

August 29, 2020

SILVER LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was held at Reediger's Triangle. President Ed Kissinger called the meeting to order at about 9:40 AM. Board members present were Ross Peterson, Mike Ruhland, Mark Magnusson, and Barb Bartel. Pat Krier, Town Board rep. and Mike Kapp, County Board rep. were absent. There were about 85 people present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report- A motion was made by Don Maes and seconded by Bob Glenn to forego reading and approve the August 24, 2019 annual meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- As of August 1, 2020 there was a balance of \$1,006.67 in the checking account, \$13,732.19 in the savings account, and \$349,832.67 in the LGIP account, for a total on hand of \$364,571.53. Motion by Jim Schroeder, seconded by Bob Glenn to approve report. Motion passed. A Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the period of August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 is available from the treasurer.

Annual Financial Audit-Kissinger noted that boating ordinance #8 has been changed. An approved mirror may be used instead of having an observer in the boat while towing skiers. Personal watercraft mirrors do not qualify for towing skiers. Judy Puls, Bob Glenn, and Susan Stabelfeldt reviewed the financial records on August 10th and found them to be accurate. Kissinger thanked the committee for their efforts.

Reports

- A. AIS Activities, DASH, FTB Treatment – Ruhland was happy to report that the DASH activities have been keeping the milfoil under control since the whole lake chemical treatment was done in 2015. However, DASH was not successful in FoxTail Bay last year so the aquatic herbicide ProcellaCOR was applied in June and has proven to be very successful. Ruhland noted that Ted Johnson, DNR, has been extremely helpful and refers to Silver Lake as the “Poster Lake” for treating milfoil. Ruhland said we may have grant money left over and Mark Magnusson will be applying for the maximum amount for 2022, 23 & 24. Kissinger noted that the DASH operators pulled 436.5 cu ft. of milfoil through the end of July. The latest Onterra report found no milfoil east of Silvercrist to FTB.
- B. Wautoma Schools AIS Training and Tour- Due to Covid all field trips have been cancelled for this school year. Magnusson proposed that in lieu of the field trip the District should sponsor a 7th grade class essay contest and give \$400 to the class. In addition, an individual \$50 award for the best picture of DASH in action. A motion was made by Jim Schroeder and seconded by Jan Schroeder to go ahead with this proposal. Motion passed.
- C. Clean Boats/Clean Waters- Magnusson reported that fishermen were complaining about the DASH activities this summer. Education about DASH would probably help. He asked for a motion to pass a resolution to continue the CB/CW program in 2021. A motion for the resolution was made by Bill Alrich and seconded by Bob Bandt. Motion passed. Magnusson will apply for another 75%/25% grant for 2021. He noted that there is no more mileage allowance for the worker to attend training and for travel between Silver and Pearl Lake, so he proposed that the District pay a \$500 bonus if we hire a local person and that person completes all requirements for the program. A motion for this proposal was made by Kim Duvernall and seconded by Don Laube. Motion passed.
- D. Town of Marion Report- None
- E. Waushara County Report- None

High Water/Drainage Update- Magnusson reported that a wealth of Bartel archives was given to the engineers at Stantec. At the end of March, 2019, a proposal was made for pumping toward the White River, but this was not feasible because of invasive species. Meetings were held in Oct., Nov., and Dec., 2019 and Gary Walejko suggested a pump system between Silver and Irogami at a cost of about \$100,000. Peterson noted that discussion about this plan is at a standstill because the Irogami committee refuses to meet until after the Covid passes. He plans to continue to pursue this option. Pumping would only take place when Irogami is below its OHWM.

Kissinger said there is a misconception that Irogami would be flooded by the pumping which isn't true. Magnusson said there is a possibility that the County had an engineering plan done in 1997 and Stantec will be looking at that in the Fall. Peterson commended the property owners who are taking measures to protect their shore property.

Lake Management Plan- Ruhland reported that we have an AIS plan, but not an overall lake management plan. Do we really need a big overall plan? A bigger plan would tell us more about the fish. Onterra feels there is value in doing a big overall study, but the minimum requirement for grant application is an AIS study. The Board needs to decide. The cost for getting an in-depth study is \$10,000 to \$15,000 with a grant or \$35,000 range without a grant. Onterra does the grant writing and we pay them about \$12,000. Don Maes suggested that the Board investigate this further and make a decision.

Proposed By-Law Changes- Kissinger said that the Board proposes to change the wording of Article 3 Section 2 which deals with annual meeting notice to the following:

Section 2 - NOTICE: The annual meeting shall be preceded by written notice (email or regular mail) mailed at least 10 days in advance of the meeting to all electors within the district and owners of property in the district, whose address is known or can be ascertained with reasonable diligence, and to the department. The district board of commissioners may substitute a class 2 notice, under ch.985, in lieu of sending written notice to electors residing in the district.

This change allows us to either directly mail to all owners the Annual meeting notice or use a Class 2 notice which means putting it in the Argus 2 times. A motion was made by Linda Glenn and seconded by Bob Glenn to approve this change. Motion passed.

The other change proposed by the Board is to Article 3 Section 7 which deals with the amount that the Board can directly approve for Projects from \$5,000 to \$25,000. A motion was made by Bill Alrich and seconded by Barb Terbell to pass the capital expenditure change from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Motion passed. The updated By-Laws will be posted on the Town website.

Discuss/Approve Budget for 2020/2021- A motion was made by Cindy Morris and seconded by Bob Bandt to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Comments/questions from membership- Someone noted that we don't seem to have a problem with geese this summer. In answer to a question about the lake level, Kissinger said we were about 6 inches over the OHWM on Monday, and we have been about 3 inches under the 12 inch mark for determining slow/no wake conditions since June. The green algae are due to fertilizer, leaves and debris in the lake. Someone thanked the Board for their efforts and suggested we invest in a better speaker system.

Set 2021 Silver Lake Rummage Sale Date- The rummage sale will be held on Friday & Saturday, June 11th & 12th, 2021.

Set 2021 Annual Meeting Date- Following discussion it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Reediger's Triangle on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 9:30 AM. Rain date will be Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

Election/Nomination, 2 Commissioners (Mark Magnusson and Barb Bartel) – Both Mark and Barb said they would be willing to serve another term. There being no nominations, Don Maes made a motion seconded by Jim Schroeder to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Magnusson and Bartel. The motion passed by voice vote.

Adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made and seconded by Bob and Linda Glenn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10:45AM by Ed Kissinger.

It was decided that the officers would be- President, Ed Kissinger, Vice-president, Mark Magnusson, and Secretary/Treasurer, Barb Bartel.

The next Board meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2021, at 9:00AM at Kissinger's home at N2102 Chicago Point Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

Submitted by
Barbara Bartel
Secretary

