

Lake Virginia Management District Quarterly Meeting

12/2/17

1. Mike Pariza asked if we were in compliance with the Open Meeting Law at 8:59AM. Sandra Meyer Swanson indicating we were.
2. Roll Call – Mike Flint, Sandra Meyer Swanson, Mike Pariza, Ed Rogers, Erik Larson. AIF 0 NAY.
3. Adopt Agenda – Mike Flint adopted the agenda with Ed Rogers making the 2nd. AIF 0 NAY.
4. Approve meeting minutes from June 2017 quarterly meeting. Ed Rogers making the motion to accept as presented. Erik Larson making the 2nd. AIF 0 NAY.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Ed Rogers making the motion to accept as presented. Erik Larson making the 2nd. AIF 0 NAY.
6. Lake Report – Mike Pariza asking if there were any questions or if something needed clarification. Mike went on to talk about the aerators North side is working the south side is not. Ed Rogers commenting the motor by the dam was out. It was new but the starter coils have burned out and this motor was sent back to the manufacturer. Service Electric is requesting that the supplier pay for it. Ed also indicated that it is ok this time of year for only one side of the lake’s aerators to be on. Paul Prorok commented that it should be the dam aerators that are on. Mike Pariza assured Paul as soon as they are fixed. They will be turned on.
 - B. History of Lake – Dave Buroker commented that the lake has improved over the years. Paul Prorok questioned how. Dave Buroker indicating the algae used to be worse and there were bullheads in the lake. Evelyn Tetzlaff commented back then everyone enjoyed swimming in the lake. Mike Pariza indicated his grandchildren still do. Byron Tetzlaff commented years ago Seechi disk was used to measure water turbidity. Mike Pariza said that now the lake is over fished. Ed Rogers commented there was a 16 inch croppie caught last year. This was published in the local newspaper and has drawn the public to the lake. Two to three years ago the blue gills used to be bigger. Paul Prorok said he has spoken with Nathan Nye, the Biologist for our area from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the new limits that are going to be enforced. Ed Rogers indicated this wouldn’t happen until the year 2020. Mike Pariza indicated the only way we could prevent the over fishing is to close the public access to the lake. The boat landing is owned by the Township of Excelsior. There was a discussion that ensued talking about the different chemicals used on the lake. Mike Pariza is monitoring the data for the chemicals being used on the lake for the different types of invasive species Lake Virginia currently has.
 - C. Fish Report – Ed Rogers handed out a Fish Report from Nathan Nye. There currently are no muskies stocked in the lake. According to the DNR there are panfish. Lake Virginia is mainly a bass lake. Questions were raised about restocking Lake Virginia. The question was asked why restock if the public was just going to over fish

the lake? Also, this cost the tax payers more money. Mike Pariza indicated this could be an agenda item for the Annual Meeting. Paul Prorok asking how long herbicides were going to be used. Mike Pariza said EPA and DNR approved herbicides have been used for years and are needed to maintain a healthy lake. Byron Tetzlaff indicated Lake Virginia in the past has used a weed cutter. Mike Pariza said the weed cutter had been sold. Mike also commented he was advised that a weed cutter should not be used on a lake with an aeration system. Mike Pariza gave information regarding the control of Curlyleaf Pondweed for the years 2009-2012. Paul Prorok asked if the lake is monitoring the copper level. Mike Pariza indicated the copper level currently is ok but will speak with Wisconsin Pond & Lake and Susan Graham from the DNR.

D. Mike Pariza addressed the Fish Report.

E. Long Range Goal – handout given Paul Prorok would like to see the lake as being vibrant, and also a healthy lake. Mike Pariza indicated there had been fish kills in the past and the lake is constantly changing. Paul also asked about the history of the fish population. Mike Pariza gave a brief history of the reputation of the Lake District to encourage people to be more involved to prevent the lake from being over fished.

7. Old Business – none.

8. New Business – Byron Tetzlaff commented years ago there was a newsletter that was sent out quarterly to let people know about the district. He also indicated there needs to be more involvement from the residents of Lake Virginia. Sandra Meyer Swanson commented on how she started her involvement with the lake district. Erik Larson indicated when he knows someone new has moved into Lake Virginia, He will take the Township's Rural Living Guide, which has Lake Virginia Management District's website in it, and also the Nuisance Ordinance from the Township to inform people. Erik indicated it may be helpful when sending out the annual meeting notice to also include a brief update of what has gone on within the district over the past year. Marti Prorok is involved with Design Reedsburg. She gave a brief description on what Design Reedsburg is and also the Lake District can use this as an outlet to reach more people regarding the Annual Meeting of Lake Virginia. Erik Larson indicated a group file could be created with people's emails and email notification can be sent out too. Mike Flint who is a commission on the County Planning Commission indicated there were changes made to update the dog license ordinance and this had come from the Township of Excelsior in regard to changing the Kennel regulations.

Evelyn Tetzlaff asked Mike Pariza where the notebook of the history of the lake is at. A discussion ensued regarding the history of the construction of the dam also controlling blue-green algae and lake weeds.

A motion was made by Sandra Meyer Swanson to adjourn the meeting at 9:52AM.

Erik Larson made the 2nd. AIF 0 NAY. Meeting adjourned

Sandra Meyer Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer