



White Bear Lake Conservation District/4701 Highway 61/White Bear Lake, MN 55110

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of January 15, 2008

APPROVAL DATE: 2/19/08

1. CALL TO ORDER The January meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Gary Cox at 7:00p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Gary Cox, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Directors Greg Donovan, George St. Germain, Mike Parenteau, Thomas Hoffman, Tom Alvarez, John Steinworth, Sue Cernohous. Absent was Diane Longville (excused). A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

Add item 8b3. Transient slips, fee or no fee.

MOTION #1 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve agenda as amended. All Aye, PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Hoffman) Move to approve meeting minutes of November. All Aye, PASSED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Jim Gasperini, Afton law office

Would like to question several of the applications submitted tonight and get specific information on parking spaces.

Cox – no

Michaud – LUC requires applicants meet standards set by City of WBL for parking regulations

Jim – are the parking spots for business or for slips?

Michaud – board has not looked at this before. No requirement at this time, there may be in future.

Jim – shopping center will not be allowing parking to any one other than their clients, trying to be sure it's addressed to avoid problems down the road.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of officers for 2008 for vote in February.
Parenteau – nominate Thomas Hoffman for Chair; Diane Longville for Treasurer; Luke Michaud for Vice Chair. All seconded (St. Germain)
Nominations closed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

no lake level reading
Steve McComas will be back soon for q & a.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. VFW events horseshoe on ice in March. Insurance is needed and info from sheriff and fee.

MOTION #3 (Michaud/Donovan) move to approve permit with conditions stated (insurance, sheriff permit, fee). All Aye PASSED

8b2. softball on ice

MOTION #4 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve with event with conditions stated above. (insurance, sheriff permit, fee). All Aye, PASSED

8b3. Fees for transient slips or not? In past transient slips were not charged. Personal use slips were not charged in the past either. Steinworth – a slip is a slip. Perhaps utility boat can be allowed. Transient slip should be charged, not up to us to look at use. Hoffman – history of why we didn't charge in past? Donovan – VFW / allows for any lake user to use. Sheriff uses occasionally also. Don't want to discourage, or they may go away. Cox – why no committee recommendation? Michaud – ran out of time, wanted board opinion.

MOTION #5 (Hoffman/Donovan) Move to not charge for transient slips.

Friendly Amendment (Michaud) Amendment to limit number of transient slips to no more than 4.

Steinworth – available to public for free. How does one know that, are they signed/designated?

Amendment – no more than 4 and signed stating “transient slips, no over night parking”.

Hoffman – accepts friendly amendment

Donovan – is this just VFW or all commercial bay? All. Accepts

MOTION #5 vote (Motion = no charge for transient slips up to maximum of 4 provided they are signed transient, no over night parking. All aye, PASSED.

8b4. Alicia Heights

Change, requesting extra 10 feet, and 2 more boats. No recommendation from committee.

Pat McNamara, Alan, Roger – members of Alicia Heights dock association

We are requesting 7 boats this yr because there are new homeowners. We feel these are property rights.

Michaud – Committee did not deny, just made no recommendation.

Cox – continually deal with congestion and association issues. Balancing act. Willing to entertain until you said it was taking of property rights.

Lake is public.

Michaud – this is not an easement. 1/12 ownership of 15 ft. parcel

Donovan – will approve since there is room here. Neighbors do not have issue.

MOTION #6 (Donovan/ St Germain) Move to approve Alicia Heights dock application.

Discussion

Parenteau – exceeding dock use area. If neighbor to south sells there could be issue.

Alan – was an issue in the past, ADUA was determined by ability to put dock in and minimize impact. Dock was moved, slips slanted

Steinworth – concern over low water

Pat – sand bar has been problem in past. If too low we cant put boats out.

Steinworth – given current depth, do you feel you can put 7 boats out?

Pat – not now, likely only 2.

Steinworth – may be mute point if water levels don't allow for 7

Motion Vote

5 aye, 4 no (Parenteau, Michaud, Cox, Steinworth) Motion Passed

8b5. VFW

MOTION # 7 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve VFW permit conditional on receiving letter from City of WBL that they meet parking requirements/ordinances.

All aye, PASSED.

8b6. White Bear Township

MOTION #8 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve conditional on payment of fees. All Aye, PASSED.

8b7. Tallys

MOTION #9 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve Tally's permit with parking letter stipulation. All Aye, PASSED

8b8. Wildwood Beach condos
MOTION # 10 (Michaud/Cernohous) Move to approve Wildwood condo application. All aye, PASSED

8b9. Chateauguet
MOTION #11 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve Chateauguet permit. All aye, PASSED.

8b10. Hickory St Dock Assoc.
MOTION #12 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve conditional to payment of fee - \$50. All Aye PASSED

8b11. White Bear Boat Works
MOTION #13 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve permit conditional to letter from city of WBL regarding parking. All aye, PASSED.

8b12. Docks of White Bear conditional use permit
FYI item, copied to board from city & email from DNR.
Steinworth – objections to this proposal in past. What is point if not an action item? Would like summary from city or from board member.
Michaud – city has approved request to put restaurant at site. DNR has stated they disagree and it can not go forward.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

Lake clean up 2nd weekend in march – march 8th. Do we want to expand to parks and beaches ? We are getting interest from scout groups. More info to come.

Updates coming to website.

Will not be at march mtg.

MOTION # 14 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve spending up to \$500 for clean u staff help. All aye, PASSED.

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION #15 (Cox/Parenteau) Move to pay checks 3803 – 3809 and approve December 2007 Treasures report. All aye, PASSED.

MOTION # 16 (Cox/Parenteau) Move to approve January treasurer report and pay checks 3810 – 3814 . All Aye, PASSED.

MOTION # 17 (Cox/Cernohous) Move to approve resolution to designate depository for 2008.

Discussion

Parenteau - What if we want to move cd in future . Does resolution preclude this?

Vote, all Aye, PASSED (John abstain as employee of US Bank)

8e. Board Counsel report

- In midst of litigation. LMC is handling and will make presentation to Board soon.
- Question last month regarding fee authority. By statute Board obtains funding thru cities and through fees for duties done. Same authority as a city would have for work done.

8f. Administrative staff report

no report

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 18 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, PASSED.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bank issue with Luke’s account, Julie working to fix.

Gary award presentation. Has served as Chair, Vice Chair, LUC Committee Chair, LQC Committee Chair. Thank you for your service.

Cox – new member from Dellwood. Sue Cernohous replaces Scott St. Martin.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 19 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. All Aye, PASSED.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date