

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: June 17, 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, Juan Moczak, Brent Wagner

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Thomas Kruse at 6:04 pm at the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District's office. Chairman Bob Garmon came in and Tom handed the gavel over to him.

Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 7-0.

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, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

General Manager's report.

Tried to get some dirt over on Groseland but it was so wet it would not spread properly. Leisure has been started. *So far 160 foot of pipe in. Air release manhole also installed.* 46 manholes got sprayed. Better than the 32 I expected.

Dish Restaurant manholes remain in good shape.

Board wishes to split the cost of having our engineers look at Aqua America's proposal.

Lake Enhancement – Flint Lake has been sprayed. Notices were mailed out. 14 signs posted at entrances and notices were posted on the docks as agreed. The curly leaf pondweed is dying out.

New van is ready in the morning.

Bicentennial Nature Trust – Need to put together a rough educational plan. Postponed until the fall.

Nothing on Sunny Lane. Dave putting letter together. Mickey will hand deliver and Nancy agrees to go along.

Next Saturday is Naturepoolza.

CCR's are at the printers.

Mickey mentioned a pothole with a valve box in it.

Bob handed the gavel back to Tom.

Don made a motion to ask JPR for the offer for a free study. Tom seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0.

Matt's field report.

No leaks.

2 samples taken all passed.

3 lake samples.

0 meter change outs, 21 delinquent turn off all back on. 25 locates and 3 seasonal turned on.

Accounts Receivable

Nothing

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse

Nothing

Insurance Mickey Koehler

Nothing

Environmental Christian Anderson

Will be calling a committee meeting next week.

Public Relations Rolando Chilian

Copy of his report is in the packets.

Signs placed for lake spraying.

Spraying took place on June 15th.

Laura had given out her cost factors for Mrs. Liechty. Water drained to the street.

Customer to be given 50% of the cost on sewer only of \$340. Rolando made the motion.

Nancy seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Customer appreciation day. Bob M. reported about 60 customers. Mr. Matthews and

Mr. Schiller won the rain barrels. More than a third of the seedlings were handed out.

North Valpo Neighbors newsletters, it was determined that not all the customers would be served therefore it was rejected by the committee.

Engineering Committee Bob Garmon

Nothing

Short and long term planning Committee. Don Kareiva

Nothing

Mr. Wagner was given the floor to report on the property survey.

Some parking in the front. Existing office divided into staff and public areas. Shop

remains where it is. Staff parking in back. New pole barn on the Button lot in NE

corner. Parking, storage areas, entrances were discussed.

Attorney's report

Dale received the auditor's tax certificate. It will be directly deposited in the amount of \$132669.58 how it was divided does not seem right and Dave and Dale will check into this.

The 2016 budget starts July 16th.

This will be the first year where we do not place legal advertising in the newspapers.

The staff sent Dave a delinquent account in \$623 Mallory Martin. The Board determines that she be placed in the disconnect policy and Dave will inform her and she may attend the next meeting to plead her case. Bob so moved, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Sunny Lane -

Dave needed to add contact information for the resident to return to us as to how we can contact us. Mickey wanted a change in the letter that makes it a bit clearer as to the annexation requirement. Dave will make the change.

Dave explained the status of Cardinal Lane to a realtor. Neighborhood Utilities owned the roads and transferred them to Kilmer-Frazier. When the utility was purchased, the roads went with them but VLACD did not want them, the County did not want them.

According to County records VLACD still owns the roads. To help the realtor sell the property we may need to offer a prescriptive easement.

Bob motioned to purchase the Cook's property with the additional appropriation. 1/2 down with three years to pay balance unless the grant come through. Tom seconded. Motion carried 6-1.

Don moved the rainy day fund be used. Bob seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0-1.

Long Lake -Don was to go door to door but got caught up helping his son. It was discussed what to say. Mickey suggested the possibility of helping the West Long Lake property owners financially. Several different thoughts came up. Dave agreed to look at different scenarios to finance the area.

Bob closed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

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