

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 15, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Van Metre, Kirk Lindholm, Peter MacMillan, Steve Benzschawel, Mark Goessl, Alan Isaacson, Dave Owens. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Fliegel, Adrienne Owens. A quorum of the Board was established.

LJID Property owners present: Kelly Kosloski, Lake John Association liaison.

There were no others present.

The meeting of the Lake John Improvement District Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 6:31 p.m., by Chairman Steve Benzschawel at the Southside Township Hall.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the July 18, 2024 regular meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications – An informational brochure regarding the LID is being drafted by Doug. It is intended that this will be used in conjunction with the Lake John Association in compiling a "welcome" information packet for new owners on Lake John. The hope is that the Association section representatives will make contact with new owners and provide them with the welcome packet. Costs of the production of the packets will be divided between the LID and the Association in a manner to be determined.

Updating the LID website will be discussed with Dan Ventrelli.

Finance – Written report submitted. Current bank balance \$68,751.64, of which \$17,574.74 comprises the new invasive species treatment account.

Opening the savings account at Huntington Bank is proving to be difficult. Adrienne and Doug are working on that.

Resource Management – Eurasian water milfoil permit is still in process. The identity of the vendor doing the treatment application had to be updated with the DNR. Steve is working on that.

No update on the fireworks water testing program.

DNR has determined that it does not want the I-lids equipment at the boat landing unless it is in service with the tracking software and we obtain a \$2 million liability policy. Our experience has shown that the tracking software does not work well and the company that offers it is not reliable. For those reasons that tracking service was discontinued a few years back. And the liability policy that the DNR now requires will cost in the range of \$2,000.00 per year. M/S/P to remove the equipment from the landing and to try to sell it. The Lake Sylvia folks had expressed interest in purchasing the equipment in the past.

Installing a second boat cleaning station at the “access” on the outlot owned by the City of Annandale in the Preserve at Lake John development has been proposed to the City Administrator and has to be reviewed by the City Council.

Starry stonewort assessments are scheduled in September and October.

Administration – Reservation of the Southside Township hall for our meetings scheduled March to September, 2025 has been confirmed with the Township Clerk.

The annual report is being drafted and will be distributed for review and comment before the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

I-lids equipment installation – See Resource Management report.

Cleaning Station at landing – We have committed to the purchase of one of the \$150.00 cleaning stations from Wright County Soil and Water to be installed at the DNR landing. WCSWD will provide information on where to install the station. See Resource Management report for update on installation of second station at City outlot.

EWM, CLP and Starry Stonewort treatment/assessment update – See Resource Management report.

Liability Insurance Renewal – Insurer has requested copies of LID by-laws. Dave is anticipating renewal of the policy at approximately the same cost as last year - \$1,050.00.

Wake Boat Rules – An article published by Wisconsin Public Radio was discussed. The article notes that Wisconsin is considering legislation that requires wake boats to be operated 200 and 700 feet from lake shores. At least two dozen local ordinances have been passed in Wisconsin limiting wake boat use. Maine, Vermont and Oregon have enacted restrictions. Concerns raised include the size and power of the waves created by the boats, the depth to which the propeller-caused water jet causes churning of lake-bottom sediment and impacts weed beds and fish habitat, and the transporting of aquatic invasive species in the boat ballast tanks. Depth limits of 15 to 20 feet have been put in place. Whether Wright County can adopt a county-wide ordinance addressing the use of wake boats and whether they are considering such a rule will be investigated.

Bog update – No new information.

Lake John Association Liaison – Doug will attend the Lake John Association meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, September 19, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.