



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of June 21, 2005

APPROVAL DATE: 7/19/05

1. CALL TO ORDER The June 21, 2005 regular meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by chair Gary Cox at 7:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Gary Cox, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer Diane Longville; Directors George St. Germain, Greg Donovan, Mike Parenteau, John Steinworth, Thomas Hoffman. A quorum was present. Absent were Tom Alvarez & Scott St. Martin, both excused. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

add item 8b2. Land survey for contested dock area

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/St. Germain) Move to approve minutes of May 17, 2005. All Aye, passed

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Jim Greeley, Birchwood

- lives next to Dellwood easement
- was here in past to oppose permit, boat length dispute
- City of Birchwood will not address boat length issues, who has authority?
- Would like to know what happened at city meeting that Luke went to?

Luke

Apologize for missing that meeting. Board does have authority to regulate dock length, chooses not to regulate boat length.

Jim

- Feels there is an issue
- Birchwood refuses to examine issue, what will WBLCD do?
- Claims Birchwood needs to enforce regulations
- Wants letter written to city

Gary

- WBLCD will not regulate length of boats. City can impose limits on boats using its property. WBLCD can enforce as a condition of permit.
- WBLCD will write letter
- Next time permit for Dellwood easement is up for review, he can comment

Mike Nightingale 103 Wildwood Beach Rd Mahtomedi

- Feels WBLCD permits and regulations are too loose. Criteria varies, definitions are not clear on what is a “boat”. Biased and arbitrary decisions are being made based on the committee.
- Feels LUC is not well defined. Chair is member of easement on lake, other members have boats on easements. Lake use study recommended no more permits, board issue anyway.

Gary

- Board has chosen not to count canoes and kayaks in count (4 or more). We do have authority to.
- Donovan has been un-biased in his decisions. All board members have been careful of that.

Steinworth

- feels we should not be approving more permits, is concerned about precedent set by permits already approved

5. NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

White Bear Township drainage issue – addressed issue at township meeting last night. Workshop is to be held this Friday. Watershed for the area in question is within township.

Reimbursement for swimmers itch treatment for Bellaire Beach is being paid tonight.

Two questionable landscaping projects arose on lake, one had permit, the other did not have permit. DNR was able to visit site and made recommendations to allow project to meet requirements.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. City of White Bear Lake Volunteer Fireworks Committee permit for 2005 fireworks . Event will be managed the same as in previous years. Committee recommends waiving application fee.

MOTION #3 (Donovan/St. Germain) Move to approve 2005 Fireworks permit and waive fee. All Aye, passed.

Greg will request the water patrol flash lights to slow down traffic by peninsula after display.

8b2. Dock location dispute along Lake Ave, NE of Ramsey Co. Beach. Lakeshore owners have requested we assist them in determining dock location. Board reps from White Bear, Mike & Gary, visited site with Greg . Four owners are involved, they were here tonight at the committee meeting. The committee will pay for and conduct a survey, to be billed back to owners. Committee will then establish where docks will be placed next year.

MOTION #4 (Donovan/Michaud) Move to order survey of properties involved in the dispute, using funds from lake management account 6060. Survey costs to be billed back to property owners. All aye, passed.

Letter of agreement will be drawn up and signed by all parties to define the process and timeline. WBLCD will own survey, property owners may have copies.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

MOTION #5 (Hoffman/Parenteau) Move to approve donating \$250 toward the fireworks display. Funds to come from account 6050 lake education. All aye, passed.

MOTION #6 (Hoffman/Parenteau) Move to spend funds to create and purchase a handout token to distribute to people launching boats at the public access points.

Discussion on motion:

Purpose is to increase awareness. Item may be flyers/map/keychain floaty.

Message needs to be defined.

Luke wishes to refrain from voting on this motion.

Vote: 7 Aye, 1 abstained (Michaud); Passed.

8d. Treasurers report

8d1.

MOTION #7 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve Treasurers Report for June 2005 and pay checks 3579 - 3588 . All aye, passed

8d2. 2006 budget

MOTION #8 (Longville/Donovan) Move to approve WBLCD budget for 2006. All aye, passed

Copy will be sent to cities and board reps.

8e. Board Counsel report

no report

8f. Administrative staff report

Office has been busy with many calls coming in. most have to deal with dock and access issues.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #9 (Longville/Hoffman) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Twelve A boats will be on the lake for a regatta this weekend, Thursday – Sunday. Races will be held in the morning and afternoon. (“A boats” are 38 foot scow sail boats.) Winds will determine location, but should be able to be seen from most places on the lake.

Greg

Note that the Blue ribbon committee in Birchwood made recommendations; however no ordinance was ever made based on those.

Gary

The intent this evening was to be clear to the audience that board members are beyond reproach, and will be defended. WBLCD will enforce to the best of our ability. We intentionally operate with discretion for individual situations. Not all definitions can be down to an inch. We can act on case by case basis, this is only way we can operate on lake like this.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION#10 (Cox/Donovan) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date