

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting May 15, 2019

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian
Connie Hughes, Thomas Kruse,
Walt Breitinger, Nancy Satterlee, Christian Anderson

Board Members Absent:

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Mickey moved to accept the minutes. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey moved to accept the special meeting minutes of 4/30/2019. Second ed by Christian. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

General Manager's Report

Looping project is awaiting the "Notice to Proceed" and contract.

Manholes good.

MS4 annual meeting. House Bill 1266 was a huge topic.

NISWAG June 20th Merrillville.

Certified operators training coming up. Board wants all field employees to become certified.

Talked about other changes happening.

All the delinquent accounts that were called before the Board has been keeping current.

Nothing from Mike Colomb and other delinquent accounts for foreclosures and death, etc. **No news.**

Possible new home going up on Claussen Lane.

Curly Leaf Pond weed was not found but Eurasian Water milfoil has gone nuts.

The Board has been made aware of what is going on at the "YMCA's" pond.

The basement is done for the winter. We now have
4 drawers of water files, 4 drawers of storm sewer files, 4 drawers of sanitary files.
1 subdivision file, 1 Lake Enhancement file, 3 start up, 7 miscellaneous, 4 drawers of minutes
and 30 drawers of maps.

Tom wanted to talk about the standpipe. Christian reported all 4 ponds are low. Discussion
occurred about different options to fix the standpipe. Mickey talked about the need of the
survey to determine the specifications for a proper standpipe.

Dave volunteered to talk with Adam McAlpine and Bill Oeding in order to expediate the
repairs.

Ballpark cost of survey \$4-5000.

Next scheduled meeting with Adam June 3rd. Walt will try to attend.

Bob M. visited Flint Lake Elementary to inform them of the problem with the sidewalk behind
the school plus sandy water draining into Flint Lake. Tom want a quick letter sent to the
school.

Matt's report

2 samples taken and passed.

1 meter changed out.

16 delinquents, 30 locates and 0 seasonal.

Accounts Receivable Report

Everyone is paying.

Connie brought up the amount of overcharged monies for Hillcrest Beach. Board wants
exactng numbers.

Committee Reports

Personnel – nothing

Insurance Report

Rolando – nothing

Environmental Committee

Christian – June 7th Great lakes Environmental Conference. Talked about a person who has a
leak and attempted to get in touch with them. Bob M. will check into the account and do a
possible history usage test.

Liaison Committee

Connie – nothing

Strategic Planning Committee

Nancy – nothing

Engineering Committee

Walt – Wants to talk to the engineer about standpipe information.

Engineer's report - absent

Attorney's report

House Bill 1266 has made it through the senate. Awaiting governor's approval. **It was signed.** Another bill concerning creating a conservancy district has passed the House. Election laws were to be changed but the amendment was withdrawn.

The Kankakee River Basin Committee may lose its funding from the State. Local entities will be required to fund it. VLACD may be charged around \$8780 per year. This may take place in 2021.

Dave reported on the newspaper article about Conservancy Districts.

The Court approved the increase of \$50 to the compensation of regular meetings to a \$100 per meeting.

Brett is not here to talk about the Walden loop. Phase 1 is ready to go and JPR has staked out Phase 2. Dave suggested that Tom be authorized to sign the Contract after Dave approves it. It was agreed that this is acceptable. Rolando so moved. Seconded by Christian. Motion carried 7-0.

Cook property – The final work has not been completed but needs to be done by June 30 the end of their fiscal year.

Mr. Banaszak – YMCA standpipe. Talked with Melody Miller who had complaints about the "Y". Is the City involved? Tom said we are sending a letter.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager

