

Phantom Lakes Management District

December 1, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order:

Chairman Mark Carlson called the meeting of the Phantom Lakes Management District to order at 7:08 pm.

Open Meeting Notice:

The meeting was posted and noticed according to law.

Board Members Present:

Mark Carlson, Robert Muth, David Fait, Greg Blohm, Gilbert Yerke. David Dubey was not present. Steve Verduyn was excused.

Others Present:

District resident Richard Jenks, Secretary/Treasurer Assistant Mary Pires and Harvesting Manager Robert Pakulski

Open Forum/Announcements/Correspondence:

R. Jenks encourages a board member to represent the PLMD at the Mukwonago River Initiative and/or the Friends of the Mukwonago River meetings. These organizations and the PLMD have similar objectives: the protection of Phantom Lakes and the Mukwonago River. Representatives from various governmental entities, conservation organizations and protection districts attend MRI meetings, which have become forums to share, learn, collaborate and coordinate projects. D. Fait, R. Muth and R. Jenks will take turns attending MRI meetings.

G. Yerke reported that Waukesha County is purchasing about 60 acres near Rainbow Springs to be part of the Mukwonago River greenway.

G. Yerke reported that a parking lot that had been installed without a permit near the former Reggie's restaurant has been removed. Watch for public hearings regarding other possible changes at this property.

Ice Safety: Consideration of a 2012 Monetary Donation to the Town of Mukwonago Police for Ice Patrol

The ice patrol last winter was very effective with sheriff department participation and the single donated Yamaha ATV for the town police. The town police may prefer a second ice patrol vehicle as a backup for safety. No action was taken as more information is needed.

Town of Mukwonago Slow-No-Wake Ordinance:

The signs posted at the lake do not conform to the town ordinance. G. Blohm will check

to see if state statutes control slow-no-wake times and will bring a copy of the sign to the January meeting.

Secretary's Report:

G. Blohm made a motion, seconded by D. Fait, to accept the minutes of the October 27th meeting as is. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

There were nine bills totaling \$3,333.11 and three deposits totaling \$2,802.00. G. Blohm made a motion, seconded by R. Muth, to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

Harvesting Operations:

2011 harvesting operations came in under budget.

Harvesting Manager R. Pakulski described the maintenance, repairs and cleaning that the harvesting operators performed at the end of the 2011 season to get the harvesting equipment ready for winter storage and for next summer's operation.

The 2011 Harvesting Report will be carried to the next meeting.

Well Update:

Village of Mukwonago Utilities Director Dean Falkner will attend the March meeting to answer questions about the proposed Village of Mukwonago well #7.

R. Jenks suggested that the Village may need the production from Well #7 to supply both the new YMCA and a planned hospital expansion. R. Jenks asked if the PLMD is willing to enforce its ordinance, adopted in 2007, prohibiting the removal of water (by a high-capacity well) from the Phantom Lakes watershed. Several board members asked if the PLMD has jurisdiction and if enforcement of the ordinance is possible

R. Jenks explained that the Lake Beulah district has not enforced a similar ordinance; instead that district has concentrated on its court case. The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that the DNR does have a responsibility under the public trust doctrine to evaluate the impact of a high capacity well on natural resources.

River Protection Plan:

No new information:

Adjournment:

A motion by G. Blohm, seconded by B. Muth, to adjourn at 8:20pm was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Pires
Secretary/Treasurer Assistant