

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 18, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

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

LJID Property owners present: Kelly Kosloski.

There were no others present.

The meeting of the Lake John Improvement District Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 6:27 p.m., by Chairman Steve Benzschawel at the Southside Township Hall.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the March 21, 2024 regular meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kelly Kosloski addressed concerns that she has with the Environmental Assessment Worksheet that has been published regarding the proposed Shores of Lake John development involving the northeast shore of Lake John. The Worksheet and its contents are open to comment to the Annandale City Council. The addition of 38 residential lots in the approximate 30 acre parcel is proposed. According to the Worksheet, five of the lots are lakeshore. Kelly noted that some of the supporting information and reports attached to the Worksheet are more than 50 years old.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications – Dan Ventrelli has updated the LID's website.

Finance – Written report submitted. Current bank balance \$54,081.63, of which \$17,545.40 comprises the new invasive species treatment account. Adrienne is still exploring options for an interest-bearing account that pays a better rate than we are now receiving. A couple of the banks that she has contacted do not offer commercial savings accounts.

Resource Management – Report deferred to old business items.

Administration – Report deferred to new business items.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update information on Rachel Development projects on east shore – Available information is that several of the back lots in the development have sold and that one of the lake lots has sold and the purchase of a second lake lot will close in May.

EWM, CLP and Starry Stonewort treatment/assessment update – Freshwater Scientific completed the curly leaf pondweed delineation on April 10. Some small patches of CLP growth were found. No treatment is being recommended for CLP due to the insignificant growth and the ineffectiveness of treating small patches of CLP. The Eurasian water milfoil surveys will be completed. One will specifically assess the effectiveness of the new treatment regimen introduced last year. The other will assess the lake overall. Blue Water Science will, again, be performing the starry stonewort assessments in the fall.

Grant application update – Wright County Soil and Water has notified Steve that we have been awarded \$2,500.00 for AIS assessments and treatment.

Schedule I-lids equipment installation – No additional information. Batteries need to be ordered.

Cleaning Station at landing – Steve was in contact with Wright County Soil and Water regarding the availability and cost of cleaning stations. A large station similar to the station at the Sugar Lake landing costs \$35,000.00. The county may help to pay some of that cost, up to ½. The station at Sugar Lake has been in service for several years. Steve will try to get information from residents there about that station. The county also has very simple tools and a sign board available for \$200.00.

Bog update – Nothing new from the Lake Association on plans for bog removal. Doug will attend the next Association meeting to inquire as to any plans that are being devised.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual meeting – begin preparation. The Administration Committee will have drafts of the annual meeting documents available for the next meeting.

Property list – review and update. This will be tended to by the Administration Committee.

E-mail and mailing list update – Dave will contact Tofer to obtain the current Lake Association lists.

Committee Assignment for Mark Goessl – Mark will take Chris's place on the Resource Management committee.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, May 16, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.