

# VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING November 18, 2016

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Kruse

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dale Brewer, Bob Minarich,  
Audience: Tom Banaszak, Tarik and Susan El-Naggar, Tim Reisinger, Walt Breitinger,  
Bob White, Ed Spanopoulos

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 5:30 pm.

Bob moved to approve the minutes. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried. 5-0.

The Financial Committee's report.

Mickey moved to approve the claims and accept the financial statements. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried 6-0. Don arrived.

Ed Spanopoulos with Lake and Pond Biologists handed out a lakes survey and reported the Flint Lake this year was the healthiest he had seen it. Only 2 acres of milfoil were treated this year. DNR is very happy and willing to possibly pay for treatment for curly leaf pond weeds but must be treated by May 1<sup>st</sup> and milfoil by June 1<sup>st</sup>. 2 new species showed up as well. Southern naiad is not one of his favorites. For curly leaf he would use Reward Dacoit.

DNR is also willing to fund a mini aquatic vegetative plan for Long Lake. \$5000 for treatment and \$1200 for the plan.

Audience?

Tom asked about clarity. Ed stated it depends on the time of year.

Walt asked about bio-mass. This is the reason for early treatment to help keep the mass amount down.

Walt also brought up the need to reduce nutrients flowing in.

70 East.

Bob M. reported the permit is downstate. There is two comments by them. Bob signed the capacity issue and the other was a variance on the size of the forced main, they prefer 4" but we are attaching to a 2" so it was also approved. Also Bob M. told them to send out quotes. Then a special board meeting to accept the quotes and read them and then a meeting to award the quotes. Dave believes he can reviewed for compliance and responsiveness. It was agreed to have a special meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December and the regular meeting moved to Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> instead of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Dave agreed to have the plans enlarged if Bob M. sends them to him.

Bob's report

Next meeting for NISWAG is in Merrillville.

Dish still good.

Called Gasvoda about the second volute for Hillcrest. It should be in by mid Dec.

Ostedt seal failure was fixed. \$2200

Office updates. 4<sup>th</sup> walk through. Security motion detectors and cameras ordered. Tom asked Bob M. to contact Marvin windows to come out and look at the windows.

The brick still needs to be cleaned one more time. It is scheduled for tomorrow.

The pole barn is finished and need to release the retainage. Tim stated that there was retainage in the amount of \$900 on the pole barn. This would be released on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>'s meeting.

Fence quotes.

Northwest Fence quoted \$11,600 + \$4100 for an opener.

Fence Masters \$13,200 + \$6200 for an opener.

Smith Fence quoted \$10,500 + 2700 for the opener and another \$1300 for black chain link.

There was a discussion on liability of fence or no fence.

Bob moved to accept Smith Fence's quote with no opener. Don seconded it. Motion carried 5-1 with Nancy voting against.

Another discussion about the amount of monies left in the account to pay on the office. With the retainage released there will still be \$19000-20000 left in the bank draw.

Delinquent sewers will be discussed at the December meeting. Dave wants the list resent to him. 2 landlords and a bankruptcy.

Meter problems have been resolved. One lady has a large refund due. She had been estimated at 1000 cubic feet a month if there is no reading and she used much less.

Don wishes to hold a public relations committee meeting and will inform everyone when to address this issue.

Flamingo Road. 3 loads of gravel removed and re-graded the road to drain into the ditch.

Bob requested photos taken.

3<sup>rd</sup> St. 250 long with 220 foot installed. Running about 3 and a half foot deep.

2 committees met Long range planning and personnel.

Dave brought up that Tom has put together a plan to talk with Steve Poulos. Bob moved to have Tom approach Steve with this plan. Don seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion followed about merits of the plan. It was agreed that more than one board member be in attendance at his meeting.

Maintenance report.

Rebuilt the transducer at Cardinal and cleaned the floats.

2 residences had leaks.

2 water samples taken and one failed. All follow up samples passed.

Landscaping at the office.

4 seasonals. 8 meter change outs.  
27 locates. 25 delinquents

Personnel Committee Nancy Satterlee  
Presented the recommended salary and bonus report.  
3% cost of living.

Nancy moved to accept them. Don seconded it.

Rolando questioned the language and Dave clarified by saying a salary of and not an increase of. Motion carried 6-0.

Nancy brought up the Uniform Internal Control Standard. Ordinance 3-2016. Mickey so moved. Rolando seconded it. 6-0.

Insurance Committee Rolando.  
None

Environmental Christian Anderson  
Will send an email about a webinar about runoff in lakes in Ohio.

Public Relations Don Kareiva  
Nothing

Short and long term planning Committee. Thomas Kruse  
Meeting the 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Engineering Committee Bob Garmon  
None

Finance Committee Mickey  
Nothing

Attorney's report  
Nominating petitions for elections sent out to candidates.  
Pervarnik's property - no medical clinic.  
No update on Cook's property.  
Walden subdivision main loop to begin in spring if easements are completed. A draft proposal was sent to their attorney.

Bob adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Attest:  
Bob Minarich  
General Manager  
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District