

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting February 20, 2019

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

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, John Wendland, Pam Thompsin

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

There is a correction to the minutes. Rolando Chilian was not present at the January meeting and this needs to be corrected.

With this correction, Mickey moved to accept the minutes. Connie seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

The rules were suspended for the annual meeting to occur.

The gavel was handed to Dave.

With no contested elections, Nancy Satterlee, Thomas Kruse were sworn in to 4-year terms and Walt to complete the last three years for his directorship.

Nominations for chairman – Rolando nominated Thomas Kruse. Mickey seconded it. No other nominations then the nominations were closed. Christian moved that Thomas Kruse be elected chairman, Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Nomination for Vice chairman – Tom nominated Mickey. No other nominations, nominations closed. Tom made a motion to elect Mickey as vice chairman, seconded by Christian. Motion carried 7-0.

Tom opened the floor for the Annual meeting for any comments on Conservancy business. Mr. Banaszak who commented on golf courses, environmental sensitive areas, silt from North Hampstead and shopping center. Public comment was closed at 6:52 pm. Tom moved to close the Annual meeting seconded by Nancy. Motion carried 7-0.

Tom continued with the rules being suspended and moved that a resolution be passed to increase the per diems per regular district meetings be increased to \$100 with committee meeting remain at \$50. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mickey abstaining. Goes to circuit court for approval.

Attorney's report – The Cardno's report – if the Board wants to approve these plans then Dave would like to go over the contracts before he gives his nod. This will be updates to the old feasibility and diagnostic studies not to exceed \$5000 along with applying for a permit for the beaver deceiver.

The City has applied for a LARE grant for Spectacle Lake study.

The City utility department sent a letter abandoning the storm water project down Burlington Beach Road and will send the water to spectacle Lake as it goes now.

Brett has completed the plans and specifications for the Walden loop project. There is one piece of property to acquire. The project had a line item for this at \$6000 and the appraisals came in at \$5800. Dave will continue with this.

Mickey then moved to allow the engineering firm to advertise for bids for the Walden loop. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Bicentennial Nature Trust grant is now in line to be approved by their staff.

Tax sale of wetlands 18 acres. We can still get that back by October.

Walt talked about us responding to a 10 day notice to answer about the Spectacle Lake issue. Brett is looking into this. There were recommended changes by the State to the new plan.

Getting back to the rules again, Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Walt stepping outside.

Rainy Day funds - \$20425 available to be moved into the fund. Tom so moved. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Nancy mentioned the \$145 approved for Bonnie Swanner quite a while back for the fishing line recycling center. Bob M. mentioned that she had to provide a invoice in order to get paid.

General Manager's Report

Bitter cold with little problems.

Manholes good.

Sediment pond – Brett wants to get a bunch of contractors here to brain storm plans.

The group tour of YMCA standpipe showed it was working as designed also looked at Kettle Lake, Listenberger Ditch and the other sediment/detention ponds.

Talked with Greg Quartucci about the beaver deceiver to get a Notice of No Objection from the IDEM, DNR and Army Corp. of Engineers. Quoted \$1360. Rolando moved this, Walt seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

NISWAG in Gary tomorrow.

Brought an advertisement up from the basement about Ridgewood Creek homes opening up for sale in 1984.

LARE grant people emailed and asked for the permits for the grants. Have not been awarded the grants but will apply as they asked.

Public Liaison committee

Environmental committee and Insurance committee meetings.

Matt's report

2 broken pipes at people's homes.

New lights in pole barn.

Wants to remap our curb stops.

2 samples taken and passed.

3 meter change out.

33 delinquents, 28 locates and 0 seasonal.

Accounts Receivable Report

Mrs. Thompson about the delinquencies was present. Stated her difficulties in paying her bill.

Mickey moved to accept \$100 per month to pay down \$1900. Seconded by Christian with a stern warning about having her line disconnected if there was a failure to pay. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports

Personnel – nothing

Insurance Report

Rolando – recommends the renewal of existing plan by Anthem Plan #1. Rolando moved to approve this. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

Environmental Committee

Christian – Information on dredging and baffles handed out.

Liaison Committee

Connie – had second meeting concerning Mr. Wendland's bill. The committee recommended to not assist him with this bill. The Board went along with this recommendation. Mr.

Wendland's bill increased prior to the water main break. His bills were varied and some bills were very high after his softener was repaired. There were conversations back and forth about his usage.

Strategic Planning Committee

Nancy – nothing

Engineering Committee

Christian recommended that the contract with Cardno to be approved not to exceed \$5000. This is to update the feasibility and diagnostic studies hoping to get grants or awards in the future.

Mickey moved to accept the contract with Dave's approval, seconded by Rolando. Motion carried 7-0.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager