

CITY OF DELAFIELD LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Schuman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present

Kent Attwell  
Jerry Bills  
John Brodie (entered 6:10 p.m./exited 7:00 p.m.)  
Bonnie Fieber  
Steve Headley  
Phil Schuman  
Don Tills  
Ken Wiedmeyer

Absent

Richard Landwehr  
Jerry Dunnick  
Dennis Hart

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2006

J. BILLS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2006 MEETING.  
K. ATTWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION.  
ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Without objection, Item 6c was discussed next.

4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA

Doug Goetz, Germantown - represented phosphorous concerns and fertilizers. He asked that before a decision is made that the facts are reviewed. He has a degree in forestry, with minors in natural resource, soil, wildlife and biology. He thought a 0% phosphorous ordinance would not be good. The phosphorous in the soil is not available to the plant's root system. The small portion being requested (3%) is for the plants to get their nutrients. The biggest source of phosphorous in the waterways is runoff. He asked for a 3% phosphorous level. If phosphorous is taken away, the turf will become thinner and weaker. Geese are large contributors to the phosphorous level in the lake. S. Headley discussed his lawn service provider not using phosphorous. Mayor Schuman stated that the proposed ordinance suggested soil testing. S. Headley discussed the proposed ordinance's exceptions. There are many options where phosphorous can be used under the proposed ordinance. D. Goetz stated that a healthy turf absorbs and is like a sponge. He asked that before the zero percent is voted on, to consider a 3% tool. A thin lawn allows more runoff.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT PRELIMINARY APPLICATION STATUS

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The preliminary application was sent in. No reply from the DNR has been received at this time. The project was briefly reviewed. D. Tills recommended that T. Hafner and the new chair of the LWC set up a meeting with the DNR around the same time that their decision is due on the preliminary application.

b. MAY 20 LAKESHORE RESTORATION MEETING & DEMO SITES

B. Fieber emailed L. Reas with suggestions for advertising this meeting. The meeting will be held at the City Hall on May 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. S. Newcomer suggested using yard signs and volunteered to pay for the signs. He also suggested using yard signs for the June 22 annual Lake Welfare meeting.

Herb Rasmussen and Scott Newcomer have expressed interest in participating in the volunteer demo sites.

c. PROPOSED BOAT HOUSE CODE CHANGES

D. Tills will make a presentation at the annual meeting. He distributed and reviewed three documents that he would like to use for the annual meeting: "Draft 5/10/06 Outline for Boathouse Discussion at the June 22, 2006 Annual Lake Meeting", "Suggested Changed to Delafield Boathouse Codes 17.22 and 17.24 For Discussion", and "2006 Delafield Boathouse Municipal Code Change Questionnaire June 22, 2006". Suggestions to the questionnaire were made. The only document that would be handed out to the meeting attendees would be the questionnaire. After feedback from the annual meeting the LWC will review the proposed changes. S. Headley will let the Common Council know that the LWC annual meeting will have a presentation and survey regarding the boathouse code. B. Fieber will assist D. Tills with his presentation.

d. PROPOSED LAWN FERTILIZER ORDINANCE

The Common Council referred the ordinance back to the Lake Welfare Committee for review. Emails and attachments were provided to the Commissioners. J. Bills stated that Dane County studied this issue in depth in 2002-2003 and put together a panel of experts. He distributed a summary of a document entitled "Expert Input Regarding Dane County Phosphorous in Lawn Fertilizer Ordinance: Synopsis of Themes". The full complete summary is available on their website. After studying this issue Dane County implemented a phosphorous ban. The State of Minnesota did the same thing and implemented a statewide ban on phosphorous. These experts thoroughly studied the issue and recommended the phosphorous ban. J. Bills thought that a phosphorous ban would be one step forward and would educate the citizens as to how frail the lake is. He felt that the LWC should stand by the recommendation to approve the

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ordinance. B. Feiber thought that everything that the City of Delafield is doing to restore the lake, educating the citizens, hiring consultants to promote good and natural vegetation is great, but if LWC did not approve the ordinance, they were hypocrites.

B. FIEBER MOTIONED TO CONFIRM THE ADOPTION AND TO IMPLORE THE COMMON COUNCIL TO APPROVE. J. BILLS SECONDED THE MOTION. K. Attwell stated that he would like to see the 3% adoption if there was a test to confirm it. He felt that the penalties for people in violation were too severe. Mayor Schuman stated that the penalties had been reduced. K. Attwell was in agreement with the revised penalties as presented in the ordinance. J. BILLS MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO ASK THE CITY ATTORNEY TO STRIKE OUT THE 12 MONTH PERIOD. S. Headley thought there may be opposition from the Common Council to do this and to keep the fine realistic would help it pass the Common Council. Mayor Schuman stated that the purpose was to educate the citizens as to what they put on their lawn affects the lake. This will give awareness to the issue. THERE WAS NO SECOND ON THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

e. ANNUAL LAKE AWARENESS MEETING - JUNE 22, 2006

A sample of the announcement was distributed to the Commissioners. B. Fieber thought that the Delafield Hotel would be a better location than the Fish Hatchery with the starting time being changed to 6:30 p.m. The Delafield Hotel would not charge any fee. The order of the meeting will be: Boathouse Ordinance (D. Tills), Fertilizer Ordinance (J. Bills), Status of the Lake Restoration DNR Application (Foth & Van Dyke), Dredging Plans (Foth & Van Dyke), Funding Process (S. Headley), and Shoreline Landscaping Improvement Projects (L. Reas). It was suggested to have a question and answer time.

