

Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Quarterly (3rd) Meeting July 9th, 2011 Minutes

Called Meeting to Order: Al Fehrmann called the meeting to order at 10:05 am on Saturday July 9th, 2011. Present were: Al Fehrmann-President/Mark Ley-Treasurer, Jan Roou-County Supervisor, Sue Agen-Village President and Linda Plennes-Secretary.

Read/Approve Minutes: Linda Plennes read the minutes of the last meeting date of May 7th, 2011, no changes or corrections were noted. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Dixon and Bill Alveshire 2nd the motion. The minutes are accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Ley handed out the Revenue and Expense Statement, made comments in the overview. Mark noted that in the Miscellaneous Income category the \$645.00 was our check for Herbicide Permit Application being returned to us as direct result of our efforts put forth in working with the DNR. If we continue our efforts we could also receive our check back in the amount of \$995 for this year's Herbicide Permit Application. Tax Revenue and Interest income also noted. No corrections or changes, report accepted. Mark Ley and Vicki Bradford completed the required audit of records for 2010. Copies of their findings were given to the board for record keeping. Vicki Bradford made recommendations for increased interest income. The board agreed and the Certificate of Deposit was renewed and split into two certificates of deposit, a 24 Month CD interest rate 1.20% and a 48 Month CD interest rate 1.80% this is much better than the 6 month rate of .65%. A special Thank You to both Mark and Vicki for their efforts. Both the savings account and checking account were in balance with the banks records.

Harvester Operations Report: Jim Dixon reported that the Cutting Permit was late this year, assured us that next year this won't be an issue. Curly leaf Pondweed has been a problem this year. The harvester has been out cutting in allowed areas. The harvester can only harvest where permitted by the DNR. If there are any areas of concern or problems please call Jim Dixon @ 262-337-0249. Jim will make the necessary calls to the DNR and seek permission to correct the problem; again the DNR makes the final decision. Jim noted that the Milfoil at the east of the lake was very visible, possibly the after math of the treatment with a very strong east wind blowing. Jim also stated that the Upper Spring Dam water level was way down this was/ is directly tied in with the no rain in the past weeks. If no water should flow from the Upper Spring Dam into Lower Spring Lake there is a release gate that could be opened, this was included in the construction of the fixed-crested Upper Spring Lake Dam. Jim also stated that the answer to his question had been answered. Was the stream located on Upper Spring Lake navigable? The answer is Yes! However due to the lack rain the stream is also low, if the ideal water level was there one could easily navigate the stream. Other questions regarding how other lakes are handled by the DNR, Al stated that Patricia Cicero and Susan Graham are consistent with all area lakes in their efforts. A reminder that only 30 feet of shore line can be cleaned up regardless of the length of shore line property. This is a Wisconsin State statue. Lynn Halbur commented that the harvester had not made a pass past her pier this year, Jim map and further explained the restrictions to her. Jim also said that given Lynn's concerns that he would be happy to call Suzanne Graham and plead her case and seek permission to correct the issue.

Chemical Treatment Report: Al Fehrmann filled in for Steve Schneiger, after several failed attempts to treat the lake it was finally completed on May 16th. Al stated that they treated quite a lot of the east end of the lake. With the strong east wind the treatment spread quickly. Al stated that we will submit a new grant request by August 1st, 2011. Al also stated that we need a new updated Resolution and a vote on the Resolution at our next meeting. The supporting documents are needed 30 days thereafter. Patricia Cicero is currently reviewing and updating our grant request, the board will review it when completed. District members had concerns that they did not know when the lake was being treated. No signs were posted on properties as in the past years. Signs were posted where treatment took place. Hopefully this will not occur again, as Bill Alvershire has taken on the huge task of obtaining everyone's E-mail address, we can keep everyone informed of these important issues and all other important information that needs to be shared. Those of you that do not have an e-mail address or don't want to share it will still get notified via the mail. Curlyleaf Pondweed is twice as expensive to treat as Milfoil is. By our next meeting we should have the information needed to make a comparison of harvesting vs. chemical treatment, treatment for the Milfoil cost about half as much, all this information will be taken into consideration next year.

Geese Depredation Report: Bill Alvershire stated that 58 eggs and 12 nests were removed. Bill then told us that all was good until one day it happened! Five families showed up in our lake, guessing they came from Upper Spring, they had to have walked over because they were too young to fly yet. There also is a pond on Bluff Road that could have been "home" to these geese, as one nest was found. A while back Al commented he had come home only to find 100 geese on his lawn, he knew that number because he counted them. Carol Dixon commented that the quality of life is so much better because of Bill and Beth. We all agreed.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Report: Al stated again that if we commit to this we are committing to 200 hours of education. Patricia Cicero and Susan Graham claim we don't have to follow through with this if we do not receive the grant. The training is approximately 3 hours long and does count toward the 200 hours.

Nominations for Board position: Steve stated at the last meeting he would speak to his wife regarding nomination for the Treasurer position. Vicki Bradford asked questions regarding the time and effort required in the position, Bill and mark commented, there is some learning required but then it becomes routine. Carol Dixon then nominated Vicki Bradford for the position. We will vote on this open board position on August 27th.

Open Forum:

Bill spoke about the Welcome Wagon project. Dorothy Chappell, and Al Fehrmann will be helping with this project. This project will be on the agenda for our next meeting.

Bill and Sue Agen have had on going conversations regarding the lake signage at the beach. Bill stated that he is working with a gal her name is Nancy Willman on the proper signage that displays the name of the lake.

We met so new faces too....Frank and Barbara Loduha, they are the new owners of the Colletto property. We also met Sandy Reynerston, she lives on the point, been here a few years but able to join our meeting today. Also Lynn Halber was present, she was here with Barbara Jensen who owns the first house on HWY 59 heading to Eagle.

Missing buoy topic, looks like the signage will be amended instead of purchasing another buoy. More to come on this topic, currently looking for the file on this subject. Question was raised, is this a State issue or Village and Town item?? Checking on this one.....

NO WAKE-just what does this mean. It means motoring without causing a wave, using just enough power to keep your boat,pontoon,waterjet etc. under control. If you see someone abusing these state regulations just call your local police department or our DNR Warden Ryan Ellifson, get the date, time, boat numbers, how many people on board, where did he come from, the launch or a personal residence. Ryan said taking a picture is worth a thousand words, with a cell phone take a picture and send it with the info to Ryan's phone...920-674-578870 or call the HOTLINE @ 1-800-TIP-Wdner

David Wilbur had some questions regarding long term effects of using chemicals to treat the aquatic plants. Are they safe, who approves them, what methods do they use. We have been using these same chemicals on our lake for many years with no problems reported. The Federal government approves these chemicals along with the Environmental Protection Agency. For more information you can go on line and search.

Our Picnic committee consists of Carol Dixon, Ann Deleon, Sharon Fehrmann and Pat and Dennis Schloerke. The meat will be provide, all you need to bring is a dish to pass and the beverage of your choice to drink.

Set next Meeting Date for Cookout Next meeting date Saturday, August 27th, 2011 at the Pavilion on the beach. The time is 11:00 meeting and lunch to follow the meeting.

Adjourn meeting: Bill Alvershire made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was 2nd by Jim Dixon.

Submitted by: Linda Plennes, Secretary

7/30/11

