

PHANTOM LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

July 29, 2010

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Mark Carlson called the meeting of the Phantom Lakes Management District to order at 7:10 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Robert Muth, Greg Blohm, David Fait, Steve Verduyn and Waukesha County Representative Gilbert Yerke. Town of Mukwonago Representative David Dubey was not present. Harvesting Manager, Bob Pakulski, and one resident attended.

M. Carlson acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed.

Open Forum/ Announcements and Correspondence – G.Yerke reported that the Village of Mukwonago was awarded a Water Star certificate for measures protecting the river and the lake. The village also received a grant to repair and improve the Mukwonago River dam.

B. Muth relayed questions from people concerned about waterskiing last Sunday when lake levels were high enough to cover some piers. The Town of Mukwonago does have an ordinance stating that no person shall operate a boat in excess of slow-no-wake when the lake level is higher than 4" as indicated on the dam gauge. This should be posted at all public access points when in effect. However, no notices were posted last Sunday. G. Blohm volunteered to ask the Town Clerk who is responsible for posting these notices.

As lake levels can be affected by opening and closing gates at the dam, M. Carlson asked what guidelines are used by the Village of Mukwonago DPW workers responsible for monitoring the dam.

B. Muth reported that some lake residents have inquired if anyone has complained about JR's and wish to know where complaints should be directed. JR's looks like it might fall in the lake or onto a person walking by; it appears to be a safety hazard. Complaints related to a failed septic or to shoreline zoning can be directed to Waukesha County. Steve Todd at the County could be a resource to help. Complaints about a safety hazard presented by the building's condition should be directed to the Town of Mukwonago's building inspector.

S. Verduyn suggested that minutes be forwarded to the entire board before being published in the Chief. Besides being published in the Chief, agendas and minutes are also sent to the County, Village and Town clerks for posting and/or for their records. M. Carlson questioned if posting agendas in the Chief is necessary since agendas are put on the PLMD and County websites as well as posted with the Town of Mukwonago.

Secretary's Report – G. Blohm moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 24, 2010; S. Verduyn seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Two deposits totaled \$1314 even. Total bills to be paid are \$12,958.75. The EMC worker's compensation insurance bill, due August 31st, will be held until the August meeting so that clarification of coverage can be obtained. D. Fait made a motion, seconded by G. Blohm to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Well Update – M. Carlson will ask Steve Todd to speak on well issues and the Lake Beulah court decision at the Annual Meeting. The Lake Beulah court decision appears to say that the DNR is responsible to oversee a municipal well to make sure the water supply is not damaged. This interpretation may also apply to the new Village of Mukwonago well if it becomes operational.

Harvesting Operations – Harvesting manager, B. Pakulski reported that a starter and ignition switch were put in the truck. Tom's Welding did a nice job restructuring the truck bed and re-welding the bracket on the harvester.

PLMD board members, B. Pakulski, and the resident in attendance, referring to the harvesting map, discussed the current implementation of the harvesting plan. Considering the needs of boaters, fishermen and water-skiers, weeds in certain areas of the lake are being adequately cut, but other navigation areas should be widened. Some lake areas are inaccessible to harvesting during low water conditions. The harvester is 18 ft wide and is difficult to maneuver into narrow channels. Harvesting the difficult areas will be attempted when the water is high. Another idea would be to rent a smaller harvester, once or twice a year, which could be discussed at the annual meeting. B. Pakulski will clarify the harvesting plan expectations with the harvester operators and asks that people call him with feedback or complaints.

The harvesting logs being filled out by the operators are detailed and include species of weeds cut and machine hours.

River Protection Plan – M. Carlson has received the final report from SEWRPC, after the target date for finishing the plan was extended twice. M. Carlson will call Jeff Thorton to ask what needs to be done to close out the grant.

Update on Ice Safety/Ordinance – Should be presented either in newsletter or at annual meeting. D. Dubey would have the knowledge to make a presentation. Or M. Carlson will do it. The board is working with the police and fire departments to see if an ATV is available for enforcement. Local police and sheriff departments only enforce lake safety occasionally in response to complaints. The sheriff department enforces state laws, not town and village ordinances. If district residents desire more enforcement than is provided by local agencies, funding in the budget/levy is an option that could be discussed at the annual meeting.

Lake Patrol – D. Nork is on vacation. A new officer was patrolling the lake. S. Verduyn will ask D. Nork for an article or information that could be put in the newsletter.

Annual Meeting Preparations – Commissioners discussed the agenda to be included in the newsletter. Agenda items may also be submitted by district residents before the agenda is finalized.

An election will be held at the meeting to fill the expiring terms of G. Blohm and S. Verduyn. Candidates for these two commissioner positions can notify PLMD assistant M. Pires in advance of the meeting to have their names listed on the ballots. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting.

G. Yerke suggested selling ads for the 2011 newsletter to offset its printing costs. He knows of another lake district that does this.

To simplify the accounting, compensation for commissioners, as approved at the 2009 annual meeting, will not be paid at the annual meeting, but instead will be paid in December.

Commissioners discussed the 2011 proposed budget that will be presented to residents at the annual meeting. S. Verduyn made a motion to approve the tentative budget established at tonight's meeting supported by a tax levy of \$67,500. Seconded by G. Blohm. Motion carried.

Phantom Pub and Bait Shop Pier Usage – Still waiting for information about the legality of the new piers. Bait shop business is no longer operating, although piers were installed and apparently are being rented out. District residents have asked if there are too many piers for the location.

Fish Stocking – Bass will not need to be purchased this year, as S. Verduyn arranged with the DNR to bring 500 bass from Eagle Spring Lake at no charge. Available from Gollon's this year are minnow fed northern pike @ \$6.50 each and 1 -2 year perch @ \$.55-.75 each. Availability of the bigger perch is limited.

S. Verduyn checked with another fish supplier and found that Gollon's has better pricing and does not charge for delivery to Phantom Lakes.

A total of \$2,350 was allocated for fish stocking in the 2010 budget. \$350 of that comes from a private donation. A DNR fisheries biologist has made a recommendation for fish stocking for Phantom Lakes.

G. Blohm moved/D. Fait seconded to spend \$2,350, half on northern pike and half on perch (with bigger perch preferred as available,) in accordance with the DNR recommendation. Motion carried.

Harvesting Permit Extension Consideration – A one year extension will be obtained in order to allow time to coordinate planning the lake study with Heidi Bunk of the DNR and Jeff Thorton of SEWRPC. The estimated lake study costs, the permit fee, and the estimated offsetting grant revenue will be put in the 2011 budget. J. Thorton will assist with the grant application.

Water Quality Study – As R. Jenks is not present, item will be carried to future meeting.

2009 Audit Report – Act Now! Accounting Solutions, LLC of Mukwonago audit report states that the PMLD's 2009 financial records are accurate and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The report will be read at the annual meeting.

S. Verduyn made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 pm. B. Muth seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Pires
PLMD Treasurer/Secretary Assistant

