

# Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

## Minutes of Meeting May 20, 2020

Board Members Present: Tom Kruse video, Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian  
Connie Hughes, Nancy Satterlee  
Walt Breitinger, Christian Anderson

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Ken Hill, Angie and Henry Kalm

Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Rolando moved to accept the minutes; Christian seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Finance committee – no report

Personnel committee – no report

Insurance committee – no report

Environmental committee – Walt moves to approve the beaver deceiver at Long Lake and hands the floor over to Ken Hill. He asks for a motion to write the Army Corps of Engineers for a “letter of no objection”. Walt then moves to spend but not exceed \$2000 for this application made by Cardno to be sent to the Army corps of Engineers. Bob M. then talks about his concerns with just slapping in some pipe. May need as much as 60 linear foot to get it through the channel and with the idea of a double set. Also, the beavers are going to start damming right at the equalizer. Bob M. would like to take the Board out there to look at it. Ken then talked a bit more about how the beaver’s habits. Nancy brought up that these deceivers are not that expensive even if we need to build two.

Mickey brought up a liability issue using our permit. Cardno charged \$1360 for the first permit. Walt suggested that any volunteers sign a waiver.

Nancy moved to get the permit. Walt seconded it. Tom brought up a plan/design would be needed first. Motion passed 4-3.

Letter to the City thanking them for the new structure at the “Y”. Tom will get the letter to Bob M. and add a picture of the standpipe to be sent to the City.

Next issue is Kettle Lake. Massive problem for the homeowners. Walt is reading through Bob’s file and maybe Dave’s.

Lowenstine Lane – it is an environmental concern. He then turned it over Connie’s engineering committee. She has no answer yet. Bob M. contacted Rich Hudson to survey the northern

boundary of the Nature Greenway. Dave talked about the road, Lowenstine Lane, and that it does not lay on the platted road. The attempt by Dave to close this road and use Claussen Lane was unsuccessful. Mickey agreed to have a survey done. Connie stated the Stu is wanting to pave more and we are objecting to that. Connie moved that a letter be sent to Stu. Nancy seconded it. Christian asked if we need to send this letter to the other homeowners. Dave does not believe it needs to be done yet. Motion carried 7-0. Mickey recommended that a draft be sent to the Board first.

Public Liaison committee – nothing.

Strategic Planning – no.

Engineering – Eric is here with information on the storm water Blackhawk Beach. If we use OCRA, Jerry White then an income survey will be needed. Would have to get the County involved. His firm access to Tina Rogers, a grant writer available.

Organization OAI workforce monies can be used for maintenance and installation of green infrastructure.

Report is almost ready. Found a couple of unknown catch basins.

Bob's report

Talked to Chad to come up with a safety window for Nicole.

Looping project. Their final pay request less retainage. They have not paid the damage claim.

The engineers approve the numbers but holding money until the insurance money comes in.

Dave suggests that Midwest Mole should not get paid until the is resolved.

Proposal from Generac for a new generator at Hillcrest. \$9341.10. Connie made the motion to buy it. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Manholes all good.

1 new hydrant put in.

Niswag in Hobart.

Tablet is in but having trouble with the software.

Sanitary survey with the State was completed. Had to add a portapotty company into the

Matt's report

Cleaned out Cardinal's wet well had shards from the break.

35 locates

No seasonals.

Accounts Receivable – nothing

Attorney's report - getting title work we bought from the Sheriff's sale.

Write offs. Only applies to sewer and not water and this needs to be sorted out.

Bob M. brought up a landlord's house is empty and going up for sale. Can we shut him off.

Dave is not sure about this angle.

Easements for Flint Lake Garden Terrace found in the basements in 1976 were temporary easements and no longer valid.

Nancy asked when our system went in and Dave responded that the sewers went in the late 70's early 80's. Fully funded. \$3-3.5 million

The water went in for \$160,000 from an auction.

Connie asked about the Scime's concern. Bob M. called DGB to explain that the County requires a permit and if we sign off that Scime requested that he make the final repairs DGB would get the permit. Both Brett and I signed his email to that effect.

Mickey closed the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich  
General Manager