

Roll Call:

Present: Jack Sorenson, Greg Wisniewski, Jim Kroeplin, Don Sukala

Excused Absent: John Summers, Ron Diederich, Sue Pruessing

Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved on a Sukala/ Kroeplin motion

Minutes of November 23, 2019 meeting:

The minutes of the November 23, 2019 Board meeting were unanimously approved on a Sukala/Wisniewski motion.

Community comments:

A concern was expressed about aerators in boat houses and under piers during the winter and the need for permits.

The Town of LaGrange is reviewing the need for aerators and the permitting. The Town would like input from the Lake District on their preference.

The fish committee is looking for areas that have 16 feet of flat bottom water for new fish cribs. Contact Jeff Angst if you have a location.

Treasurers Report:

Year end and January 31, 2020 bank balances have been put on the website.

The District books, actual vs. budget, for 2019 have been put on the website.

The Dam Reserve will go away because the dam reconstruction project is completed. The Dam project went over budget but is being reimbursed by the DNR, approximately \$65,000 - \$70,000.

The reimbursement from DNR will go into the operating budget. Future projects will have reserve funds established for them.

Reimbursement from DNR for the water Safety Patrol will be coming soon. Each year the amount is different depending on the total funds available for distribution.

Additional information will be placed on the website.

### Approve Resolution 2020-01 for the Water Shed Study

A water shed study is being considered for the land areas surrounding the lakes. We need to pass a resolution to be able to apply for DNR funding for the study and improvements. A previous study was completed in 1993-1994. The previous study should be on the website.

The resolution was unanimously approved on a Wisniewski motion.

### Discus Rt. 12/67 Status

A meeting was held this past December about the status of the Redline Route. There was a misunderstanding about the status of the Redline Route. The Redline Route is still being considered but was not shown on the map of projects that are currently funded. SEWRPC still supports the Redline Route. We need to start contacting our representatives about the need for this road. A list of representatives was handed out at the meeting.

### Discus Pier Ordinance

John Summers and Marcia Sahag are working with the Town to revise the Pier Ordinance.

The Town of LaGrange has tabled a decision until April. It may take as long as a year to be revised. A permit from DNR and also the Town of LaGrange will be required for any pier in an Environmentally Sensitive areas. New shore stations are not currently allowed. The intent is to clarify the permitting of existing piers and shore stations in sensitive areas.

### Discus the Noise of Loud Speakers on Boats

No additional information since the last meeting. We still need to keep this on future agendas. The intent is to mention this issue in the Shorelines newsletter and other mailings going out to the residents and appeal to people to be good neighbors and courteous when boating. Walworth County will need to get involved because they will be enforcing any new ordinance.

There are decibel limits but it is a challenge to equip, train and monitor the noise limits.

It was also mentioned that the wakes can be troublesome.

### Club House Report

A hand out was provided from Focus engineering that had cost comparisons for remodeling the existing club house vs. demo and new. Costs were for a similar size building in the same location.

Remodel option is approximately \$575,000 and New Construction option is approximately \$818,000.

We also need to consider the desire to have the building on a new site which would require approximately \$500,000 for additional site improvements. Discussion continued about what was and was not included. Additional information will be provided in the future for clarification.

We are currently repairing some structural deficiencies for the short term. We have spent roughly \$10,000 for these repairs. Another option is to continue with repairs each year instead of remodel or demo.

There are a number of options for funding including donations. Future discussions should possibly include an explanation of impact on taxes.

We currently have \$110,000 in reserve for the future improvements. Maybe we should begin to increase the reserve each year to reduce the future cost.

More information will be included in the District Dialog this spring.

Additional research into the costs needs to be completed to understand what all is included in the remodeling and the new construction.

What is the benefit to the property owners? What other events could be handled.

The course and entertainment options need to be marketed more.

Could golf rates be adjusted and a discount be provided to Lake District members?

There is a small piece of property near the clubhouse that the Lake District does not own. For that reason it may be more appropriate to relocate the club house. Installing the entry drive off of Sterlingworth Drive along the community center and maintenance building.

More information and discussion will be required on this topic.

#### Internet Status

There has previously been a concern about the availability of high speed internet. Edge Broadband is close to the Lake District area. People can contact Edge with your name and address if you are interested. More calls will show that we are interested in their service and may encourage them to install fiber around the lake. Brian Madl at Edge Broadband can be reached at 262-458-4220. TDS is the current provider but has been difficult to reach.

#### Project Reports:

Town of LaGrange, Don Sukala

The Town of LaGrange is reviewing the ordinance for aerators.

Dam, Jim Kroeplin

The grant reimbursement request has been submitted to DNR for their review. They have requested additional information and that will be provided right away.

Aquatic Plant Management, Greg Wisniewski

SEWRPC is working on the report for the plant survey that was completed last summer. That will be sent to DNR for the grant.

We will likely need to start shopping to replace the weed harvester next year.

Golf Course, Jack Sorenson

Last year, 2019 was a break even year. A handout was provided showing rounds of play for the past few years. The rounds played are being evaluated to see how programming could be revised to increase revenue. We are also looking at updating the point of sale system for the golf course to help with keeping track of costs and revenue.

We should research why people come to Lauderdale Golf course.

Jack and Greg will be meeting with Kristi and Andi White to review previous golf operations. To help understand what to expect.

Kristi will start working on Thursday mornings for a few hours on Lake District business.

We want to say Thank You to Andi White for all of her work the past years.

Water Safety Patrol

The audit is complete for submittal to DNR

Other Business

The Lake District has a new mailing address; N7511 Sterlingworth Dr. Elkhorn, WI 53121

Volunteers are needed for invasive species control around the golf course. We will work with Herb Sharpless from KMLT.

We also would like volunteers to help landscape in front of the club house. One option for landscaping would be to use high school students that need community service hours.

We would also like to clean up some of the woods near the maintenance building and community center. Need to find someone that can grind up some of the dead wood.

The fish committee would like some of the wood for fish cribs.

A question was raised about the Don Jean Bay shoreline erosion. We are talking with DNR about different options and the possibility of a grant. There could also be other options besides rip rap

The meeting was adjourned on a Sukala/Kroeplin motion.

Submitted by Jim Kroeplin, Secretary

Attachments

