

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting May 19, 2021

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

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Scott Mitchell, Jim Whitcomb, Jim Copeland

Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Nancy moved to accept the minutes. Christian seconded it. Mickey on the discussion wanted to clarify the minutes on 3 points.

1. Benches for the Greenway will cost \$600 each.
2. In the strategic plan The Cardno report will cost \$6350
3. Engineering for JPR will be \$17500.

Nancy moved to accept the amended minutes. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Connie seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel committee – Connie –presented Rolando’s hiring and function policy for discussion. After several alterations, she will formally write a policy for next month’s meeting for approval. Mickey asked for a personnel committee meeting be set for June 9th at 5:30.

Mickey suspended the rules and allowed audience to talk.

Tom B. talked about the cost of the silt trap. Walt talked about the complications of dredging. Scott Mitchell talked about the ravine on Whippoorwill Road. Hopes to fill in the ravine and extend the culvert. Bob M. was advised Mr. Mitchell to get a firm plan on paper so it could go to our engineers. Walt talked about not allowing this to happen at all. Connie asked if the ravine was natural. Christian talked about getting topographical maps from the County. Adam said that this area is part off the study area and the Army Corps may need to be contacted and an easement may be needed. Mickey asked if Mr. Mitchell would share in the cost and he said no. Connie talked about the cutting down of trees. Scott said he only cut down dead ones. Mr. Copeland mentioned that prior to building Ridgewood Creek there was two swamps that drained into the ravine.

Floor turned over to Reggie.

Need to update Stormwater Management plan to avoid the previous discussion. She handed out a synopsis of the new MS4 rules.

Maybe need to partner with the City or County. Oct. 26th MS4 annual meeting. NOI forms/submittal forms.

Talked about wetlands, 303 list.

Insurance committee – Connie – nothing.

Stormwater Management – Walt – Also add a Stormwater Committee meeting at 6 pm after the personnel committee meeting. Adam's report was that he is on schedule. Element 1 done. The 8 lots owner has passed away and no in the hands of daughter. Dave will contact her and explain the donation procedure.

Adam is working with HAAS and Associates about Kettle Lake. Hopefully have the study portion done by July. Mickey talked about Cardno report. Sediment lab sample has been sent in. Depths determined. Hopefully done by June.

Public Liaison committee – Nancy – I would like to rescind the policy on forgiveness. Seconded by Christian. Dave suggested he looks into this first. Find out what type of format there was. Motion carried 5-0.

Strategic Planning – Christian – nothing

Engineering – Tom - absent. Mickey asked where we are at with Ferguson and give them a call. In conversation with Brett, Cardinal Lane forced main. Topographical is complete. Draw down test needed.

Nothing on the watermain work.

Attorney's report – Dave – Zoom will still be allowed through June as far as absentee voting. In many cases, Conservancy District's will not be eligible for funding directly Rescue Act. MOU - recommends pausing this until funding is finalized.

Covid 19 policy should be the same as CDC's.

EFT resolution forgotten. Will have it next month.

June 29th 9 am General Workshop

General Manager's report

Manholes – All good

Cardinal lift station is still plagued by chlorine bleach wipes. Pumps had to be pulled and cleared several times.

Nothing yet on Hillcrest storm sewer or two back yard drains in Ridgewood Creek.

412 Edgewater had too much dirt stored near Loomis Lake. Dave and I convinced the contractor it is in his best interest to get this removed.

Invasive spraying starts soon.

Kanoa will be taking his driving test Friday.

Nicole wants to take the water certification classes.

Maintenance report

2 water samples taken and passed.

Vactor is going to need more patching on tank.

4 meter changeouts.
20 delinquents,
35 locates
0 seasonals.

Committees
Stormwater
Personnel
Public Liaison

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Mickey adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.
Attest: Bob Minarich