

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 19, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Van Metre, Peter MacMillan, Steve Benzschawel, Mark Goessl, Alan Isaacson, Adrienne Owens. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Fliegel, Kirk Lindholm, Dave 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 6:30 p.m., by Chairman Steve Benzschawel at the Southside Township Hall.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the August 15, 2024 regular meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications – Dan Ventrelli is working on the website update.

The Lake John Association is investigating setting up a new, more user-friendly, platform for its website. A discussion was had whether it would make sense to coordinate with the JLA so that both groups used the same platform for their respective websites as there may be some economy in having coordinated updating and maintenance.

M/S/P to spend up to \$2,000 to pursue that investigation.

Finance – Written report submitted. Current bank balance \$68,769.10, of which \$32,582/20 comprises the new invasive species treatment account.

The savings account at Huntington Bank is open and \$25,000.00 has been transferred from the general fund into that account. That account currently pays 3.5% annual interest.

We are still expecting receipt of the 2nd half tax disbursement from Wright County and \$2,500 in AIS treatment grants from Wright County Soil and Water.

Resource Management – Eurasian water milfoil treatment was completed on September 10. It was determine that only the largest of the delineated areas permit would be treated. The efficacy of treating the second largest area was not sufficiently clear, as that area was only slightly larger than the "too small to treat" cut-off.

Wild celery is abundant again this year.

The first starry stonewort assessment was completed by Blue Water Science with good results. A second assessment will be completed in October, per our plans.

Administration – Annual report to be reviewed in New Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

I-lids equipment installation – Steve has making inquiries as to whether there was any opportunity to liquidate the I-lids equipment. The Lake Sylvia Lake Association had no interest in obtaining the equipment. Environmental Sentry Protection offered between \$500.00 and \$1,300.00 for the equipment, depending on whether the camera, controller and monitor were operational.

M/S/P to sell the equipment to Environmental Sentry Protection.

Cleaning Station at landing – We have not yet received the cleaning station from Wright County Soil and Water to be installed at the DNR landing. They are short parts.

The City of Annandale has tabled consideration of our installing a second station at its outlot on the east shore of the lake.

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

Curly leaf pondweed treatment was deferred until next year. The chemical used last year, advertised to be effective for 2 years, appears to have worked as advertised.

Liability Insurance Renewal – Dave is seeking new bids for the liability coverage. The current provider has not been responsive to inquiries regarding the renewal.

Savings account opening – See Finance report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint mailing with Lake John Association - Doug has drafted a FAQ document to be shared with the LID members. The draft has been circulated and reviewed. Some suggestions for typo corrections have been provided. The draft is being reviewed by the Lake John Association and will be mailed when it is finalized.

Annual Report review and Approval – A draft of the 2024 Annual Report has been distributed and reviewed by the board members. M/S/P to approve the report as proposed. It will be mailed to the required governmental agencies when the September 30, 2024 financial report is available.

Alan Isaacson resignation and acceptance – Alan Isaacson submitted his resignation to the Board. Alan and his wife have sold their lake property to family members, so Alan is no longer an owner of Lake John property and not qualified to remain on the board. His resignation was accepted by the Chairman with much reluctance, as Alan has been an active and valued member of this board since its inception. Many thanks to Alan for his years of service to the LID and its members.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, March 20, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m.