

Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Quarterly (2nd) Meeting-May 7th, 2011

Called Meeting To Order: Al called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M on Saturday May 7th, 2011. Present were-Al Fehrmann, Mark Ley, Linda Plennes, Sue Agen, and Jan Rooou.

Read and approve minutes: Linda Plennes read the minutes of the January 29th, 2011 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bill Alvershire and 2nd by Dave Henrichon.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Ley provided copies of the Revenue and Expense Report. Mark noted the only activity was Tax Revenue, Herbicide Application Fee and postage. No questions or concerns were voiced.

Harvester Operations Update: Jim Dixon stated that the harvester would be placed in the water next week or so, however the harvesting of the aquatic plants would depend on the results of the chemical treatment. Jerry Keppen will operate the harvester again this year. We are waiting for our permit from Susan to be issued. Jim stated that if anyone had trouble getting into or out of an area please call Jim Dixon 262-337-0249, he will then contact Susan Graham for further discussion regarding appropriate action to be taken. Backwashing would be allowed in waters 3 feet deep and more, this is not cutting but only the paddles would be moving to move any floating weeds out of those areas. Patricia Cicero has requested a meeting with us before we start to harvest to review the cutting perimeters.

Chemical Treatment Status: Steve Schneiger reported that the chemicals were going in on Monday, May 9th, weather permitting but we do have a 5 day window to complete this task. Thirty five to forty acres were being treated. We did plan a budget of \$11,350 for chemical treatment; currently we look to be about \$5,000 under budget. This will be a wait and see result, depending on the weather, wind direction and spread as to how effective the treatment will be. Curley leaf pond weed could be an issue this year; we will continue to monitor its growth. Susan Graham notified us that she was returning the Chemical Treatment Fee of \$600.00 because of the work done on the water sampling and monitoring. We issued a check in the amount of \$995.00 for this year's permit; if we continue the monitoring and take lake samplings we should also get this year's fees back as well. A special thank you to all those men who have taken the water samples. This was a huge savings for our District.

Upper Spring Lake Dam Status: Linda Plennes reported the status of the dam as follows: Rob Davis now has the final plan, and has approved it in March. They will continue to monitor the new dam. The question Jim Dixon asked was in years past the stream was classified as non-navigable, is that still the case?

Lower Spring Lake Dams conditions: a lot of work needs to be completed; a required inspection is needed for 2011. The cost for the 2007 inspection was estimated at \$30,000. An Emergency Action Plan needs to be completed. Before the Village can request any grant monies it must have an EAP approved by the DNR. We are asking for help from the District to assist the Village in completing this task.

Geese Depredation Status: Bill Alvershire sadly informed us that a family has landed in our lake. They have removed about 58 eggs and 12 nests so far, 80 less birds this year over last year's population. Beth did the work, Bill was the supervisor! Beth deserves the credit, we thank her.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Report: Al Fehrmann stated that Sue Graham was incorrect on the points earned for this project; she stated we earned only one point when in fact we could earn four points. Two for the volunteers checking the boats, and two points for having signage and a barrel for the trash and a barrel for weeds. Total numbers would be in the low 20's for consideration of a grant. Because we did not get the grant this time around it means that we do not have to participate in the Clean Boats/Clean Water project. Our next grant request is due August 1st, Patricia is willing to do the training, and these hours also count toward the 200 required hours for the grant. Bill informed us that there are several promotional items to promote this project. The police department is starting up the Community Work program again, if we needed any help.

Open Forum: Greg Smith stated that one of the buoys was destroyed; we have signage that states we have 4 placed, discussions on having 3 versus 4 buoys, they are very heavy to move, and do we need to replace the buoy or change the signage. Al will further investigate this issue.

Linda Plennes stated that a formal audit must be completed for all our depository accounts. The audit would be for year end of 2010 to be in compliance with the State statues. We have an accountant who offered to complete this task.

Jim Dixon has volunteered his wife Carol to replace Helena Colleto as Voting Co-Coordinator.

Any interested parties in being the Treasurer please contact Al, Mark, or Linda.

Bill shared some ideas for the Welcome Wagon for new neighbors, neat ways to get more people involved in our district. It seems that it's the same people assisting our Lake District-20% of the people are doing 80% of the work. Suggestions: A gift basket, or Gift Certificates, maybe goes to the establishment to help fund the certificate. Al Fehrmann will assist in this project. Bill re addressed the large sign located at the beach, stating that we would donate the \$300 to enhance the physical appearance of it, making a roof on it and placing shingles on it like the one located at the boat landing. Sue Agen will research this with Josh. Bill is attempting to obtain everyone's e-mail address for meeting notifications and other important information. This would be a great time and money saving effort.

Set Next Meeting Date: July 9th, 2011, Village Hall, 10:00 A.M. Cookout late August

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 Jim Dixon motioned and Erv Sadowski 2nd.

Submitted by: Linda Plennes, Dist. Secretary 6-3-11