

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting May 17, 2017

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Nancy Satterlee, Connie Hughes
Christian Anderson, Bob Garmon

Board Members Absent: Tom Kruse, Rolando Chilian

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck Robert Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Fred Boehm

Vice Chairman Mickey opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Nancy moved to accept the minutes. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Bob seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

General Manager's report.

70 East has 4 homes hooked up. Brett and I will do a final punch list.

The volute for Cardinal lift station was the wrong one. We kept it anyways as a spare.

Sunny Lane sanitary sewers. A citizen called in to see what the costs would be for one home. 3rd house east of Calumet on Thomas Road. \$4300 engineer costs plus \$1500 for easements. A discussion ensued about other homes able to hook on. 8 total by gravity using GIS mapping. \$7000 if 8 homes are considered. IAC requires 3 foot of cover over the top of the sewer main. May have to bring in some fill. Tom recommended we send an invitation letter to all 8 homes. The engineer committee should look at this. *Only two yes replies from area residents.*

Dave has a report on the looping project. He said that the Walden POA meets in late May and we can get an easement then from them.

New possible home just east of Wild Rose, Dave also has more information on that. 2 possible more homes on Crescent Road.

Lake Enhancement. Curly leaf pond weed was treated on Flint. No milfoil has been seen to date on Flint and may not require a second treatment. NISWAG is in Highland tomorrow.

Tim from Total Development checked the window measurements and left again. *Tim informed me that in 6 weeks they will have new windows with screens and he will install them as well.*

Nothing from Brett on Hill Road costs or options. Brett was suppose to send those today.

Delinquent sewers. Mr. Krueger made his first payment. 2nd batch will be forwarded to Dave.

Property line has been surveyed for the fencing. They will be out shortly. *Fence up, posts up but no gates.*

Naturepooloza 24th of June.

M.E. Simpson quoted a meter test cost of \$45 each. I would like to see us do our own and save money. Rough cost of \$10,000 to build our own test bench.

JM2 marketing. Web posting. 24 hour turn around on posting. On line payments, 2.9% convenience fee. One time set up of \$6000. Eliminate paper bills. Dave mentions that legal requirements are becoming more common being posted on websites. A modern website will be needed in the future. Bob is opposed to on line payments but the website needs to be upgraded. Dave will check into legal requirements on mailing/on line payments.

Tomorrow IDEM will be in for a sanitary survey.

Some landscaping has been done. Need to get the concrete barriers.

Maintenance report

Generator and transfer switch at Cardinal was worked on. Possible lightening strike. 6 diodes had to be replaced.

41 locates, 2 samples good, 1 meter change outs, 22 turn offs, 5 seasonals.

Committee reports

Personnel no report

Insurance no report.

Environmental – Sent email to Army Corp about drainage, 1409 Burlington Beach has a drainage problem. Fred Boehm spoke about this. Bob and Christian need to look into the engineering.

Septic smart week is in Sept.

Connie requested that flyers be sent out with our bills at the end of the month.

Short and Long Range. Nancy, cost of the loop. \$750,000 for the entire project and the 1st phase is about \$200,000.

Engineering Bob -Thomas Road is pretty well dead in the water.

Culvert on Sapphire Road. Need a cost estimate.

Christian mentioned the LARE does not fund water quality testing.

Accts. receivable no report

Attorney reports

Bob and Dave met on the Parvarnik property. A dentist purchased the property east of Wild Rose to build one house. Sewer and water is available. This property would need to be annexed and this requires the Board to give preliminary approval. Mickey said it seemed favorable by the Board.

Cook property. Unsuccessful in getting woman to sell her 4 additional lots. We will need to purchase the Cook property and then Bicentennial Nature Trust will reimburse us. The Board needs to authorize Dale and himself to advertise legal notice and have a hearing to appropriate the money at the June meeting. \$50,000 from rainy day fund and \$50,000 from CCIF. Bob so moved, Christian seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

The Walden loop. Tuesday May 23rd is a subdivision meeting Dave will attend to get an easement signed.

Tax bills have gone out.

Mickey closed the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Attest: Bob Minarich
General Manager