

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting November 14, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck, Robert Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

Rolando moved to accept the minutes. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.
Walt walked in.

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

Tom suspended the agenda. Asked for a motion to pay for Dales bond of \$60,000 in the amount of \$245.00. Tom moved to approve it, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

The question on 511 Long Lake Lane and the soil erosion/seawall was discussed. It was determined that the environmental committee will view the site before any determinations are made. The committee will meet Nov. 19 at 8:30 am. Homeowner has been notified of our concerns about soil erosion. Homeowner had the area seeded and strawed. The hill leading down need additional work.

General Manager's Report

Manholes are good.

Brett sent the maps and he has included the valving. Bob M. is verifying the placement of those. *Still waiting on street maps.*

Working on the Hillcrest lift upgrade.

Beaver Deceiver - Bob M. showed a very simple design and will forward this to the State.

I Cloud going live Nov. 1. *Active and working out minor bugs.*

NISWAG in Hobart Community building on Lake George.

Matt's report

2 samples taken and passed.

Matt needed new tires for the pickup. Has a quote of \$932.80 from Brown Tires. Recommends a second quote from Levin Tires.

1 meter change out.

28 delinquents, 20 locates and 4 seasonals.

Still cleaning beaver dams often.

Accounts receivable report - nothing

Committee Reports

Personnel

Tom - Job descriptions and application for employment. Mickey moved to accept the work.

Nance seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Insurance Report

Rolando - nothing

Environmental Committee

Christian – Looking into water quality testors.

Liaison Committee

Connie – nothing

Strategic Planning Committee

Nancy –Later

Engineering Committee

Walt- none

Accounts receivable report – nothing

No engineering report.

Attorney's report

Elections coming up for Tom Area 7 and Nancy Area 3 both 4 year terms. Walt will be up for the balance of the three years of Bob Garmon's term. Petitions due by end of business `Dec. 1st. Nancy's petition is in and signatures approved.

The Walden loop is on hold while an easement encroachment has been discovered and needs to be rectified. *Dave reported that Brett has sent a contract for the Loop at \$10,600 plus \$200 out of pocket. Mickey moved to accept this, Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.*

The City Council denied the Spectacle Lake annexation. 4-3. It will now probably go to the County for approval.

Dave suggests we contact the county to keep us informed of any annexation movements. Mickey moved that Bob keep tabs with Mike Novotny the storm water management for Porter county.

The County Park Superintendent has also been contacted by local residents to acquire the property.

There needs to a contract with Bob Garmon if he continues to fill in for Bob M. when he goes on vacation and if we need to pay him something. Referred to personnel committee.

The idea to vacate Lowenstein Lane has been rejected.

Floor to Tom – Talked again about storm water into the District from the annexation.

Transfer resolution. \$900 to be moved around. Tom moved to approve it. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

(Quick break for pizza then Strategic Planning continued.)

Discussions included septic tanks, annexations of Sunny Lane, Johnson Road, North Woods, West and East Long Lake. These were titled “Growth”.

Nancy will re-write the Strategic Plan with current rankings.

Additional thoughts - looping projects, capacity costs.

Tom closed the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager

