

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting

April 27, 2017

**Present:** J. Bellante, J. Marks, R. Mohr, B. Rosenquist, R. Schopp, K. Aron and 8 property owners. B. Rosenquist and R. Schopp were excused.  
J. Bellante called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve March meeting minutes by R. Schopp, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** R. Mohr presented the report. Motion by B. Rosenquist to approve as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Marks, motion carried.

**Information and Correspondence:**

B. Rosenquist reported that all is set for the Vessel Safety Check on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

J. Marks reported on the Conservation Congress meeting held annually to help determine environmental policy. He reported that the Fire Dept needs to put protection around holes that are cut through the ice. R. Mohr and J. Marks attended the Lakes Convention and reported on their sessions. R. Mohr continued to pursue groundwater information, but no one attending the conference had any information. People wanting permits for lakefront activities can apply online through the DNR website. Existing shoreline riprap can be repaired but it is difficult to get permits for new riprap. J. Marks reported on Lake Planning and Grants, lake district financials, Starry Stonewort and other invasive species, and Federal funding to states for invasive species.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

The property owner on S Wind Lake Rd who approached the WLMD about acquiring his property, known as the Beirsach property, was not present. The board discussed the merits and pitfalls of taking ownership of the property that is wetland across the street from the lake. The property used to have a home on it. Now that the owner has taken down the home, they are being told that it is unbuildable because of the wetland designation. The landowner is behind on the taxes and is aware that they would need to be current prior to the district accepting the land. The board agreed that the best situation was to sell the property to the adjacent landowners. Because the land is isolated from the lake, its wetland benefit is considered negligible for the lake. It would require ongoing maintenance including mowing, nuisance species control, liability, dumping, etc. Acquisition by the WLMD would mean the land would come off the tax roll. J. Marks indicated the landowner should bring the taxes up to date and then the WLMD would decide. K. Aron explained that wasn't fair to the landowner who would then have spent the money for nothing if the board then voted against it. J. Marks moved to accept the property, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Rosenquist. On a split vote, motion failed with the deciding vote cast by the Chairman.

**New Business:**

The board discussed the fireworks issue with the representatives attending the meeting. The committee has not raised funds yet because they have no legal entity to collect money under. They indicate it would cost about \$1,000 per year to maintain a separate organization. The WLMD attorney questioned whether the district should be directly involved, although he had no problem with allowing the group to use the WLMD property for staging purposes. According to the insurance company, the underwriter indicated that we would need the approval of the State since the waters are waters of the State. It is not known who that would be or whether other organizations have had to do that. Any group organized under the auspices of the WLMD would have to comply with open meeting and open records laws. The board indicated that they would need a copy of the fireworks suppliers' insurance policy. The district would need to be included as additional insured. The board needs more information on the proposed structure of the committee and its relationship with the WLMD. Based on that understanding, J. Marks motioned to move forward on supporting the fireworks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Rosenquist. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for May 25, 2017.