

CITY OF DELAFIELD LAKE WELFARE MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

J. Bills called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present

Kent Attwell
Jerry Bills
John Brodie (Nashotah Rep)
Bonnie Fieber (Feeber)
Gayle Gaborsky
Lynn Morrison
Gary Pratt
Don Tills
Ken Wiedmeyer

Absent

Jerry Burg
Jerry Dunnick

Also Present

Tom Hafner

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2007

B. FIEBER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2007. K. ATTWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. IT WAS NOTED THAT K. ATTWELL AND B. FIEBER'S NAMES WERE NOT SPELLED CORRECTLY THROUGHOUT THE MINUTES AND SHOULD BE CORRECTED. IT WAS CLARIFIED THAT THE HISTORY OF BLEEKER STREET USAGE PERMITS HANDED OUT WAS FOR A TIME PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR OF APPROVING THE MINUTES WITH THE ABOVE NOTED CORRECTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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

No citizens were present.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. UPDATE ON THE NAGAWICKA DAM REPAIR

T. Hafner was present at the meeting and reviewed the plans for the dam repair. Either a temporary earthen dam will be created or an inflatable bladder will be used in order to do the work. This will be removed when the work is complete. Additional soil will be brought in to create the berm. The DNR is close to issuing the permit. It is anticipated that bids will go out in approximately two weeks. Construction is anticipated to take two to three

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months. Prairie and wild flowers may be used in certain areas of the project. The committee members felt that the plans looked very “commercial” and not natural. T. Hafner will talk to the consultant about incorporating more natural materials in order to soften the look. He will also investigate the type of materials being proposed for the riprap. An email will be sent to the LWC members giving them an update. The DNR has been noncommittal regarding putting a pier onto the dam.

b. UPDATE BLEEKER STREET ACCESS REPAIR

T. Hafner displayed a drawing and summarized the project. A new pier will be built for the harvester and boat ramp. Concrete planks will be used at the boat ramp for stabilization. The low bidder for the project was Phenco with a cost of approximately \$59,000. The construction schedule shows a start date of March 26 with completion by May 4. L. Reas will have a demonstration project in this area. The public will be informed of the boat launch closing through the use of signs, press releases, and publication on the website.

c. WORKGROUPS REPORTS

1) RESTORATION REFERENDUM AND FUNDING

No update.

2) LAKESHORE RESTORATION PROJECT

a. STATUS OF DREDGING APPLICATION

See below.

b. MEETING WITH DNR

This item was taken after Item 5b. A meeting took place with the DNR on January 31, 2007. The DNR wants to see how the spoils are going to be disposed. The City will design plans for disposal once it is determined how much can be dredged. The City will comply with the discharge permits and will design a plan to assure compliance. A concern was expressed by the DNR with ammonia. There is a certain amount of ammonia in the sediment that could be discharged into a water body. Another concern that the DNR had was with mercury. It is likely that additional sampling will be required. J. Bills felt that there is probably a very, very low level of mercury in the sediment. Testing was done in accordance to the DNR plan. Under current regulations, the DNR has 90 days to give the City an answer from the date the photographs were submitted in January (when the complete application was submitted).

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An economic analysis will be required; J. Bills is working on this. The LWC should be in receipt of a letter from the DNR expressing their concerns by the next LWC meeting. The DNR would like the following: survey results from 2003, economic analysis, and a further breakdown of total projects costs including L. Reas' plans. These documents will be given to the DNR within the next week or so. It was stated that the disparity of property values without dredging will only become greater. J. Brodie requested that a copy of the economic analysis be provided to the Village of Nashotah.

c. SCHEDULE

See above.

3) COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION- BONNIE FIEBER

Mayor Schuman gave an interview for the newspaper. J. Brodie requested that a copy be sent to the Village.

d. MERTINS' PROPERTY

This issue has been resolved. Communication in regards to the Mertins' property should be from M. Carlson and directed to D. Mertins.

e. WISCONSIN LAKES CONFERENCE

The Wisconsin Lake Conference will be held on February 24, 2007 at WCTC. Registrations have been sent in. Participants will gather extra copies of information they receive for J. Brodie.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. VILLAGE OF NASHOTAH MEETING - JON AND/OR MIKE

J. Brodie reported that Kelly Smith of the Lake Country Reporter wrote a nice article on the January 29, 2007 meeting at the Village Hall. The meeting was informative and recapped the information presented to the Village Board. The Village stated that substantive cost sharing discussions are premature until the DNR determines what will be permitted in terms of dredging. The Village felt that an order higher than 16% would be potentially problematic. Some citizens at the meeting asked where the stakeholders lived around the lake. The Village took this opportunity to avoid the perception of a conflict of interest in regards to the dredging project. L. Morrison stated that while the whole board was invited to the Village meeting, only two representatives from the City could come due to the open meeting law. K. Attwell thought it was an informative meeting. He heard that the general consensus of people there was that most were willing

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to pay a share as long as it was appropriate. D. Tills stated that the message of how the dredging will benefit the lake needs to get out to the public. J. Bills stated that the City of Delafield, which has 80% of the properties, passed a phosphorous ordinance banning phosphorous in lawn fertilizers. He encouraged the Village of Nashotah to pass a similar ordinance. Stewardship of the land and the lake are very important.

b. BUOY PLACEMENT SUMMER OF 2007

This item was taken after Item 5c2b. The LWC felt that St. John's Channel, the shallow areas (south end of the west shore), and the Kettle area access need buoys. D. Tills thought that buoys could not be put in the lake without a DNR permit. T. Hafner will check on this requirement. To show consistency for the dredging project, the channels and Kettle should be clearly marked with navigation buoys and a hazard buoy should be placed in the shallow areas. K. Wiedmeyer will provide a map with placement areas to T. Hafner.

c. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT 2007 SEASON

This item was taken after Item 6b. D. Tills stated that the City is on a one year extension of the plant management permit. It is possible to get another one year extension with the same plan. If the plan is revised and another new permit is applied for, a five year permit could be obtained. It was the consensus of the committee to keep going with the one year extension at this time. J. Brodie asked how much water the weed harvester draws – T. Hafner stated that they could get into 2.5-3 feet of water. J. Brodie stated that when the weed harvester went through the Nashotah channels, it helped keep the channels open. T. Hafner stated that they cannot disturb the lake bottom. Navigation in shallow water is challenging. J. Brodie stated that the Village's contribution for weed harvesting is very, very high for what they are getting in terms of service. He felt it may not be fair that the Village pay the same rate as in the past since the portion that is harvested in their area has decreased over the years. He questioned the benefit and requested a breakdown by municipality from T. Hafner to be sent over to the Village. T. Hafner stated that one-half of the total budget is spent on areas that are common ownership. The benefits of weed harvesting are felt by everyone on the lake. Discussion as to how weed harvesting is being charged should be brought up with the City Administrator.

B. FIEBER MOTIONED TO RETAIN THE CURRENT AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND RENEW THE EXISTING PERMIT FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND TO LOOK AT CHEMICAL TREATMENT AS A POTENTIAL TOPIC FOR THE LAKE AWARENESS MEETING. K. ATTWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. SEVEN WERE IN FAVOR. J. BRODIE ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

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d. WISCONSIN LOBBY DAY

Information was provided to the committee members prior to the meeting. Wisconsin Lobby Day will be Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Yaggy Colby dated 1/17/07 regarding Chapman boathouse
- b. Seminar at Carroll College – see J. Bills if interested.
- c. Conference in Chicago, IL sponsored by the EPA

8. ADJOURN

B. FIEBER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN FROM THE MEETING. K. ATTWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 P.M.

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