

CITY OF DELAFIELD PLAN B DREDGING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Al Zietlow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present

Al Zietlow, District 6
Bob Aulik, District 3
Mark Millot, District 4
Raffi Shirikian, District 5
Tim Aicher, Alderperson District 7

Absent

Mike Hausman, District 1
Beth Leonard, Alderperson District 2

1. Approve Minutes of June 3, 2010 Dredging Plan B Committee Meeting

T. AICHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 3, 2010 DREDGING PLAN B COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. B. AULIK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. City of Delafield Citizen's comments for item on the agenda

There was no one present wishing to speak at this time.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion on assignment updates

A. Zietlow stated M. Hausman was still working on his assignment and an update would be provided at the next Committee meeting.

R. Shirikian stated there was no new information available on the funding formula model presented and discussed at recent Committee meetings. More information will be provided to the Committee at a later date. He thought the concept of the funding formula model should be presented to the Common Council to gain an understanding of the level of support for such a concept. T. Aicher thought a presentation item on the next Council agenda would be appropriate for gathering feedback on this model. A. Zietlow agreed, noting a presentation would determine what additional information was needed at this time related to sharing information with the public. B. Aulik agreed. M. Millot stated he would like feedback from City Staff prior to sharing information with the Council as it was important to have the support of all before proceeding. A. Zietlow and R. Shirikian will attend the Council meeting to aid in discussion if needed.

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T. AICHER MOVED TO REQUEST AN AGENDA ITEM BE PLACED ON THE NEXT COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR PRESENTATION OF THE FUNDING FORMULA CONCEPTS AND TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON COMMITTEE WORK COMPLETED WITH A. ZIETLOW AND R. SHIRIKIAN PRESENT AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES. B. AULIK SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

- b. Discussion on position statement that Lake Restoration/Maintenance is a city wide responsibility

A. Zietlow distributed information related to the watershed district boundary and surrounding land use at the request of B. Leonard. This item would be discussed more thoroughly throughout the remainder of the agenda.

- c. Discussion on funding models if they meet the Committee's purpose statement

This item was discussed as part of Item a.

- d. Fact sheet update

A. Zietlow stated he would draft a fact sheet of items discussed to the Committee at the next meeting. The funding model might be included as part of the factoids. If anyone would like to have any other items included in the factual information, please email it to A. Zietlow as soon as possible for inclusion.

- e. City response to request to draft letter requesting extension of current DNR Chapter 30 Permit

T. Aicher explained action had been taken at the last Common Council meeting regarding a request to extend the Chapter 30 Dredging permit with the DNR for an additional two years time. While this time was not typically requested, it was typically granted for municipalities. T. Hafner would request the extension on behalf of the City. A. Zietlow stated this information was supported by conversations noted with the DNR. It would be his assumption to proceed with the idea that the extension would be granted to carry the project through December 31, 2012.

- f. Update on private riparian owners request for dredging permit

A. Zietlow stated he had attempted to contact Andy Hudak of the DNR with no response at this time.

- g. Chapter 30 section review

This item was placed on the agenda to allow the Committee to review this matter after items under New Business were discussed if desired.

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R. Shirikian stated he wanted to return to Item F on the agenda at this time. He questioned whether the number of people involved in the individual dredging would potentially impact the funding model for the project. A. Zietlow stated he thought there were approximately five or six property owners that would take part in this project individually or as a group.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and development of statement on riparian owners opting out of dredging

A. Zietlow explained that the concept of "opting out" needed to be explored as part of this process of consideration of the proposed financial model. Committee members should consider how opting out would impact the financial model and parameters for working with the financial model if opting out were to occur.

R. Shirikian stated he did not think opting out should not be allowed as it brought unnecessary complexities to the funding formula model currently being worked. However, he also thought the burden some might feel from the cost model might be too heavy for residents. He thought other methods of funding could be utilized, perhaps phasing the assessment or payment of the assessment at the time the parcel was sold. He was a firm believer that the lake was part of the infrastructure of the City as it provided benefit to all.

Discussion ensued regarding whether certain areas of the lake should be allowed to opt out as a group. R. Shirikian stated he supported the assessment concept utilized by the City for its sewer districts. He thought all people were contributors to the overall watershed and thus, were contributing to the runoff to the lake that required maintenance. All people in the City received a benefit in some fashion as a result of the lake being part of the City and all should be required to fund the maintenance of it in some way. A. Zietlow noted that the funding model presented did not include a "free lunch" concept for anyone. T. Aicher stated it would be important to convey the ideas of value and benefit to residents. B. Aulik stated it was also important to begin to determine how much support would be had for the financial model and overall project costs. M. Millot thought a clear cut rationale on why some areas could potentially be excluded as depicted in the financial model for the project most recently presented by R. Shirikian would be appropriate as well. The decision to opt out must be made geographically and logistically according to R. Shirikian. Project parameters need to be determined and the overall project costs should not be considered according to economics for residents or the project would never be undertaken. He also thought the project should be considered from a standpoint of cost and project scope ten years in the future if not undertaken at this point in time. There were long term impacts that would be felt by all if the lake maintenance did not take place. He likened it to having a house that wanted to be sold for top dollar but was not maintained over the past ten years.

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Further discussion ensued regarding whether it was possible to have an equitable funding formula with various areas of the lake left out. R. Shirikian stated this discussion should be deferred until the feedback from the Common Council had been heard.

b. Phase 1 discussion of heavy metals in sediment being removed

A. Zietlow distributed information regarding lake chemistry to the Committee, noting the historic use of various chemicals for weed killers and algae control. He then reviewed the testing methods utilized in assessing lake chemicals. Sodium arsenic had been used in the lake from 1950 to 1967 as a weed killer. Copper sulfate was used to control algae from 1950 to 1992. Chemical levels in the dredging spoils were also noted as well as the responsibility of cleaning the spoils. He went on to explain that lake treatments had been approved by lake residents during the chemical application process and it was his opinion that there would be a resulting impact to area residents due to these historical decisions. DNR standards were utilized to determine the chemical impacts to the lake and were changing as restrictions and standards became more stringent to protect all regarding the chemicals. The cost for remediation was not known at this time but was considered necessary by the DNR.

Discussion ensued regarding the impacts of removal of some sediment upon the lake chemistry levels.

c. Discussion on how city officials can demonstrate their support for lake restoration and city wide responsibility to riparian owners

A. Zietlow distributed information to the Committee regarding the lake drainage watershed area and also the total watershed for the lake that spanned numerous counties. This was unique in that research had yielded findings from reports from the Southeastern Regional Plan Commission (SEWRPC) and the DNR that were different. One boundary of the watershed included the boundary of the lake designated as the riparian shoreline, and another watershed boundary spanned the lake area from Nagawicka Road and Nagawicka Avenue, included a portion of the Sailing Club and went on to Milwaukee Street. While there was no information shown that demonstrated why the boundaries were offered in this manner, they did show the boundaries presented as feasible options in the future. The Committee discussed where sources of siltation were coming from and what could be done about future cost and responsibility associated with this siltation.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Zietlow noted the following correspondence had been received.

- Memo from Ken Seith

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6. Next meeting date

A. Zietlow noted the next meeting of the Committee would be held on July 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Delafield Public Safety Building.

Potential agenda items might include:

- Draft of Factoids
- Feedback from the Common Council regarding the funding formula

7. Adjournment

M. MILLOT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 3, 2010, DREDGING PLAN B COMMITTEE MEETING AT 8:42 P.M. B.AULIK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes prepared by:

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