

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: July 16, 2014

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich

Audience: Ed Seykowsky, Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger

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

Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes and Don seconded it. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Nancy gave her report on the Conservancy budget which Dave explained in more detail. 2.6% increase. Nancy made a motion to approve the 2015 budget. Bob seconded it. Motion carried 6-1.

Nancy then made a motion to accept the claims, Don seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

Nancy moved to approve the current financial statements. Don seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

General Manager's report.

Leisure and Grossland. Bob stated that 6" is fine. The asst. fire chief was fine with that but the Chief has not called back. There was some discussion on 8" vs 6". An informal vote was for 8". Full speed ahead on the sewers until the plans come back from the State.

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. *The storm sewer was installed and rough graded. The neighbor also wants the storm installed on his property. Bob mentioned that if the neighbor buys the material we will install it.*

Vactor sent in for warranty work, it was done along with all promised work done. Old vactor title still has not come in.

Long Lake has been sprayed.

Rogers-Lakewood Park was a site for Hoosier River watch. Ming and I offered a class on the bugs.

HR audit. Sarah Ermeti contacted us about payment. Bob M. corrected typos and employee classifications. Bob G. wanted a hardcopy. Don and Mickey have received theirs. Bob asked that Bob M. present the bill next month.

Small water leak on Agape fixed.
System has been flushed.

Bob M. requested that the final payment to Pajay Construction retainage. \$6014.09 Bob so moved Don seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Next Rolando moved to transfer from the building fund to the Flamingo project \$6014.09 Bob seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt's field report.
No report.

Accounts Receivable
None

Tom Banaszak was given the floor.
Is there monitoring by Schoer on Flint? Has not returned Christian's call. Does not appear to be able to do it next year either. Are the Lippman properties defined yet?
Rich Hudson is swamped and not able to put enough time into it.

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse
We had a meeting and discussed the handbook.

Soil Erosion Committee Christian Anderson
Aquatic Plant workshop coming up.
Water resource meeting from IWF.
Interested in a sediment trap at Emerald Pond.

Public Relations Rolando Chilian
Handed out a sheet with times and names to be included in billing and placed on the web site.

Engr. and Safety Bob Garmon
Fire extinguisher training next week.

Don talked about Sunny Lane. Dave has talked to Steve Poulas that a few homes "he cares less".

Attorney's report

Chris Mekola matter. Judge ruled in our favor and he has not filed for another hearing.

Property taxes for 2014 are in. 56.7%. \$119038.88

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.

Bob M. will met with Mr. Wagoner for the space needs study.

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. *Rob Wolf with JFNew will do a quantitative analysis of the wetlands for \$2500. Bob made a motion to hire JFNew. Christian seconded it. Motion carried. 6-1.*

Bob M. brought up the method of determining the sprinkling credit for each summer and that we currently average using the months of April, May, and June for July and Augusts' billing. It was discussed that a 10 month average would make more sense. Don made that motion, Mickey seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0. Dave and the staff will come up with a policy.

Ed Seykowski claims to represent 2/3 of the residents around Long Lake and the chemical treatment of the milfoil. He wants to have a voice in the treatment process. Christian gave a lengthy history of the work he has done on Lake Louise. Mr. Seykowski claims that there would be some stiff resistance to future treating.

Bob closed the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Attest:
Bob Minarich
General Manager
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District