

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: April 15, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garmon, Thomas Kruse, Mickey Koehler
Nancy Satterlee, Don Kareiva, Rolando Chilian
Christian Anderson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Dale Brewer, Bob Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Don Covington, Dawn Roe, Tarik and Susan El-Naggar.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 6:01 pm at the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District's office.

Don made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom. There was a discussion requesting more information on the LARE grants from the manager's report. Bob M. had reported in his report on the AVMP and that he had not heard anything back. Nancy mentioned that on page 2 Stu Summer's was to talk about the Button's property but should read Cook's property. Motion carried with those changes. 6-0.

Financial Report

Nancy gave her report on the financial reports and the claim docket. Nancy made the motion to accept the claims and fund reports, Bob seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0.

Bob opened the floor to questions on Sunny Lane and Long Lake sewer extensions. One resident asked about the street would be tore up twice once for water and then for sewers.

Mrs. Rowe asked about the required number of sign ups and that another meeting may be needed. Bob mentioned that there are 38 signers for Sunny Lane. Bob is setting up a meeting on the 29th with Valparaiso City Utilities to discuss both areas with both utility services. Dave gave a brief outline of flow issues, capacity and joint venturing with the City. Bob moved to have this meeting for discussion only at Dave's office, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

Mickey had several questions on the step by step procedures behind annexing and pricing. El-Naggar's line is a separate issue.

Bob opened the floor again to the audience. A question on the pricing was brought up and also about polluting the lake. Other items were financing, foreclosures, storm water, roads, annexation, and potable water.

Walt talked about several issues including Bonnie's 12 properties.

Another question about annexation. Dave explained why we need to require this. A follow up question about a grant writer was discussed and how we determine our rates. Don discussed rates and costs to the home owner.

Another question about fire hydrants and their spacing and who would put them in. Bob M. was asked to contact the engineers about grinder pumps and gravity sewers and is still awaiting that information.

The El-Naggars just walked in. Bob updated them on the City Utility's meeting. Walt asked if he could find out who signed up so he could persuade others to sign up. Bob said that we will not provide that information without their permission. Dave said that this list is most assuredly a public record. But not to give it out without a written request from Walt.

Another question about if there would be more directors added. Dave explained that it could happen or we could reconfigure.

Bob closed the public session.

General Manager's report.

Leisure Road materials for the water main will be delivered Friday. ***Most have been delivered.***

Spectra-Tech was the only bid for sealing the manholes. Bob moved that \$20,000 be used to seal as many manholes as we can. Rolando seconded it. On the question, Don asked if we found more manholes needing work can we fund it. Bob M. stated that it was the \$20,000 we were going to do every year but if the Board wished we could do more. Christian agreed that we could always do an additional appropriation. The motion carried 7-0. ***Spectra-tech has been hired and they will get going in May.***

Lift station on Island has been inspected by 3 companies.

3 bids went out and awaiting GAI for a bid on submersibles.

Dish restaurant is still good.

Got the IURC report in.

Met with representatives of Aqua American and gave them additional requested information.

Lake enhancement. An email went out about the grants being awarded. \$20,000 for Flint and the AVMP and \$2500 for Long. 20% participation on Flint and 50/50 on Long. Bob M. sent out the applications for permits and also requests for applicators and requesting an environmental committee meeting to approve those bids. They will come in on 24th. NISWAG meeting in Porter tomorrow.

Button's house is gone and one dumpster remains.

Nothing new on the van until July.

Cook's property will be reported on by Dave.

Talked about the neighborhood meeting and a reasonable turn out. County records were used.

Employees attended a CPR class offered by the City Utilities. Laura will do a makeup class as she was in Florida.

I did receive 2 quotes on steel structures kits for the pole barn around \$14-15,000. Does not include a lot of work. Other quotes for standard pole barns from Morton, Chester, and the FBI builders.

Bob mentioned that Wagner gave us a quote of \$6800 for his work and need to move on this. There was a question about using Wagner for the pole barn. The need of an architect either by Wagner or someone else will be required before we go to in front the planning commission. Don questioned the rezoning of the properties and the need to do it through Wagner. Mickey mentioned that a committee meeting occurred on this issue and was given their recommendation. Now we are going back and changing what was recommended. Dave explained that this is now a site plan issue versus just building a pole barn and bring in the architect for a land use recommendation.

Mickey made a motion to hire Wagner at \$6800, Don seconded it for land use and design. Motion carried. 7-0. This will fall under the engineering committee.

Dave requested from Bob M. an expected use of the pole barn for the zoning.

Will be at the Expo Center Friday and Saturday for Earth Day. Friday to unload rain barrels and Saturday to man a booth.

Matt's field report.

No leaks.

Cleaned grease out of Ostedt Lift. Bob asked where it came from. It appears to be from residential homes.

410 Grandview Ave. Rebuild retaining wall.

2 samples taken all passed.

1 meter change outs, 24 delinquent turn off all back on. 24 locates and no seasonal work.

Accounts Receivable

Nothing

Check on her classes. (Fall classes)

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse

Nothing

Insurance Mickey Koehler

Nothing. Paying less than last year.

Environmental Christian

Will be having a meeting on bids for LARE grants. Bob did attend a conference and brought back a disk on soil erosion. Bob M. asked about a motion for the LARE grants. Nancy made a motion to precede with the LARE grants. Christian seconded it. 6-0-1.

Public Relations Rolando Chilian

Working with short and long term committee on Lake enhancement blurb and websites. Wants to work with the committee more on the LARE grants to avoid conflicts.

Engineering Committee Bob Garmon

Need to transfer money for the dumpster on the Button's property. Bob moved that \$1000 be moved to transfer the appropriations from the building line item to the land acquisition line item in the General fund. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Short and long term planning Committee. Don Kareiva
Don reported that Bob already took care of his items.
Pole barn is now 1A.

Attorney's report

Mrs. Cook called Bob M. and turned the information over to Dave to set up a meeting. They will be in Valparaiso on Friday afternoon at 3 pm. Dave will meet with them for their feelings.

The grant application with Bicentennial Nature has been forwarded to the DNR. If all goes well we will be invited to attend a meeting on June 9th.

Jeff Good, the new County Commissioner, is getting the County storm water management going. Impervious material may drive the cost of the fee.

Coordination with the City, the County and VLACD is going to be vital in the future.

On taxation, the previous auditor failing to provide the proper forms has been worked around with DLGF.

Bob questioned the 4 foreclosed homes in Sunny Lane. Bob M. will research the homes. Bob also brought up which pole barn should have water/sewer.

Bob closed the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District