

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
January 25, 2018

Present: J. Bellante, J. Marks, B. Rosenquist, R. Schopp, K. Aron and 6 citizens.
M. Bluemel was excused.
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: J. Bellante motioned to approve the minutes, with the correction from J. Marks to add that there was a discussion about buoys should be on the lake between May and Nov 1, 2nd by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: J. Marks presented the report. Motion by J. Bellante to approve as submitted, 2nd by B. Rosenquist motion carried. K. Aron noted that because the information was not provided to her, the board member 1099's will not be mailed by Jan 31.

Information and Correspondence:

K. Aron distributed the Landowner Contact Sheet which documents landowner contacts received since the last meeting. Board members are not completing the contact sheet, which was instituted so all the board could know what the constituents are calling about. K. Aron will no longer provide the information at the meetings.

K. Aron had a correction that J. Marks presented at the last meeting. Up to 200 ft of riprap can be installed IF the shoreline is not an ANSRI area (area of special natural resource value, such as wetland or Sensitive Area).

J. Marks said that 11 beavers were removed from the canal and that the Town will remove the dam. The Public works department will use a grappling hook after ice out. A question was raised if the trapper signed a liability waiver to protect the district. The board concurred that this should be considered in the future.

J. Marks attended the police commission meeting requesting that the buoys be in between May and Nov 1. The commission denied the request because of staffing, water temperatures and equipment issues.

K. Aron indicated that there has been no response to date from DNR Legal on the liability conflict between the two contracts for a life vest program. J. Marks said that Wind Lake drowning levels are higher than any other lake in the county. He said one was a suicide. The police chief indicated that he was open to considering doing the program if the liability issue is resolved. Waubeesee and Long Lake will not participate.

J. Marks said the drainage district has finished their dredging project on the canal. They clear cut along the canal. He said they could sue us for dirt going in the canal just South of the Wind Lake dam.

Public Comments:

One resident asked about piers and the concrete pier on West Wind Lake Rd. The DNR pier planner (on-line) should be reviewed to see what is possible.

A resident said that this life jacket program won't mean that life jackets will be worn, only used to avoid a ticket. With the money invested in other equipment, boaters should provide their own life jackets. She wants to have the annual meeting to decide this issue, not the board. The other property owners present (6) all agreed. A resident asked how many have died on Wind Lake in 5 years. J. Marks replied that 3 have died. Residents said that even though it is a grant program, there is still a cost to everyone. J. Marks said that there are several hundred lake districts in the state that are participating in the life jacket program.

A resident asked why they are restricted to only comment during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the meeting, before issues are discussed that they would like to comment on. J. Marks stated that that was the way the laws are written. K. Aron indicated that the laws and Roberts Rules of Order do not require that. She said that until September 2018, reasonable comments were allowed throughout the meetings. It is the direction of the chairman that comments be restricted. R. Schopp said that he appreciates the input from those in attendance at meetings.

A resident said they oppose accepting ownership of property

Starry stonewort was discussed, along with the grant which will be discussed in Old Business.

Old Business:

K. Aron presented the final SSW grant application packet and budget. The application has to be submitted by February 1, 2018. J. Bellante motioned to approve the grant application project, second by B. Rosenquist. Motion carried.

The issue of the life vest program was discussed under Information and Correspondence.

The landowner who contacted the district about a donation of his land has decided to wait until either the law changes or not to see if he can build on it. So the item was tabled indefinitely.

New Business:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.