



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of June 20, 2017

APPROVAL DATE: Approved 7/18/17

1. CALL TO ORDER The June meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Acting Chair, Mark Ganz at 7:15 pm in the Council Chambers.

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

3. AGENDA

Add item 8d3. City of WBL application for 4th of July fireworks permit

Add item 8d4. Amend Ordinance #16 , PART II, Definitions to include definition of a
“boat.”

Add item 8d5. Make Amendments to Form #5 (Permit application Form)

MOTION #1 (Ganz) Move to approve agenda as amended. All aye, passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 16, 2017

**MOTION #2 (DeSmet / Parenteau) Move to approve May minutes with changes noted. All aye
passed**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

The Mahoneys *challenged the Minutes of 5/16/17, Section 8d2. They asked that before being
filed as approved, this section of the minutes, be compared with the DVD for discrepancies
between minutes and comments made at the meeting. Mr. Mahoney presented a list of
concerns to correct the record. Ganz referred the task to Administrative Secretary.*

MOTION #3 (Ganz/Mahoney Move to table until July meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Our permits need to dovetail with other entities. For example: we cannot enforce the
City of White Bear Lake parking/docks ordinance, etc. We need to know that pertinent
city approves access, parking, etc. before we permit the docks.

**MOTION #3 (Ganz//Parenteau) Move that we send a letter to all commercial operator
applicants and cities explaining that for 2018 ongoing, we will not consider a
commercial operator’s application unless it is accompanied by a letter of approval from
the city in which their dock is located.**

Longville: Parenteau, Mahoney, Pat McCann -- Aye. George St. Germain, No.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Executive Committee

Met with City of WBL City Manager already. Discussed coordinating on commercial bay, board correspondence.

8a1. Draft social media policy. Review and take action at June meeting.

Parenteau - Who is eligible to post?

Costello – 1 board member and administrator. Primarily Facebook focus.

DeSmet – education committee chair and administrator could post, others can provide suggestions. Table until next month so people have time to review

8a2. Temporary hire for Administrator

City and township suggested \$20/hr. as pay rate

MOTION #3 (DeSmet/Parenteau) Move to hire Mary Harrington on temporary basis to serve as administrator up to 85 hours per month temporarily until we fill position.

Discussion

Mahoney – will she need more hrs?

DeSmet - Can hire at 85 and if not enough, increase. Or allocate more hours now.

Costello – could go up to 100, permanent hire will need more hours long term

Julie was up to 112 / month

MOTION #3 Amendment (Costello / Parenteau) Amend to up to 100 hours per month.

All aye passed

DeSmet - Hiring process for permanent part time is an opportunity to get input from all board members as to what position entails. Update job description. Would anyone on the board like to lead effort? Get ideas for process to executive committee.

Costello – suggest asking city HR people for assistance

8b. Lake Level Resolution Committee

No report

8c. Lake Quality Committee

8c1. Level 923.2. (100 yr average 924.23) 1 ¼ ft higher than last year

8c2. Temp 68 degrees

8c3. EWM bids. Lake Restoration indicated depth of 4 feet on bid (too shallow), additional cost for deep treatment.

Lake management uses average depth of 6 ft, will go deeper without additional charge.

Lake Restoration will rebid after they get survey map, also provided a low cost on 24-d.

Lake Management DMA 4 product available, different than trichlopyr. No restriction for swimming or fishing; restriction on irrigation with water. Used on 6 out of 7 lakes in MN. May be good time to change for 1-2 yr for best results.

DeSmet – DMA 4 has 24-d in it at lower concentrate and other ingredients.

Controls vegetation in aquatic environments

Parenteau - Would like to use DMA 4 with lake management. Know they'll come out and not re-bid. We had diminished results with the trichlopyr last year.

Kantrud – you don't have another bid for DMA4 for comparison.

Parenteau - Lake Restoration doesn't use. There aren't many people that do this; may be one in Brainerd

Kantrud – check with McComas

Parenteau – dosage and products are as approved by DNR . Have worked with Lake Management for years and have been pleased

MOTION # 4 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to accept bid from Lake Management and treat with DMA4. All aye, passed

Mike will research further if there are others

DeSmet – we could have special meeting if other applicator is found. This is a specialty service. Next year could research further

8d. Lake Utilization Committee

8d1. 54 Peninsula Road. Better drawing has been requested. Problem at site with loitering. Owner has 1200 ft lake frontage on 8 acres. Requesting 2nd dock to keep DNR boat and as fishing dock. This is one of only shorelines on lake that has 2 docks. Swim buoy in ADUA.

MOTION #5 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve dock as one year variance permit.

Discussion

Ganz - Will be pulled in 10 ft so within ADUA. DNR boat currently on shore. Uses to monitor the weather station.

Kantrud – other point on why this is worthy of variance?

Ganz – allow DNR and U of M people to monitor at site, wanted to have a fishing dock, not blocking navigation, plenty of room, permit given for 1 year. One other property (Fletcher Driscoll) is allowed 2 docks for regatta boats. Reasonable and unique, in public interest due to safety factor at site.

Costello – there have been vocal groups in past wanting to use this area, does this allow for use or will it generate more complaints?

Ganz – 2 parties have been working together to come up with solution

DeSmet – is the entire area still navigable?

Ganz – yes

St Germain – off point and north side is where heavy usage area is

Mahoney – Ramsey beach will be open this year also

MOTION #5 vote: All aye –passed

(Before approval, this section was compared to DVD to verify accuracy—requested by S. Mahoney and directed to staff by DeSmet, Chairman, —will be approved at July meeting. Accuracy of measurements or angles—not possible to verify (photo submitted out of date with comments; for reference, 5/16/17 written comments from the Mahoneys are attached to the official minutes of this meeting). Changes made in blue.

8d2. Harrod / Mahoney

Ganz- read the order issued. Angle of Mahoney dock is not at same angle as other 3 to north. Appears to be 10' from ordinary high water mark into convergence.

Kantrud – we have an e-mail from Mahoney stating angle is same as before.

Order intention was for angles to not converge, prior years seemed to work well.

Susie Mahoney, 479 Lake Ave - Ganz looked at dock from Harrod property not from our property. We contend that Harrods don't have dock in correct place based on tax records of frontage (Admin note: tax and plat frontage given were different). Their dock isn't in compliance, off by 3 feet. Our opinion is Harrods angling north towards us

DeSmet – understand docks on north side are parallel to Harrods

Ganz – Mahoney dock is converging; was 10' off property line last year.

Kantrud – suggest we table for review and accept email as response.

St Germain – angle of dock is separate issue from frontage

McCann – conflict of interest with Susie being on Board ?

MOTION #6 *DeSmet: Move to table for review until next month; Mahoney second: All aye –passed*

8e. Lake Education Committee

Wirebuilt report showing website visits up over last year. Would like to update website and refresh content. Would like to have contact information for each board member on site. Looking into email.

8f. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION # 7 (DeSmet/Parenteau) *Motion move to approve May treasurers report and pay checks 4412 – 4417. All aye passed.*

2018 budget planning

Discussion was held on budget and line item amounts. Julie will send out the changes made tonight, vote on final next month

8g. Board Counsel Report

No longer in litigation with DNR. DNR will hold public meeting prior to June 7.

DeSmet – potential dates are June 5 or June 8

8h. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- April meeting minutes
- Finance report
- 2018 budget draft
- Draft media policy
- Dock variance application

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #8 (DeSmet / Parenteau) *Move to approve. All aye passed*

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

. 12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #9Rev(St Germain /Ganz) *Move to approve. All aye passed.*

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date