

**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  
Mike Hausman, District 1  
Beth Leonard, Alderperson District 2  
Bob Aulik, District 3  
Mark Millot, District 4  
Tim Aicher, Alderperson District 7

Absent

Raffi Shirikian, District 5

1. Approve Minutes of September 2, 2010 and September 15, 2010 Dredging Plan B Committee Meeting

This item will be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda for approval.

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. Review of letters to Common Council regarding proposal presented to Common Council September 20, 2010

A. Zietlow stated the Common Council had received letters from concerned residents about the dredging project. M. Hausman stated all opinions from area residents should be heard. It was anticipated that there would be some opposition moving forward with the project; however, the objective for the Committee was to provide an alternative to the past referendums on the subject and he thought this work should continue. T. Aicher noted the letter submitted from L. Holton raised a concern most likely voiced in every district as to benefit found for non-riparian owners with completion of the proposed dredging project. He thought some of the information would be answered in the factual information to be shared in the future with area residents and until that time, all opinions were needed. While the issue of responsibility for creating the siltation in Nagawicka Lake was not determined yet, B. Leonard stated it was important for all to view the dredging project as a responsibility for and to the lake rather than examining it for benefit. It would be difficult to determine who exactly would benefit and the associated cost benefit for each exact share of dredging.

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b. Review of Common Council reaction to September presentation

A. Zietlow distributed an article in the Lake Country Reporter dated Thursday, September 30, 2010 to the Committee for comment. Discussion ensued regarding the informational accuracy in the article regarding a referendum.

B. Leonard likened the dredging project to the Golf Road project being considered by the City, noting there were contradictions in the way the Common Council was considering the two projects. M. Hausman noted consistency from the Common Council was heard in that the dredging project would require a referendum to move the project forward and that had not changed. A. Zietlow stated he agreed with M. Millot and B. Leonard on this issue. He thought a discussion was still needed regarding how much support would be given by the Common Council for moving forward with the dredging project. T. Aicher stated it would be difficult for the Mayor to respond to this project in any other manner as the Committee had not yet given him anything that could be voted on in this matter. Furthermore, the Committee had to work against a publicly cast negative vote for the project, rather than consider something in the original planning stages, such as the Golf Road project.

c. Review of DPW Director's cost estimate to calculate impervious surface areas in lake water shed

A copy of an email from Tom Hafner, Director of the Public Works Department, regarding cost estimates for calculation of impervious surface areas in the lake water shed was distributed to the Committee. A. Zietlow questioned whether the matter should be pursued as he thought it imperative to have sound data to present to area residents about the dredging. B. Aulik questioned whether the formula presented would be an equitable way to distribute cost to residents as it would be difficult to fully explain to all. B. Leonard agreed and thought other factors should also be considered. She suggested the Southeast Regional Plan Commission (SEWRPC) and/or Waukesha County Staff be contacted regarding gathering this information. While it might take a bit longer, it could be another option to consider.

T. Aicher stated this was one possible funding source and to date the Committee had not unanimously endorsed this formula as a vehicle to pursue moving forward. He remained concerned about aspects of the direct drainage formula as the boundaries seemed a bit ambiguous when considered logically regarding responsibility for storm water and silt in Nagawicka Lake.

This matter would be placed on a future Committee agenda for full review and discussion by the Committee.

d. Proposal motion by council to request cost RFP to dredge only Bark River Basin

A. Zietlow explained City Staff was still working on gathering information on the cost to dredge only the Bark River basin as part of the budget preparations for next year. There was a budget workshop meeting slated for the Common

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Council in upcoming weeks. The Committee indicated consensus for having a short meeting of the Committee to discuss findings presented in the next week if needed. A. Zietlow will contact Committee members via email if that meeting is needed.

- e. Discussion of additional items from prior assignments

A. Zietlow distributed a copy of a map showing map boundary and hydrology and morphometry of Nagawicka Lake. It was noted that it would take almost 1.6 years to completely turnover the lake in terms of volume inflow water replacement.

