



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of March 21, 2017

APPROVAL DATE: 4-18-17

1. CALL TO ORDER The March meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet at 7:03 pm in the Council Chambers.

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

3. AGENDA

MOTION #1 (Parenteau/Steinhauser) Move to approve Agenda with removal of item 8d5 "Sampair appeal". All aye, passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION # 2 (DeSmet/Ganz) Move to approve minutes of February. All aye, passed

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Committee Appointments

Lake Quality Committee: Mike Parenteau (chair), Diane Longville

Lake Utilization Committee: Mark Ganz (chair), George St. Germain, Luke Michaud, Tony Feffer

Lake Education Committee: Scott Costello (chair), Paul Steinhauser, Susie Mahoney

Lake Level Resolution Committee: Pat McCann (chair), Gene Altstatt, Bill Foussard,

Paul Bolstad, Margaret Behrens, Mike Downing

DeSmet to notify previous alternates to the LLRC about committee changes

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Executive Committee

8a1. Commercial Bay Task Group

Group will be formed to look at issues in Commercial bay area. Mark Ganz to lead.

8a2. Julies additional tasks and compensation

MOTION #3 (DeSmet / Longville) Move to increase Julie's hours to 28 per week average and hourly wage to \$26. Also provide 80 hours annually for paid time off (PTO) which will not carry-over; pro-rated this year. All aye, passed

8b. Lake Level Resolution Committee

No report this month

8c. Lake Quality Committee

8c1. EWM grant update

No grant money was received for this year. Submitted application the same day it was announced but money was gone in matter of hours. Only \$200k was available state-wide for treatment.

8d. Lake Utilization Committee

8d1. WBYC Racing schedule

MOTION #4 (Ganz/St. Germain) Move to approve White Bear Yacht Club racing schedule for 2017. All aye, passed

8d2. BBYRC Racing schedule

MOTION #5 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Black Bear Yacht Racing Club schedule for 2017. All aye, passed

8d3. Altstatt mooring buoy

MOTION #6 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Altstatt mooring buoy in Mahtomedi. 9 aye, 1 abstain (Altstatt), passed.

8d4. Harrod application for 12' sailboat kept on shoreline, total 5 boats

MOTION #7 (Ganz/St. Germain) Move to approve application.

Discussion

Kantrud – intention of order was to have parties come back to board if any changes occur on site.

DeSmet – storage on land, how far up from OHM do we regulate

Ganz – in ordinance defines 5 or more boats including beached boats requires application; does not define how far off OHM they are stored.

Longville – question on boat being stored on side of public kay beach

Ganz – at public beaches anyone can come and launch non-motorized boats, canoes, etc. Concern with the dock at this site was moving motorized boats closer to beach area. Committee did not feel a non-motorized craft is a concern.

Larry Mahoney

Concerns over safety at the site with additional boat there

MOTION #7 Vote

All aye, passed.

8d6. Docks of White Bear Lake

Ganz – propose putting together commercial bay task group, no changes now but Task group will look at issues in bay area for future years.

Brian McGoldrick

Would like to see meeting dates in place for action on the task group.

Also question on EWM treatment. Discussions with DNR during lawsuits seem to minimize milfoil extent.

Parenteau – WBLCD gets permits from DNR to treat. Amount treated has been 40 – 175 acres over the last 8-9 years. We've been limited on what can be treated by what DNR defines as "nuisance". It's typically a 3 week process to identify

sites, have DNR certify, and have treatment done. By then there are typically more areas of “nuisance”. Also all weeds are not milfoil.

MOTION #8 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve permit for Docks of White Bear with layout the same as last year. All aye passed

Ganz – has had discussion with both counties water patrol and also LMCD regarding complaints on noise etc. Will be getting working group together. Also regarding commercial bay would like to look into possible dredging

8e. Lake Education Committee

Website statistics for February

Milfoil treatments reports should be posted for 2015-2016

8f. Treasurer’s Report

8f1. March Treasurers report

MOTION #9 (Longville / Costello) Move to pay checks 4404 – 4406. All aye passed

8f2. Fund balance police

MOTION #10 (DeSmet / Parenteau) Move to adopt this as our fund balance level policy.

Discussion

Revised policy is in packet, this is version we are voting on.

Motion vote

All aye, passed

8g. Board Counsel Report

We are in court of appeals regarding the protected elevation set by DNR, asking the court to review the process. Briefing will be no later than May 4. Next step is DNR assembles record by April 4, and we have 30 days to file an appeal.

8h. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- Feb draft minutes
- Dock applications
- Permit applications - 3
- Fund balance document
- February Financial statements
- Harrod/Mahoney Order
- Sampair appeal letter
- Comment letter re: Docks of WBL

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #11 (Longville/ Parenteau) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invasive species forum on March 30 in Arden Hills, Mike planning to attend.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 12 (St Germain/Ganz) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date