

## 2019 Lake Virginia Management Annual Meeting

### September 14, 2019 Minutes

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Marti Prorok stated that the meeting was in compliance with the opening meeting law.

**Roll call:** Sandy Meyer Swanson, Mike Pariza, Ed Rogers, and Ken Nolden. Glen Johnson was not present.

**Adopt agenda:** Sandy Meyer Swanson moved to adopt the agenda and Ed Rogers seconded. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

**Approve minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting:** Ed Rogers moved to approve the 2018 meeting minutes and Dan Riebs seconded. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

#### **Chairperson and committee reports:**

Chair's Report: Mike Pariza recapped the purview of Lake Management territory and its responsibilities. He then introduced Jim Scharl.

Wisconsin Lake and Ponds Senior Biologist Jim Scharl described the service he provides Lake Virginia. His team annually conducts an under ice survey for curly leaf, an invasive plant that overwinters and turns green when ice clears. Its seed builds up over time on the lake bottom. This is the third year of chemical treatment (Aquathol in Spring and Captain and/or Tribune in Summer). Early treatment is done to prevent navigation problem; aerators and defusers are checked. A monthly site visit is conducted to check vegetation and gather rake samples. Wisconsin Lake and Ponds holds a permit to apply target treatment around docks as needed; minimal this year.

Commissioner's Report: Marti Prorok stated that the culvert under Wakerly is clogged. Ken Nolden will look into it. Is this a state problem? The culvert under Rt 33 is also clogged and Sauk County has been notified. The culvert might be serviced when the State resurfaces the road.

Metcalf Prairie: Marti Prorok is project manager for reclaiming Metcalf Prairie. The Lake Management Board decided at a previous meeting that it would no longer be mowed. For the past several months, as far as possible, invasive plants have been removed from the westernmost prairie and native seed has been sown in the 1 ½ acres next to the canal.

Discussion followed about whether to mow along the shore to facilitate fishing. It was agreed that a narrow strip of the North shoreline could be mowed but not along the canal because restoration has begun there. Later this month, Sauk County Master Gardeners will plant prairie plants. The Metcalf Prairie sign was recently repainted by LK Design, funded by the Metcalf family.

Conrad Fuhrman exclaimed that there is nothing to commemorate the people who developed other areas in Lake Virginia, e.g, Ault, Reynolds and Toeder.

Sandy Meyer Swanson provided an update on mowing: The Justin Tesch who took over mowing for Davis Mowing unfortunately, he died suddenly. His girlfriend

completed this year's mowing. Reynolds paid the price because it wasn't consistently been mown and is, therefore, overgrown. Marti Prorok suggested that Reynolds Park be renovated and a sign erected to commemorate Reynolds. Anyone interested in volunteering to reclaim Reynolds Park should contact Lake Management.

Ed Rogers stated that the biggest challenge to such a project is the big berm by the lake. It will be necessary first to install drain tiles from lake to park. It should cost \$200 for tile. Erik Larson stated that he has a compact utility with a 6" bucket that he could use on this project. The water in the hole must be drained then filled in with perhaps only 1-2 truckloads.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed Rogers moved to approve the report and Erik Larson seconded. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.

During the presentation and submission of the annual audit 9/13/19, David Swanson performed spot checks of the report and found no discrepancies.

The proposed budget includes the following: Association of Lakes membership \$400, spraying of lake \$14218 plus \$500 for the 9/13/19 spot check audit. Dan Reibs asked whether there were contingency funds. Mike Pariza replied, "Yes, Miscellaneous will include contingency funds. Budget line items include continuing education, attorney fees, liability insurance, DNR fees, and Service awards. Mike Pariza recommended that \$1000 added to the Service Award to remunerate the Recording Secretary. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Sandy Meyer Swanson stated that Lake Management maintains a healthy balance of \$95000, money not spent. She asked whether some of it could be distributed to four interest paying LGIP accounts with \$10,000 each. Mark Sadler asked, "What is LGIP?" Sandy Meyer Swanson replied, "It is a local investment run by the State of WI and is in the best interest for local governments. Smaller accounts are easier to access for emergencies. We have immediate access to money and can make a wire transfer with no fee. Current interest rates are around 2.2%. We will keep Associated Bank as our checking account." ER moved to condense LGIP into one operating account then transfer \$40,000 to the subaccounts. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.

Ed Rogers moved and Ken Nolden seconded to approve the corresponding tax levy, approve budget with approved change in figures. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

**Election of Commission:** Mike Pariza called for nominations for a Lake Management commissioner. Ed Rogers nominated Sandy Meyer Swanson. There were no other nominees. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

**Old business:** Marti Prorok gave a brief description of the highly invasive *Amyntas* spp. (commonly known as Jumping Worms) which systematically deplete the soil of all nutrient. Jumping Worms are sometimes mistaken for Red Wigglers so she cautioned against releasing live bait along the shoreline. More information can be accessed at DNR.gov.

Paul Prorok requested an update on motored vehicles on the water as well as on the ice. Sandy Meyer Swanson recently discovered a Town of Excelsior 1987 ordinance

created “in the interest of public safety, which prohibits all motored vehicles -- whether boat, snow mobile or all terrain vehicles -- on the lake.” A notice will be posted at the boat launch. Ed Rogers stated that Sauk County Sheriff will arrest anyone who will use motorized vehicles on the lake.

**Adjourn:** Erik Larson moved to adjourn at 10:37 am and Ken Nolden seconded.

**Respectfully submitted:** Marti Prorok

**Those present were:** Jim Scharl from Wisconsin Lake and Ponds, Michael Banks, David Buroker, Conrad Fuhrman, Erik Larson and sons Gabriel and Caleb, Paul Prorok, Dan and Karen Riebs, Paul and Jaime Ryczek, Mark Saddler, and Fred Sparling.