- f. Discussion and action on priority of dredging basin vs. riparian property based upon value pay back to City residents

A. Zietlow explained that this item arose from discussions with City Staff regarding the biggest benefit or payback for dredging. A discussion of potential value to all residents for dredging the basin only in comparison with dredging the entire lake should be had at the next Committee meeting. M. Hausman stated it was important to consider the value and perception of City support and any impacts from that support as well. A. Zietlow stated the dredging project needed to be considered from an ecological and functional standpoint as well. Sound ecology and functionality would enhance the lake and surrounding area. B. Aulik stated information shared by the Lake Welfare Committee also supported a need for the Bark River silt trap. He questioned why there was no economy of scale in the estimates for the larger project. A discussion of support for Item A in the recommendations list and a prioritization of recommendations should be had at a future Committee meeting also.

B. Leonard stated it might be prudent for private riparians to work together to appear before upcoming Boards of Review requesting a change in the classification of their properties due to change in water conditions as a result of not being dredged. She anticipated property values could decline as a result of lack of dredging.

A. Zietlow suggested a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district be considered for use as one option for funding the project as he thought the principle use of this financial vehicle could make sense in this case. It would help to distribute costs over the long term with all reaping the long term benefits.

- g. Discussion of 2010 assessment data for 441 riparian lake properties

A. Zietlow stated information regarding property values were in the process of being certified by the State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue. More information on home values within the City should be available at the next meeting.

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T. Aicher stated it was important to bring disputed property values forward rather than wait as it was important to establish accurate values throughout the entire City. A discussion of equity among home values throughout the City took place.

- h. Discussion and action on list of recommendations proposed to be presented to Common Council

A. Zietlow encouraged all members to review these recommendations for discussion at the next meeting of the Dredging Plan B Committee.

- i. Up-date on riparian owners approved dredging project

The riparian owners had nearly completed the private dredging project. Only clean up and restoration efforts were still required. He thought the cost per cubic yard for the project was \$27 and the overall project costs were slightly less than \$127,000.

M. Millot explained he lived within 100 yards of the project area. He commended the contractors and home owners as the project was not loud. He likened it to a lawn mower running for a few hours a day. The overall project seemed to have gone smoothly. As a neighbor, he could not have hoped for anything better, and he was excited to traverse the area as it had been quite a few years since it was navigable. A. Zietlow agreed, and thanked the residents for trying the dredging project this way.

4. New Business

- a. Next presentation to Common Council content

As it was undetermined when a presentation might be needed by the Common Council this item was not discussed.

- b. Plan to create equity in cost distribution to all city tax keys to fund restoration of Nagawicka Lake

A. Zietlow stated this matter will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

- c. Discussion on request to get cost of calculation for impervious surfaces from other firms not just city engineer firm.

A. Zietlow will contact other agencies to determine if estimates for calculations of impervious surfaces could be ascertained. Additional information will be presented on this topic at the next Committee meeting.

- d. Discussion on Mayor's statement "referendum needed regardless of cost"

This item was previously discussed in Item 3a.

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e. Discussion "opting out process"

Once the scope of the dredging project was clearly identified, a discussion of "opting out" of dredging and its applicability would be had by the Committee.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Next meeting date

A. Zietlow noted the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the new City of Delafield City Hall. The following items were suggested for inclusion on the next Committee meeting agenda:

- Boundary issues associated with Nagawicka Lake watershed
- Benefit for dredging the basin vs. riparian based dredging
- Discuss and act on Item A on Recommendations List from the Committee and prioritize other recommendations.
- Discussion of TIF district for dredging project
- Update on Budget and related process for approval
- Approval of minutes from past meetings

7. Adjournment

**B. LEONARD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 7, 2010, DREDGING PLAN B COMMITTEE MEETING AT 8:10 P.M. M. HAUSMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

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