

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting July 17, 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, Brett Konarski

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Patrick McInerney, Pam and Gary Staub, Jerret Williams, Toni Dauagl

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

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

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

General Manager's Report

Manholes good.

The looping project is half bored in.

Ferguson – the station is in. We have cut the road for our suction hose to be dropped in while station is down. As soon as we get caught up on the looping project, we will cut in pour bypass.

The 2018 CCR's have been mailed out.

The Lakewood Terrace subdivision letter is ready, and Nancy read it aloud.

Costs are unknown at this time. Board agreed to send the letter.

The house on Claussen looks like a go. Going to be a smaller style home.

The 1st set of lake samples have been taken.

Lake Urschel on schedule for two months with utility board approval. Tom did talk to the Mayor about this. There was a lot of discussion on this topic.

1421 Island Road seawall was approved by DNR and Army Corp.. The legal lake level is the end of the DNR's jurisdiction.

Next NISWAG meeting Aug. 15th at Porter County annex.

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. **The letter has been corrected and sent out.**

Matt's report

2 samples taken and passed.

4 meters changed out.

45 locates

20 delinquents

Worked on Hillcrest lift ordered new contacts for the transfer switch.

Accounts Receivable Report

Everyone is paying.

Committee Reports

Personnel – nothing

Insurance Report

Rolando – nothing

Environmental Committee

Christian – Contact companies for remedial control for the sediment pond. Brett mentioned the meeting with contractors in the spring. A cost estimate was presented using hydraulic dredging. 1200 cubic yards \$59,000 nothing about disposal

Getting the City to help out after getting report from Quartucci.

Liaison Committee

Nancy – nothing but thought that Dave's historical report on the Lake was worth being put into print for the web site.

Strategic Planning Committee

Connie -no

Engineering Committee

Walt - nothing

Engineer's report –

Brett – Phase 2 to be advertised tomorrow. Bids to be opened in August's meeting

Blackhawk Beach storm sewer to be researched this fall.

Tom brought up the public hearing for the budget fat the August 21st meeting and will end a quorum for the Sept. 18th meeting for approval.

Attorney's report

The growth quotient is at 3.5%.

The Lake level in the 1960's had a 3year drought. A map of the watershed is available on the website. A Court proceeding in 1963 established the lake level to prevent the City from drawing down too much and would have to use wells to maintain the levels. The City reversed the drainage of Spectacle and Loomis lake so it would enter Flint Lake.

Then in the late 1990's the City quit drawing water from Flint Lake and now the concerns of the lake being too high arose. Now the downstream impact will prevent the lake level from being changed.

There was much discussion on this.

Cook property – The final work has not been completed but needs to be done by June 30 the end of their fiscal year. **Still in que. The money has been encumbered. Waiting on them.**

The funds to repay the Hillcrest Beach association value was wrong. Walt moved to rescind the original amount and Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Nancy then moved to pay the Beach Association \$713.41, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Pat McInerney thanked the Board for their work.

Pam Staub talked about the Kilmer Frazier property and the 40 homes to be built. 1st a park then denied. Going to County for R2 development. Concerns for safety and drainage.

Jerry Staub commented on the wet spring that we have had and the amount of runoff in this area.

Mr. Banaszak – The City and the County has ignored the environmental concerns of the water bodies. Need heavy metal tests.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager

