

**LILLY LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL SPRING MEETING OF THE ELECTORS
June 13, 2009**

A Special Spring Meeting of the Electors of the Lilly Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District was held on June 13, 2009 at the Wheatland Town Hall in New Munster at 11:15 a.m., immediately following the 10 a.m. Public Hearing for the Lilly Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan. This special meeting was requested at the August 2008 Annual Meeting so that items of interest could be presented early in the season.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Meeting notices were posted and area newspapers notified. Meeting notices were sent to property owners in the district by First Class Mail and to people who requested e-mail notification.

Present for the meeting were: Chairman William Glembocki, Sec'y-Treasurer Andrew Lois, and Commissioner Robert Herda. Also present: Town Clerk Sheila Siegler, Aron & Associates - Kathy Aron, Don Puchalski, Thomas Barr, Thomas Young, Bill Scannell, Pat Scannell, Michael Giesler, Mike Adam, Tom Gerner, Rich Reed, Jen Reed, Mary Mullins, Tom Kaczmarek, Sr., Pat Kaczmarek, Tom Kaczmarek, Jr., Jim Pulsifer, Ben Mikus, Michaelene Mikus, Carole McKenzie, Ray McKenzie, Gail Schoch, Bob Kissner, Rita Kissner, Renea Borbash, Jim Marotta, Diane Marotta, Marc Skurski, Jack Bell, Chris Bell, Bunny Mullins, Linda Gissell, Jerry Michaels, Marc Kaiser, Jerry Dressler, and Bob Griffin.

- **Weed Control –**

Tom Kaczmarek, 33105 76th St. – asked if we are bound by the company recommended by Aron Associates. Kathy Aron responded that her company doesn't hire contractors; she will work with whoever the district selects.

Jim Marotta, 7814 328th Ave. – a sub-committee should figure out costs for the different weed control options for the annual meeting. We need figures to make a decision.

Tom Kaczmarek, Jr. – offered to get the figures we need.

Mike Adam, 7126 327th Ave. moved a motion to form a sub-committee to look into the different weed control options for August 2009 meeting. Kaczmarek seconded. Motion was approved. Committee will include volunteers: Jim Marotta, Tom Kaczmarek, Mike Adam, and Michaelene Mikus.

- **Water Patrol –**

Marc Kaiser, 33114 80th St. – reported he had good experiences with the present officer. He is very cordial and he is happy with him.

- **Canada Geese –**

Tom Kaczmarek, Jr. – reported he has looked for nests. Geese are probably coming to the lake from the public hunting grounds.

Kathy Aron - commented that the USDA may be rewriting the rules. Presently you have to capture 7 -10 birds and test the first year. After that you can round them up. She has heard they may be requiring testing every year but only on a couple of birds. You would not need to pre-test before you round up. Rules are preliminary at this point.

Tom Kaczmarek – there is now a muskrat problem. He has a trapper coming in November to trap them. Also there are two beaver attacking trees. He asked that people call the town office with sightings so that a list can be forwarded to him to give the trapper.

- **High water levels –**

Mike Adam – SEWRPC, as part of the July 2001 lake level report, had recommended that a staff gauge be established to collect lake level data to provide information for decisions on water level management. Clerk said it was not done because of all the concerns with the water levels and people concerned about not being able to use the lake.

Kaczmarek – one of the issues is the wrong interpretation was used for the “ordinary high water mark” and “average water level.” If you get the DNR out there, they will look at shoreline and shoreline erosion. People who put in seawalls without permits may not be happy. Kaczmarek does his own monitoring. DNR should be called for shoreline protection issues. They make the decisions.

Mark Mullins, 7654 Lilly Lake Rd. – the water is getting higher and higher. It is not getting better. Big boats create big waves. People should get serious about addressing this issue. Mullins is concerned about property owners in the lower areas who have water issues and need to sandbag their property. The Dean Tsitsis property is an example.

