

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting June 21, 2017

Board Members Present: Thomas Kruse, Mickey Koehler, Nancy Satterlee, Connie Hughes
Christian Anderson, Bob Garmon, Rolando Chilian

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck, Robert Minarich, Brett Konarski

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Fred Boehm, Walt Breitinger

Chairman Thomas Kruse opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Bob moved to accept the minutes. Connie seconded it. A correction to last month's minutes was to include the word Naturepoolza to indentify which flyer was sent out in the billing. Motion carried 7-0.

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

JM2 was given the floor to present an quote and spiel on new website and billing system software. We are seeking a 2nd quote. Connie will call a meeting when the information is available. Dave will look into any legal requirements for a web page/billing system and report that to the public liaison committee.

Tom turned the floor over to the environmental committee to discuss the storm sewer issue on Burlington Beach Road.

Christian gave a quick report on Naturepoolza. The Committee visited the site and reported on the options available for the storm sewer. A broken tile was discovered and the sewer was full of dirt and roots.

Option 1 is for the homeowners to fix the line.

Option 2 is for the homeowners to grant an easement for LAC to enter on the property and make repairs or a replacement.

Fred offered to grant an easement or just have LAC provide gravel and pipe.

Tom asked who owns this easement. Fred replied that there is no known record of the easement.

Tom spoke saying that the Conservancy District cannot help in this situation due to private ownership. Nancy and Mickey believe that this is storm water management and if they gave us an easement we should take this on. Dave explained that a legal description of the easement would take a bit of time and \$100 for a survey. Bob felt that DNR/Army Corps of engineers may need to get involved.

Nancy moved that VLACD purchase the pipe and stone needed and leave it outside. Bob seconded it. Motion carried 4-3. Tom, Mickey, and Rolando voted against it.

Mickey moved to acquire the necessary easements. Rolando seconded it. Bob brought up who will pay for the engineering and surveying costs. Tom stated that this is part of our job.

Connie then mentioned that a temporary fix is okay but need to do this project by the books. Christian is checking with Army Corps for the fix at Hillcrest Beach. Will VLACD get in on the cost of easements? Tom then stated this should go to the engineering committee.

Bob and Connie both wished to rescind their vote.

Bob then moved to rescind the vote on the pipe and gravel purchase. Connie seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Christian then reported that he and Mickey had attended the Great Lakes meeting.

Manager's report

Nothing on the looping project.

1st set of lake samples for the Clean Lakes program has been done.

Ridgewood Creek and a good part of Kingsdale has been jetted.

A grinder pump problem arose where the brass connection coming out of the wet well snapped off.

Dish and 6 foot okay.

70 East project 4 homes connected. Final payment of the retainage is being asked for by Haskins Underground \$500. Brett recommended that the pay request be paid. Mickey so moved, Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Estimated cost for Sapphire drainage \$3625. Bob moved to do this project, Nancy seconded it.

Tom asked why this project is different. Bob stated that this is in a public right of way.

Sunny Lane – only 2 people wanted it so we might as well drop it.

Nothing new on Wild Rose or Crescent as far as new homes.

Long Lake did get sprayed and it was in the Post Tribune.

VLACD will host the annual NISWAG meeting. Need ideas on entertainment.

Tim from Total Development has told me new windows with screens will be in about 6 weeks.

Fence is up but there are some punch list items that need to be taken care of.

Maintenance Report

Lift stations good.

Grinder pump replaced at Judge Harper's house.

House being torn down on Waiola Drive.

3 meter change outs, 20 turn ons, 50 locates, 2 seasonals.

Mickey asked about silt fence by Flint Lake Elementary, Bob M. will double check on it but they were there with silt worms as well.

Insurance report

Bob M. will qualify for Medicare in July. It depends if it is better to stay with Blue Cross as primary and Medicare as a secondary plan. Bob M. will look into again for more details.

Public Liaison

Connie will be at Naturepoolza to sit in for Nancy and distributed materials. Christian and Bob M. will also be there as well.

Engineering

Bob -Will work with Connie on the second quote on the web page.

Attorney's report

Closing on the Cook's property at 2 pm on the 27th. Meridian Title Company. Needs Bob M. there to sign.

Tom opened the public hearing on the appropriations for the Cook's property. \$50,000 out of CCIF and \$50,000 out of the Rainy Day fund. Tom Banaszek was curious as to the date of the purchase agreement. Dave reported that there has been more than one due to the change in configuration of the lots. He asked about the down payment, appraised cost and any other costs. Dave attempted to clear up how the easement works and refunding of the money. Finally, Tom stated he is not against buying the property and would like to see a kayak landing access.

Tom closed the public hearing.

Christian moved to appropriate \$50,000 from the Capital Cumulative Improvement Fund to purchase the Cook's property. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Rolando moved to appropriate \$50,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to purchase the Cook's property, seconded by Bob. Motion carried 7-0.

Property tax distribution of 58% in June. 2018 budget approval process is ready to start. July 24th, 1:30 pm at the County building.

Mickey finished up with a motion to name the Cook property The Hollenbeck Nature Greenway. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Dave is speechless.

Tom closed the meeting 7:08 pm.

Attest: Bob Minarich
General Manager