



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of November 15, 2016

APPROVAL DATE: 1/17/17

1. CALL TO ORDER The November meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet, Directors Mike Parenteau, Mark Ganz, Scott Costello, Paul Steinhauser, Susie Mahoney, Pat McCann, Gene Altstadt, George St. Germain & Diane Longville. A quorum was present.

3. AGENDA

MOTION #1 (Parenteau/Longville) Move item "8c10 Harrod/Mahoney" to right after item #4; approve agenda with change. All Aye passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Altstatt / Parenteau) move to approve. All aye, passed.

8c10. Harrod / Mahoney (moved in agenda order)

Ganz – history of issue: Complaint came in, a public hearing was held, resolution developed, unable to vote due to lack of quorum in October. Mahoney's are proposing change to resolution draft, just received this afternoon at 4:00. Mahoney's are requesting tabling until January due to family illness. Board has to decide to table until next month or vote on today. Other party and neighbor have attended all meetings.

St Germain – resolution gave 2 options for settlement and was decided.

DeSmet – motion made and seconded last month, rescinded due to lack of quorum.

St Germain – fair proposal, board should decide on and move forward

Kantrud - recommend tabling due to new edits received 2 hours ago. Conclusion doesn't change, just in fairness to consider.

MOTION #3 (DeSmet/Costello) Move to table to consider new comments until January.

Discussion

Altstatt – this is inconvenience to people who keep coming and want resolution

Jim Harrod 483 Lake Ave

This has been going on for 5 months. Mahoney's insisted on public hearing, did that. Seem to keep dragging out. Have had months to submit, obvious tactic to postpone. Have done all procedures. All information is out there.

Debbie Harrod

Owe it to people from neighborhood to vote tonight

Mike Kramer 471 lake Ave.

Encourage resolution tonight

Jared Goerlitz, Representing Mahoney's
Changes submitted 5 hours ago. Dispute over complaints made and record. Larry wanted to be here and asked for item to be tabled. Not changing conclusion, changing findings. Started in 2012 due to property dispute.

Altstatt – why so short notice?

St Germain – resolution is based on variation of what Mahoney's proposed. Originally came from them with one exception. Why weren't changes included at that time?

Jared – conclusions not changed except dock placement. Clarifications relate to 2012 Harrod complaint on boundary dispute.

Kantrud – conclusions haven't changed, can't advise because hasn't seen it.

MOTION #3 vote

2 aye, remaining nay. Motion fails.

Ganz – can we agree on final decision? This will continue on. Conclusion is agreed on and fair.

Susie Mahoney – 479 lake

Findings were inaccurate and false. Findings won't stand up in court.

Kantrud – Will have recommendation after reviewing.

Ganz – docks are not to converge on each other. Have tried to angle off posts before, lake changes. If tabled for legal reasons, what we've proposed and agreed on will be passed in January

St Germain – unsure not knowing what came in this afternoon, was comfortable with compromise made in past

Ganz – We've already stated this will go on. If outcome is the same why change details in record? Why come back at us.

MOTION #4 DeSmet/Costello Move to table until January meeting.

Discussion

Parenteau – Can we have a cutoff date - no new info accepted after Dec 1. So we all have time to review?

DeSmet – we can accept or not accept with date?

Kantrud – will draft changes, and bring to board

MOTION #4 vote

Vote – all aye passed.

Tabled until January

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Paul Bolstad U MN; Climate station & evaporation update

Paul provided information on the climate stations. There is over \$60,000 worth of equipment in lake, funded through cooperative with U of M. WBLCD and DNR also funded some. They've been unable to get additional funding to keep collecting data beyond the winter.

There are 3 towers which collect data on evaporation, sunlight, wind, temp (lake & air) and humidity. Data has been collected from 2014 – 2016. In 2014 21 inches of evaporation was measured; 25 inches in 2015. This correlates to the ice free period. Air temperature, number of sunny days and the number of ice free days = days of evaporation.

Overall temperatures are rising. With later ice-in dates there is more time for evaporation. Annual precipitation is up statewide, with heavier but less frequent and more isolated storms. There has been an increase in variability statewide. Prediction is for higher fluctuations.

Recommend tracking ice-in dates on WBL. Will complete measurements through end of this ice season.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

none

8b. Lake Quality Committee

Lake level 922.56. 11.5 inches higher than last year.

Temp 49 degrees. Last year in Nov = 42 degrees

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

No issues with any permit apps

MOTION #5 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve permit for Polar Plunge and waive fee. All aye, passed

MOTION #6 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve permit for Bearly Open with proof of insurance and map. All aye passed

MOTION #7 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve VFW's Horseshoe & Softball on Ice. All aye, passed

MOTION #8 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve Fishing for Life permit with receipt of insurance, waive fee. All aye passed

MOTION #9 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve Chateauguet Condo dock. All aye, passed

MOTION #10 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve Snyder Bay Beach Club dock. 9 aye, 1 abstain (Costello). Passed

MOTION #11 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to renew variance and approve due to low water levels, no change from past few years. All aye passed

MOTION #12 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve McCartney estates dock application. All aye passed.

MOTION # 13 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve Withaus dock application. All aye passed.

8d. Lake Education Committee

Website usage up over past year. Zebra mussel ad may bump it up.

WBLCD app proposal. Originally thought it could be used to report zebra mussels, could be used in many ways. DNR may be interested.

8e. Joint Powers Task Group

none

8f. Treasurer's Report

MOTION # 14 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve November treasurers report and pay checks 4385 -4391. All aye passed

MOTION #15 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve draft treasurers report for December. All aye passed.

2015 audit

Auditor will be here in January for questions.

MOTION #16 (Longville/ Parenteau) Move to accept the auditor's report. All aye passed.

8g. Board Counsel Report

None

8h. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- October draft minutes
- Dock applications - 5
- Event permit applications - 4
- Financial reports

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #17 (Longville / Parenteau) Move to approve. All aye passed

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

DeSmet – request for workshop session for board. Gene has provided items, send other ideas to Julie. Jan/Feb timeframe - set date at January meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #18 (St Germain / Ganz) Move to adjourn. All aye passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date