

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: June 18, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kareiva, Mickey Koehler
Nancy Satterlee, Bob Garmon
Christian Anderson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Kruse

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich

Audience: Lisa Claypool, Don Claypool, Karen Hancock, Dave Blum, Kris Blum

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 6:00 pm at the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District's office.

Dave began with the topic of Sunny Lane Subdivision. The residents from the subdivision introduced their selves. Dave gave a brief introduction of the sewer lines and those currently served by LAC Utilities. The residents mentioned their locations which turn out to be near Calumet Ave. with the exception of the Blums. Dave explained the costs and processes that would need to be followed. They explained the septic systems that are failing and home values are dropping because of that.

Dave agreed to talk to Steve Poulas about LAC picking up a few homes and possibly more and find out the City's feeling on the matter.

Don requested a workshop on the matter. Planning Committee with as many residents as possible attending.

Rolando made a motion to accept the minutes and Christian seconded it. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Nancy gave her report on the Conservancy budget and fund reports and made a motion to approve the analysis. Don seconded. Motion carried. 4-0. She mentioned the gravel/sand billings. Bob M. mentioned that we gravel Claussen, Lowenstine, Masters, Hill, Urban and Ostedt when homeowners buy the gravel we offer to spread it as good customers relations.

General Manager's report.

The engineers have suggested that on the Leisure St. water main project that they recommend the use of 8" water main to maintain the needed flows for a hydrant on the far north end. The Groseland Ave. job has not come in yet. Bob feels that 6" would be adequate and prevent stale water during a discussion. Don suggested that this go to the engineering committee and have an engineer attend to justify this position. Tom asked that they draft a report and have that sent to committee. *The report was generated and sent to the engr. committee. Chairman Bob stated that he wants to talk to the fire dept. on this matter. **Just not enough time to do it yet. No changes.***

The Robin Road storm sewer was inspected. It was full of roots. A couple of photos were passed around. Bob G. came out to the site to see the problem and agreed to have the storm replaced. Approximately two days work and materials at less than \$2000. Bob M. explained the drainage of this area and the need for the replacement.

Ostedt lift station has an odor and odor block is being used.

Flint Lake has been sprayed. Notices sent and signs were put up.

Concerning Long Lake, Rolando mentioned that Walt had called and they are working on the report. Awaiting a date for Long Lake spraying.

Met with Indiana American engineer's and they are looking at alternate routes.

Still trying to get title on the old vactor. Contacted BMV and they will send a copy of the title for the bank.

Customer Appreciation Day went well. Naturepolooza is coming up this weekend and I will be manning a booth there.

New employee David Cicillian.

Latest edition of handbook has been handed out. Mickey asked where we are at? Dave needs to look at it. Mickey is opposed to off duty requirements. Bob called the meeting for June 23rd at 4 pm.

Matt's field report.

2 samples taken and passed.

2 meters changed out. 12 locates and 20 delinquents and two seasonal turn ons.

Accounts Receivable

None

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse not available.

Attorney's report

Property taxes for 2014 should be coming in soon.

The 2015 tax season is upon us. July 29th in the afternoon is scheduled for DGLF. The budget will be needed at least preliminary by the July meeting. Public hearing in the September meeting and approved by the October meeting and submitted to the Gateway system by November 1st.

Dave brought up the initial meeting with Mr. Ed Cook about some wetlands and other properties he may be interested in donating and/or selling. There is 10 acres of which 4 is wetlands. Dave recommends a wetlands biologist be hired to evaluate the land. Bob G. wants to have the land appraised first. A motion to hire a wetlands biologist first by Rolando, seconded by Nancy. Motion carried. Dave will get a couple of proposals for the July meeting.

Dave mentioned the difficulty of working with Robin and needs to be urged.

Space study. Bob G. signed the contract. Should have something in about 6 weeks.

The Mekola claim for unemployment is in the hands of a judge who wants to see the video.

The new vector concerning the taxes. To sit back and wait for the Illinois BMV to contact us.

There is a transfer from the appropriation on Ostedt lift upgrade brought up by Dale that the unused appropriation needs to be transferred to "other projects". Rolando made the motion, Nancy seconded it. Motion carried.

Nancy asked about the Mas' letter. There has been no word about his flooded basement.

Rolando complimented the signs and letter about the lakes spraying and wants to continue on with the bio's and photos of the Board and employees.

Bob closed the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Attest:
Bob Minarich
General Manager
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District