

# VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF MEETING: October 17, 2012

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Megan Summers, Tom Kruse, Rolando Chilian

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich, Tim Haas

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Bob Finley, Scott Banfield, Betsy Ewoldt

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 6:00 pm at the Valparaiso YMCA.

Mickey made a motion to approve the minutes. Don seconded it. Motion carried.

The agenda was altered at Dave's request due to another meeting.

Adoption of 2013 general fund tax levy and budget and the cumulative fund tax levy needs to done tonight. A motion to do so was made by Mickey and seconded by Nancy. Motion carried.

There will be three directorships up for re-election this year. Megan's, Don's and Nancy's two remaining years. Nominating petitions need to be returned by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. The Earl Deal request happens to have both a water service and sewer main within the area which makes it a no go as far as the District is concerned and we will resist any attempts to acquire it.

The Jacob's easement request has no problems and Bob came in and signed it. Finally, the NIRPC issue involving MS4 has began grumbling in areas of local government. The North Indiana Storm Water Advisory Group has asked NIRPC to adjust their program and what costs there might be. A meeting on the 24th will involve both groups for open discussions.

Additionally, attempts to settle with LGS have gone no where. A trial date will be established.

Review of Conservancy District Budget (Light Green)

Don made a motion to approve the Conservancy Budget. It was determined that it was approved earlier in the meeting. Don then made a motion to approve the claim forms. Bob mentioned that it was out of order in the agenda but seconded his motion. Motion carried.

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No comments.

Don then requested that Dale provide him as financial chairman earlier so he may be able to review them prior to the monthly financial meeting. Thursday prior to the meeting would work.

Dale's financial report.  
Dale did not attend.

Review of the Water Utility (Blue)  
No comments

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Review of Sewer Utility (Light Brown)  
No comments Strategic Plan Reports

#### Committee Reports

Finance Don reported that there is a surplus in both funds and we are in pretty good shape. He did recommend that the cost of meters should come out of the cumulative fund but was voted down in committee. Don thought that the LARE funding came out of the water fund but the State pays VLACD for LARE by putting money into the water fund and in turn we pay the contractors out of that fund. Also he recommended that the employees who are paid 60/40 out of water/sewer be paid 50/50 instead. Don made a motion to that, Mickey seconded it. Motion carried.  
A discussion on service line payments then ensued. Don decided to table the issue.

#### General Manager's Report

Engineer's report is 95% done on Flamingo.  
Chris and I went out and jetted Ridgewood Creek and flushed the hydrants in the subdivision at the same time.  
Don questioned the repeated dirt coming out of North Hampstead before which was explained it was storm water prior to this and now it is sanitary sewers.  
Hydrant flushing will be completed before winter.

Matt's report given by Bob M.

Bob explained that the City water department will not give us any credit or break on the flushing as we have received previously when we flushed at night.

#### Account's Receivable Report

2 customers with leaks and asking for credit on their sewer bills. A lady in Wild Rose had her garden hose vandalized and left running. A gentlemen in Walden was not home and had his sprinkler left on. A large volume of unaccounted for water went through it. Nancy made a motion to give them credit on their sewer bills only in the amount estimated to be their customary bill. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried.

#### Insurance Committee meeting

Bob M. gave the report in Megan's absence. There was 5 requests for quotes on the property/liability plans. 3 refused to offer a quote, one does not offer municipal coverage

and the 5<sup>th</sup> company our current carrier has research and given the best rate. Don asked if we got a quote from Anderson which I did not. Megan then recommended to go ahead and pay the bill and move on until next year and see if the quotes will drop again. Don questioned the paying of the bill but it was overdue and needed to be paid.

Engineer's report.

None

LARE grant JFNew Cardno Betsy Ewoldt and Scott Banfield's report on aquatic plants management. Betsy showed maps before and after Eurasian watermilfoil treatment and retreatment by Aquatic Enhancement. Several of the lakes could not be sampled due to private ownership but a walk by indicated that there was not any milfoil present. Nancy asked about restoring plant life in area that has been treated. This would be a recommendation of Cardno when the non-natives have been removed. There was an answer and question period afterwards.

Bob G. closed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich  
General Manager  
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District