B. FIEBER MOTIONED TO MOVE THE LOCATION TO THE DELAFIELD HOTEL WITH THE STARTING TIME TO BE 6:30 P.M. K. ATTWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

It was clarified that if the Delafield Hotel was not able to host the event, it would be moved back to the Fish Hatchery.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mayor Schuman explained the job duties of the chairperson.

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S. HEADLEY NOMINATED J. BILLS FOR CHAIRPERSON. D. TILLS SECONDED THE NOMINATION. THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS. D. TILLS MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. B. FIEBER SECONDED THE MOTION. J. BILLS IS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE LWC.

S. HEADLEY NOMINATED K. ATTWELL FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON. K. WIEDMEYER SECONDED THE NOMINATION. THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS. S. HEADLEY MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. B. FIEBER SECONDED THE MOTION. K. ATTWELL IS THE VICE CHAIRPERSON OF LWC.

b. PLAN COMMISSION REPRESENTATION

Mayor Schuman discussed recent actions taken by the Common Council to eliminate the requirement that the Park & Recreation Commission Chairperson sit on the Plan Commission. B. Fieber would like to see any issue regarding the lake come before the LWC before it goes before the Plan Commission. S. Headley reviewed the idea of having a rotating committee position for a one year time period on the Plan Commission. It was clarified that it is not a requirement that a Lake Welfare representative sit on the Plan Commission. Discussion took place on the benefits of a LWC representative sitting on the Plan Commission. K. Attwell volunteered to sit on the Plan Commission.

c. NEWCOMER BOAT HOUSE

Mayor Schuman stated that this met the City zoning code. The Plan Commission discussed the patio and the requested revision was shown on the plan that S. Newcomer had. The landscape plan was correct, but the floor plan was not. Naturalizing the shoreline was discussed; buffers are preferred to a grassy area going down to the water. The boat(s) will winched into the boathouse. D. Tills stated that boathouses were to be used for boats and the storage of marine equipment. This boathouse will be heated and have bathroom facilities. The height of the boathouse will not interfere with neighboring views of the lake. D. Tills urged that downspouts come off of the land side of the boathouse and go into the rain garden. The plantings that are on the landscape plan are the plants that were specifically requested by the Plan Commission. B. Fieber stated that although the Plan Commission specified the plantings, they were not native plantings. J. Bills stated that the bathroom and heating of the building did not seem to be in the nature of a boathouse, however this had the approval of the Plan Commission. Suggestions from the Lake Welfare Committee included the use of native plants to be incorporated into the landscape plan, and a naturalized shoreline (S. Newcomer stated that he would be interested in volunteering for the shoreline demonstration project with L. Reas).

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S. HEADLEY MOTIONED TO RECOMMEND THE BOATHOUSE AS PRESENTED NOTING THAT S. NEWCOMER WILL SPEAK TO L. REAS ABOUT PLANTINGS ON HIS PROPERTY FOR THE SHORELINE DEMO PROJECT TO INCLUDE A RAIN GARDEN AND THAT THE DOWNSPOUTS GO INTO THE RAINGARDEN. B. FIEBER SECONDED THE MOTION. D. TILLS STATED THAT HE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ADDING BATHROOMS TO BOATHOUSES. SIX WERE IN FAVOR. D. TILLS WAS OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.

d. DISCUSSION OF CABLE TV COVERAGE OF LWC MEETINGS

B. FIEBER MOTIONED NOT TO HAVE CABLE TV COVERAGE FOR LWC MEETINGS. J. BILLS SECONDED THE MOTION. Discussion took place as to the costs incurred and the effect it would have on the budget. S. Headley felt that this was a vehicle to inform the public and would encourage the public to participate in the functions of the City. B. Fieber suggested coverage of a meeting where a quarterly review would take place. She volunteered to do this update for LWC but would want the idea reviewed the City Attorney. J. Bills stated that televising the meeting may stifle the free flowing discussion. D. Tills questioned if the target audience is there for TV coverage of the meetings. FIVE WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. K. ATTWELL AND S. HEADLEY OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.

B. FIEBER MOTIONED THAT THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSIDER TELEVISED QUARTERLY REVIEWS FOR UPDATES ON THE LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES. K. ATTWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Hafner & Thorton, e-mails 5-3-06 re; Aquatic Management Plan & harvesting permit
- b. Reas e-mail, 5-3, re: Biolog demo site

8. ADJOURN

B. FIEBER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN FROM THE MEETING. S. HEADLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:44 P.M.

Minutes Prepared By:

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