

SCHOOL SECTION LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, April 21, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mitch Vogel, John Manthe, Tom Casper, Pam Meyer, and Donald Solberg

LAKE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Smukowski, Nina Solberg, Victor Herbert, Frank Arndorfer, and Marc Brickner

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Mitch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – John motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mitch seconded. Motion approved.
- 3. TREASURERS REPORT** –The treasurer’s report was read and approved. Don moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Mitch seconded it and the motion carried. A copy of the treasurer’s report will be posted on the district web site.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion on potential acquisition of disposal site land. Jerry Smukowski has gotten two estimates from realtors ranging from \$190-\$199Km which were based on the sale of another 6 acre parcel on Dolmar Park road. Don made a motion that we expend the money to hire an appraiser. John seconded the motion and it was approved. Mitch asked what the ball park estimate would be for the appraisal. The general consensus was that it would be around \$400-\$500. After some discussion, it was felt that we should solicit proposals from DNR approved appraisers. Tom pointed out that the State had a list of pre-approved appraisers. John advised that we had \$5000 budgeted for consulting and title search. Don modified the motion to state that we would solicit proposals from DNR approved appraisers and then bring those estimates to the next Board meeting. John seconded the modified motion and it was approved. Don made a motion that we conduct a title search for the access land, which is currently listed as being owned by someone who is deceased. Don asked for committee volunteers to assist in “land” issues. Discussion followed and Don’s motion for a title search was withdrawn. Don and Frank will meet with the County first. There was a discussion on the need to occasionally empty the 55 gallon “waste” container by the weed harvester.
 - b. Update on signs at the lake access. Don provided an update from the Chris Fandre at the County. We have gotten an email from the County that their carpenters will be working on the sign over the winter and will install it after the frost is out of the ground in the spring. Don sent additional emails but has not gotten an update. Nina was able to reach Chris Fandre by telephone, to discuss the need to replace the existing outhouse, but she didn’t inquire about the status of the sign. Don will keep trying to reach Fandre by email and phone.
 - c. Update on the Lake District Web site. We have made progress with the Web site. It is up and running and it can be accessed from either a computer or a mobile device. Don has been doing research on the lake’s history and found that we have a lot of information in the filing cabinets in the basement of the Town Hall. Don showed a copy of the first Lake District news letter from 1978 and the letter-head logo for Big School Section Lake Park Association. There was a learning curve to using the Go Daddy web site builder but Don is now able to do what needs to be done with the Web site. Don had hoped to be able to archive old meeting minutes on the County’s web site but they will only post upcoming meetings and their subsequent minutes, so the archiving will have to be done on our Web site. We have electronic copies of agendas and minutes going back to 2012. A decision was made to not go back any further for electronic archiving. We will also put PDF’s of the treasurer’s report on the Web site. Don reported that Live Office that came with the Web site is not easy to use for email distribution so he has been using his personal email for this. Mitch thanked Don for all the work that has been done. Don is hoping to be able send out a Newsletter in the near

future. Don is going to work on getting the history of the lake on the web site. There was a discussion on what financial documents should be posted on the Web site.

- d. Mitch turned the meeting over to Don for the process of replacing Mitch's vacated position. Don has been searching for candidates for the Board and Frank Arndorfer is the only person who has expressed a willingness to be on the Board. Don then gave a summary of the State rules for the replacement of a commissioner in mid term. Mitch nominated Frank to fill his position on the Board. The Board approved the nomination. Frank joined the Board at the table. The Board thanked Mitch for his service. Mitch officially resigned from the Board after the successful appointment of Frank. The Board asked Mitch to remain as the chairman until the conclusion of this Board meeting. Mitch turned over the renewal of the County land use permit to Frank. Don nominated Frank for chairman, John seconded the motion and Frank was elected to fill the chairman position. Frank has an interest in the land acquisition and will lead this project. Frank and Don will meet with the County before the next Board meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Weed Harvesting.** John wanted to know when we were going to start weed harvesting. Don advised that Dan and Pat were going to start putting on the replacement conveyor belting. Frank will email the County with the date that we are planning to start weed harvesting. Mitch and John gave Frank information on what had to be sent to the County at the end of the season. John will get a hold of Dan. John also needs to get the time sheets in a more timely fashion. He will investigate if he can use an electronic PDF that can be completed on-line.
- b. **Replacement Debit Card.** John advised that since we hadn't used the debit card in over a year it had expired and he had to get a replacement.
- c. **Wisconsin Lakes Conference.** Don advised that due to a misunderstanding of the dates for the conference, he and Nina were unable to attend this year. They had moved the date from April, when it was normally held, to March. Don will give his copy of the Lake District Commissioner training manual to Frank. John has an interest in possibly attending the conference next year.

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- a. **COUNTY REPORT.** Don provided an update from the County. At the last Board meeting we had approved a motion to officially express our disapproval of the County's plan for replacing the outhouse with a porta potty. Nina contacted the County by phone and was given the reason that the County made that decision. The foundation/storage unit is leaking and needs to be pulled out. With that information, it was felt that it was not necessary to object. The County has done some improvements to the metal plating on the boat launch. We have a new County Board supervisor representing our area, Chuck Wood, who is a retired Captain from the Sheriff's Department. Pam said that it was possible that the County would appoint Chuck to be the County's representative on the SSLMD Board.
- b. **TOWN REPORT.** Tom provided the Town Report. There was an election of two town board supervisors, but they had no opponents. Dick Arrowood has announced that this will be his last term, so there will be an upcoming election for a new Town Chairman. There will also be some additional turn over in the board in the next year.

7. **Public Comments** – Nina asked that we talk up the October annual meeting to get more attendance. The Lake association and the Lady's of the Lake used to conduct a picnic. A discussion followed which indicated that there was interest in having one again. The advantages and disadvantages of the various potential locations were discussed: Elsa Ave. access; Ottawa Town Park; Smukowski's vacant land. Vic Herbert pointed out that alcohol was not allowed at the Town Park. John brought up the possibility of closing Lake Dr. and having a block party. Maybe the combination of the street and Elsa ave. access would

work. Tom said that we also could use Pretty Lake's park and pavilion. We will attempt to have a Lake picnic in August. Further discussion will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Don asked for volunteers to take the lead on this. Nina volunteered to help, but she wouldn't chair the committee. Jerry advised that Joe Reinhoffer has passed away.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT** - Don motioned to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY DON SOLBERG, SECRETARY, (262-965-3545)