



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of August 16, 2005

APPROVAL DATE: 9/20/05

1. CALL TO ORDER The August meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by chair Gary Cox at 7:05 p.m.

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

3. AGENDA

Changes: Move item 8b1 to 8b4; add items: 8b1 Hickory Dock Assoc., 8b2 Lake Use Study, 8b3 Forest Heights 2. 8b4 will be Boat/lift dispute at 62 Juniper – Michaud will present

MOTION #1 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to approve agenda as amended above. All aye, passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to approve minutes of July 2005. All aye, passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

- White Bear Township is continuing to study the storm sewer outlet on S. Shore Blvd. Steve McComas was recommended as a source for information. This is a

complex issue that will take some time. It is wonderful to have them working on it.

- Swimmers itch reimbursement request from City of Mahtomedi for 2 treatments, we will reimburse 1 treatment as per our policy. Second treatment was late in season, likely not effective.

Steinworth – note regarding questionable effectiveness of late season treatments could be added to letter and also should be considered for next years policy.

-Call from mayor of Mahtomedi wondering about water testing for e-coli. Beach owner would need to determine if they want to close the beach and have water tested. WBLCD could pay for testing.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. Hickory St. Dock Assoc. – They sent in the information requested on their conditional permit. Everything is o.k. with 2005 permit.

8b2. Lake Use Study update - Data has been gathered, report will be coming. We would like to see rough draft via email, then hold workshop with them to discuss. Recommend holding workshop in late Sept. or Oct. with entire Board and authors. Julie will email draft to board members as soon as it is available and will work with Gary to schedule workshop date.

8b3. Forest Heights 2 - Site has boat mooring plus a number of boats on shore. Sheriff did inventory of site for us. Letter will be going to the boat owners, they will need multiple use permit or will need to remove some boats.

8b4. Boat/Lift dispute at 58 Juniper St. Mahtomedi
Neighbor dispute has been going on over last few months, unsuccessful in resolving dispute. There is a 10 foot parcel of land that also has an easement over it. The easement holder has put boat and lift out on dock with no permission from land owner. It is an easement holder v.s. landowner dispute that will be resolved in court. The land issue is separate; we can deal with the water issue. There are conflicting uses in a very small space. LUC recommends having the boat and lift in question to be removed.

MOTION #3 (Donovan/Michaud) Move to have offending boat removed. Chair to direct owners to remove boat and lift within 10 days of notice. Decision is based on Ordinance 5 Section 3.01 which states: “No dock, buoy, mooring, or other structure shall be so located as to: (1) obstruct navigable waters, (2) obstruct reasonable use or access to any other dock, buoy, mooring or other structure authorized under this ordinance, (3) present a potential safety hazard, or (4) come within ten feet of any other structure. No dock, buoy, mooring area or other structure shall be located or designed so that it unreasonably or unnecessarily requires or tends to encourage using it to encroach on any other authorized dock use area.”

Discussion on motion

-Sheriff will be notified to enforce ordinance if needed, if boat and lift are not removed within 10 days of notice. There are fines and penalties if not removed within allowed time.

-(Steinworth) What other options have been proposed?

- (Michaud) This is the only option the committee could find after numerous meetings on this issue. The location is very tight, and there simply is no room. Boat owners were present for discussion at past Committee meetings and are aware of the Committee's recommendation.

Comments/questions from floor

- Richard Copelund – when will meeting minutes be available?

- meeting notes can be sent out as draft next week, they are not official minutes until approved at next WBLCD Board meeting

- This is the first time WBLCD has had to go to this extreme; people have always compromised in the past. There just isn't enough room here for compromise. Board is being asked to make the decisions rather than citizens.

Motion Vote

All Aye, Passed.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

MOTION #4 Hoffman/Parenteau) Move to approve spending \$500 to run fertilizer ad this fall in the White Bear Press. All aye, Passed.

Perhaps consider direct mail to lake owners also.

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION #5 (Cox/Michaud) Move to approve August Treasurers report and pay checks 3599 – 3605 . All aye, passed

8e. Board Counsel report

no report

8f. Administrative staff report

no report

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION#6 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luke – met with Sue Wolsfeld from White Bear Lake homeowners association.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION#7 (Steinworth/St Germain) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date