Kaczmarek – if you have a specific property problem, you should contact DNR and they will tell you what you can do. Tsitsis addressed the problem by getting a permit to install a berm.

Jim Marotta – is the question when to SNW the lake? Both high and low levels can be a problem. He’s seen worse damage on low water. The big waves wash crud from the shore into the lake. He wants to be boating too but what’s important, a few people going around the lake now or the quality of the lake five years from now.

Gerald Dressler, 7815 334th Ave. – agrees and wants to use his boat too. But we need to look at the long term and have to be sensible about lake use.

Bob Griffin, 7655 Lilly Lake – who took out the cross culvert on 80th St.? Chairman said no one knows. This has come up in recent weeks because of the shoreland permit requested by Dean Tsitsis. He looked at this with the town engineer, Len Roecker. Roecker said the culvert was not there when we paved in 2007. Chairman said Roecker explained the swamp wraps the south side of the lake and water seeks its own level whether there is a culvert or not. There is not a drain out of the lake basin; so, water has to evaporate to lower the lake level.

Bob Kissner, 33011 76th St. – has anyone tested the fill being brought in for the Tsitsis berm? Chairman said there is a long list of conditions on the shoreland permit issued by Kenosha County if anyone wants to review them. Kenosha County and DNR will be monitoring.

Bunny Mullins, 33122 80th St. – last year the big boats created “Atlantic Ocean” waves. Calling DNR is not the answer. Someone has to establish the OHWM.

Jim Marotta – who says the lake can be closed or not closed? Kaczmarek said DNR sets the limits. Marotta asked that establishing the SNW issue be on the August meeting agenda.

Carole McKenzie, 7552 334th Ave. moved a motion to invite a DNR representative to the August annual meeting. Jennifer Reed, 33239 76th St. seconded. Motion carried.

Mark Skurski – need to alert the DNR representatives to the issues they will be asked to address. We need to know where we stand on some of these questions.

Don Puchalski, 33203 76th St. – are we talking SNW or closing the lake? Answer was SNW.

- **Methods of notification for meetings of interest to the lake district –**

Jerry Dressler – don’t schedule emergency meeting mid-week on short notice. Have Saturday meetings at 10 a.m. Use an e-mail listing to notify property owners.

- **Representation of lake interests – who does? Who should? – No discussion.**

- **Lake traffic – number – speed – skiing – etc.**

It was decided to discuss this at the August meeting with the DNR representative.

- **Limits for parking and boats –**

Tom Kaczmarek – this was brought up in the past. Limit the parking and people off the lake had problems. Need to limit the trailer parking to 3 or 4 and will limit people coming from a distance.

Don Puchalski – DNR required parking spaces. Years ago it was discussed to make a parking lot further to the west where the town owns property and put up signs for people to park and walk to the lake.

Bob Griffin – DNR does not have restrictions as far as parking, boat ramps.

- **Launch lock box and/or require boat stickers –**

Tom Gerner – Lake Geneva has a lock box. If the parking lot is full, you can’t launch unless you can find a place to park the trailer. If the four spots at Lilly Lake are full, that would be it. Put tags on the dash if they pay; you can give them a ticket if they have no tag. Preserve the lake. Require a sticker to use the lake.

Carole McKenzie – it won’t work. Only honest people will observe the rules.

Dressler – people come from all over because Lilly Lake is free. No lakes in southeast Wisconsin can be used for nothing.

Jennifer Reed – offered to check surrounding lakes and bring the information to the August meeting.

Kissner – you want to tax more?

Linda Gissell, 33011 76th St. – there are a lot of people concerned about the taxes. She suggested lakefront homeowners get a break.

Chairman Glembocki stated the annual meeting will be August 15, 10 a.m.

Dressler – wants spring and summer meeting every year.

Carol McKenzie – moved to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Bill Scannell, 33260 80th St. seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk for
Andrew J. Lois, Sec'y/Treasurer