



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of June 21, 2016

APPROVAL DATE: 7/19/16

1. CALL TO ORDER The June meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet at 7:04 pm in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet, Directors Mike Parenteau, Pat McCann, Diane Longville, George St. Germain, Susie Mahoney, Scott Costello. A quorum was present. Absent were Jane Harper and Gene Altstatt (both excused).

3. AGENDA

Add item 8f1 “board reserves”. Add item 8c2. “Ramsey Beach”

MOTION # 1 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve agenda. All aye passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve minutes of May. All aye passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

Next meeting July 12

Update from Race 2 Reduce, Paul Steinhauser

Paul provided an update on the study to determine how much water and money could be saved by updating old toilets to current technology. Full report will be available soon. By using an insert in the test households it was determined there was a decrease of water use by 27% for an annual savings of \$78 or \$126 with larger household.

Kayla Myron, WBL – Environmental class did a survey to determine the toilet technology in WBL households. It was determined the majority have 1.6 gpf toilets, 37% have older.

Steinhauser – if the City of WBL could switch all toilets to dual flush, nearly 64 million gallons of water per year could be saved.

City does have a rebate program for water efficiency upgrades.

Q&A

DeSmet - How will the study information be disseminated?

Steinhauser – Study will be sent to all 5 communities and will be presenting results.

Longville - Where to residents go to apply for rebate?

Steinhauser - At WBL city hall & WB township. Met Council will have 2nd round of funding soon, then Birchwood and Mahtomedi will be involved also. Rebate is up to \$200

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1, Water level – 922.25 (1 foot higher than last year this time)

8b2. Water temp – 74 degrees

8b3. EWM treatment survey will occur before next meeting. Plan then goes to DNR for approval then applicator can do treatment. \$35k is budgeted (80 acres). In 2010 we treated 174 acres, 2011 41 acres, 144 acres 100 acres, 32 acres 85 acres. Goes up & down. Would like to get approval for treatment now for 99 acres, if more we'll have to hold special meeting to approve. Current spending limit is \$35k; would like \$43k limit.

MOTION # 3 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to spend up to \$43,000.00 for EWM treatment; moving \$5000 and \$3000 from watercraft inspection accounts if needed. All aye passed.

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

8c1. City WBL Fireworks application

MOTION #4 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve permit and waive fee. All aye passed.

Ganz would like to send letter to Ramsey Co Commissioners regarding opening the beach. Lake is only 2 feet down. Would like to encourage them to open.

Parenteau – they could do some enhancements on the shoreline and use

DeSmet – prepare letter & bring to next meeting

8d. Lake Education Committee

Website visitors up 26% from last year May

8e. Joint Powers Task Group

DNR received some funds for design build estimates for augmentation

8f. Treasurer's Report

8f1. Reserve fund policy. Would like to draft a document for board review.

Costello – input we got from city council was that reserve is too high. Should ask our auditor for assistance on this. Feel we should have 40% as minimum, have a range.

St Germain – in past when we had crisis with milfoil no one would contribute money. Would like to have 100 % in reserve.

DeSmet – policy would identify purpose of reserve and variables.

Parenteau – maximum exposure is 50k thru LMC for litigation. Ask auditor opinion

St Germain – have had grants in the past, now those are gone

Ganz – be careful not to fall into the “have to spend it” trap

Longville will draft a policy

8f2.

MOTION # 5 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to pay checks 4356 – 4359 on the June treasurers report. All aye passed.

8f3. 2017 budget

Water Patrol costs will be going up due to no part time officers anymore. Regular officers out at 1 ½ time. Increase in that line item.

MOTION #6 (Longville/Ganz) Move to approve 2017 budget and send to cities. All aye passed.

8g. Board Counsel Report

none

8h. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- May draft minutes
- permit applications : 1
- Finance report
- 2017 Budget

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #7 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve. All aye passed

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jane Harper has resigned from chair and board. Will attend as she can until Birchwood finds a replacement representative.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #8 (St Germain / Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All aye passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date