permitted to harvest in that area currently and the

DNR will not revise the harvesting permit until it expires in 2024 and a plant survey is completed.

6. Lake Plant Survey (as required by Wi DNR):

Joanne Tlachac-Hehn presented the current harvesting map as permitted by the DNR and advised that it expires on 12-31-2023. There are requirements that must be satisfied in order to renew and/or modify the harvesting permit, including having a plant survey preformed. PLMD intends to hire a contractor or company, an expert in this field, to perform this survey and interact with the DNR on behalf of PLMD to help obtain PLMD's harvesting goals. PLMD can apply for a grant to cover some of the costs involved with having the plant survey preformed.

Joanne Tlachac-Hehn motions to accept the resolution to process the lake plant survey grant application. Jack Fiene seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).

7. New 7' Harvester Acquisition:

Adam Miller said PLMD received an DNR grant to cover 43% of the purchase price of a new harvester. Darlene Johnson thanked Adam Miller for completing the grant process on PLMD's behalf.

Jake Jagmin brought up lead-times on some replacement parts for the current 10' harvester, such as the main hydraulic pumps that are leaking are up to 14 weeks and recommends PLMD operates two harvesters.

Joe Graczyk motioned to purchase a new 7' harvester from Inland Lake Harvesters in the amount not to exceed \$167,002 including the grant funds. Jack Fiene seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).

8. Items from the Floor:

Jack Fiene and Christine Pawlak had concerns that the sanctioned boat races are spreading aquatic plants on lower Phantom, are excessively loud and are harmful to wildlife and the lake in general. Dave Dubey said that the Town of Mukwonago permits the races and not PLMD.

Jack Fiene also had concerns that some buoys were too small. Adam Miller responded that the buoys placed by the Town for navigation purposes are 36".

Dave Johnson questioned if Lake Patrol is utilizing DNR grants for funding. Dave Dubey said he believes they are, and the Town Police Dept applies for these grants.

9. Treasurer's/Secretary's Assistant Open position:

Colleen Mutchler submitted her resume and cover letter PLMD. She was the sole applicant to fill this vacant role.

Jake Jagmin motioned to hire Colleen Mutchler as a contractor to assist PLMD with treasurer and secretary duties at a rate of \$20/hr effective immediately. Adam Miller seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).

10. Approval of 2021 Audit Report:

Item is tabled due to the 2021 audit report not yet being available.

11. Adoption of 2022 Proposed Budget:

Steve Verduyn had concerns that the levy was being increased while funds were available in the GOF account. If these funds are intended to be used for equipment purchases, they should be allocated into the equipment reserve fund.

Jake Jagmin motioned to approve the budget as presented with an additional \$10,000 being transferred from GOF to equipment reserves resulting in the following modifications:

Line 71 updated to \$32,000

Line 67 updated to \$22,155

Line 62 updated to \$32,000

Steve Verduyn seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).

12. Approval of Resolution 2021-01: Levy for 2022:

Dave Schmalzer motioned to approve the levy at \$132,902 (line 15 of the budget) for calendar year 2022. Tim Rutenbeck seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).

13. Election of Commissioners for 2021-2024:

There are two open seats. Joe Graczyk and Joanne Tlachac-Hehn placed their names on the ballots.

33 ballots were cast with 33 votes for Joe Graczyk, 33 votes for Joanne Tlachac-Hehn and zero write ins. PLMD welcomes Joe Graczyk and Joanne Tlachac-Hehn to serve on the PLMD board for the appointed 3-year terms.

14. Set 2022 Annual Meeting Date:

Jake Jagmin motioned to have the PLMD annual meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 7:00PM. Seconded by Joe Graczyk. Motion carried (unanimous).

15. Adjournment:

Jake Jagmin made a motion to adjourn at 8:59PM. Joe Graczyk seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).