

## VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING October 19, 2016

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Satterlee

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dale Brewer, Bob Minarich,  
Audience: Tom Banaszak, Susan El-Naggar, Tim Reisinger, Brent Wagner, Walt Breitinger, Phil Doolittle

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 5:30 pm.

Mickey moved to approve the minutes. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0.

West Long Lake annexation. Bob M. called the engineers. The City has not signed off yet. In the mean time the City has signed off and the permit is downstate. The annexation was approved in Circuit Court. Dave will get Rich Hudson to come up with a map with the new legal boundaries that was annexed.

Bob M. gave the engineers a job to come up with specifications for the homeowners. Bob asked if we could go ahead and bid the project. Bob M. will have the engineers go ahead and start the bidding process.

The Financial Committee's report.

Mickey moved to approve the claims and accept the financial statements. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried 6-0.

Bob's report

2<sup>nd</sup> volute at Hillcrest did go out. It is on order. \$9000. The suction valves need to be replaced. If they slow the replacement work down Gasvoda will leave and charge a second call out. Gasvoda will charge \$7000 for new valves. Underground pipe and valve will do it for \$3900 and would be out the next day. They have since been replaced. The Ostedt seal failure has been fixed. Grinder pump went out. It was only a gasket that popped out.

Ed and I met with the DNR. They were very pleased with the milfoil results this year and will fund us for next year. They also suggested we apply for funding for Curly leaf pond weed. Maybe \$10,000 at 80/20 or \$2000 being our cost. Mr. Doolittle commented on how much pondweed there actually is. Mickey disagrees with treating the lakes as it is not part of our charter. Don argued for the treating. Christian is in favor of treating. Walt talked about the effectiveness of the chemicals or creating a super weed. Tom talked about the City's storm water fee again.

Next meeting for NISWAG is in Valpo.

Office remodeling updates. Walk through was done.

Pay application #5. \$50026.14. That will be 100%. With \$28000 in retainage.

Bob moved to pay this request. Tom seconded it. Bob M. asked about the tilt windows.

Brent suggested fixing the trim work. The jamb liners are tight on some windows and could be adjusted. Motion carried 6-0. Mickey asked when we will be in there. By the end of November.

Bob requested another quote on fencing.

Delinquent sewers. A colored spreadsheet was handed out. Yellow represents a sewer only customer. One very high value was under a bankruptcy. Dave will send out a letter to these three customers on the yellow lines. Bob M. presented the list by using a \$200 upper limit to get on this list. The policy is 3 months behind. Mickey voted to create a policy that \$200 will be the guiding number for the Board to terminate service. Seconded by Rolando. Motion carried.

The tan and brown colors are landlords balking about paying for their renters.

Customers with meter problems. 7 went out. 7 fixed. Next 3 with electronic problems. 2 fixed one asked for time to clear a path.

Dish still good.

No new homes.

Maintenance report.

2 water samples taken and passed.

Landscaping at the office.

2 seasonals. 2 meter changeouts.

34 locates. 25 delinquents

Public Liaison committee - Don.

None

Personnel Committee Nancy Satterlee

Absent

Insurance Committee Rolando.

None

Environmental Christian Anderson

Will be holding a meeting.

Public Relations Don Kareiva

Nothing

Short and long term planning Committee. Thomas Kruse

Meeting the 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Engineering Committee Bob Garmon

3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Is there prices? Bob M. sent out the costs to the engineering committee \$2300 for stone, sand and blacktop. Bob made a motion to go ahead with the drainage. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 5-1. Don disagreed with the road work being done. The road work should be done by the neighbors. Bob cleared up the motion by not listing the grading in the project. Don then agreed to the motion at 6-0. Mickey brought up that if the neighbors buy gravel we will spread it.

Bob M. asked about the drainage on Flamingo. This case we put too much gravel on the road and need it removed. The County politely refused to help with the grading and compacting. It is up to us to fix Flamingo.

Finance Committee Mickey

Nothing

Attorney's report

2 tax rates and levies. Tonight to be adopted. Don moved to adopt Resolution 16-1. Mickey seconded it. Budget in general fund of \$196,500 with a level levy and CCIF \$20,000 with a maximum levy of \$32,000 for a total of \$228,500.

Adopt Uniform Minimum Threshold to be filed with the State. The recommended threshold is \$100.00.

Ordinance 2-2016. Motion carried 6-0.

Elections

Area 4 Burlington Beach North incumbent Christian Anderson and Area 1 Hillcrest Beach incumbent Don Kareiva. Nominating petitions are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Cook's property. The conservation easement has been finalized. Egress and ingress has been problematic.

Two of the lots just north of Cook's property are up for tax sale. The guy who bought the properties does not have egress and ingress rights.

Bob asked about the medical center on Calumet. At the Porter County Planning Committee meeting concerning zoning change people from Lakewood Terrace had complained about traffic and the such.

Bob adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

