

CITY OF DELAFIELD LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

In the absence of K. Attwell, G. Gaborsky called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present

Jerry Bills
Jerry Burg
Jerry Dunnick
Lynn Morrison (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)
Gayle Gaborsky
Dave Greenway
Gary Pratt
Lou Scopp
Don Tills

Absent

Kent Attwell

1. CORRECT AND APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2010

J. BILLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2010 AS PRESENTED. D. GREENWAY SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Charles Hall, 3019 Sylvester Drive, was present to discuss Item 3a. He thought the buoys were great in the current location and to move them would have no impact on weed control. Furthermore, the resources being allocated for changing the location of the buoys would be better spent in working with the Plan B Dredging Committee work. He recommended doing nothing with the movement of the buoys and placing the resources toward the work of the Plan B Dredging Committee.

Mark Millot, 1001 Lake Drive, stated he was present to speak as a citizen and he was also a member of the Plan B Dredging Committee. He agreed with Mr. Hall's comments and rationale regarding movement of the buoys to a different location. He thought the discussion on the buoys really masked the real issue of weed control that would hopefully be addressed through the work of the dredging project. He likened the situation to a problematic roadway that was dealt with by lowering a speed limit instead of fixing structural defects. It was wrong to make a larger part of the lake become a "No Wake" area as a result of the buoy placement. He suggested allowing one year's time to pass to determine how the dredging project might work out as the problem could potentially be alleviated if the dredging project were allowed to move forward.

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Bud Dunker, 3761 Nagawicka Shores Drive, was present as the Vice President of the Lake Nagawicka Shores Condominium Association. He was speaking on behalf of its 34 members that had been polled regarding the location of the buoys. All polled strongly supported the work of the Plan B Dredging Committee as dredging and retention were needed on the lake. He noted the Nagawicka Shore development to be 20 years old and upon its inception the lake water was clear and pristine in that area. He likened the current situation to living next to a cesspool of water as there was so much silt and cut weeds floating in the water. He stated this situation was the main reason the condos for sale were not being sold. People liked the condos and lake access but once they saw the lake water, they quickly declined purchase. He thought the dredging was a fool hardy endeavor without retention measures implemented to capture sediment. He supported the idea of moving the buoys as he thought it would slow down the boats that came through the area and created all the cut weeds. He invited all present to visit the Nagawicka Shores shoreline area during the summer months to view the weed issue.

L. MORRISON MOVED TO CLOSE CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AT 6:14 P.M. J. DUNNICK SECONDED THE MOTION. WITHOUT OBJECTION FROM THE COMMITTEE, G. GABORSKY ALLOWED JAMIE EAVES, 3218 NAGAWICKA AVENUE, TO SPEAK AT THIS TIME. J. EAVES STATED IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF WEED GROWTH DUE TO FERTILIZERS AND WATER FLOWING FROM THE BARK RIVER THAT COMBINED TO CREATE IDEAL GROWING CONDITIONS. TO MOVE THE BOUYS WOULD SIMPLY CUT THE LAKE IN HALF FOR RECREATIONAL USE AND WOULD NOT FIX THE WEED ISSUE. HE SUGGESTED PEOPLE UTILIZE THE PRACTICES FOUND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LANDSCAPING BOOKLETS FOR INFORMATION ON HEALTHY LAWNS AND LAKES. **THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. RE-ADDRESS THE TOPIC OF MOVING 2-3 BUOYS NEAR THE BARK RIVER W/ REVIEW OF PRIOR MINUTES/VOTES

L. Morrison explained the history of the weed cutting issue as it related to the topic of moving the buoys near the Bark River. While money had been allocated to the budget for weed cutting, Staff had explained to the Common Council that the location of the buoys had no bearing on the weed growth as weed cutting equipment and manpower were the issues that impacted the weeds. She stated she agreed with comments heard regarding the need for additional weed cutters and manpower to impact the weed growth on the lake. Last year had been an unusually difficult year for weed cutting due to manpower issues. She suggested monitoring the lake weed situation this year on a monthly basis and making a report of evidence of need to the Council when the budget for 2011 was being considered. She also agreed that moving the buoys would not mean the weeds would be cut differently as there was not enough money or manpower to make a significant impactful change as needed.

G. Pratt stated the weed issue was not related to last year only, but was a concern every summer for lake residents.

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J. Eaves expressed concern for placement of the buoys at the eight foot depth mark as he thought shrinking the useable area of the lake would do nothing for the weed issues.

M. Millot requested that the Committee take into consideration that often times when issues were decided related to buoy movement in the lake that the buoys were never returned to an original location. When examining the issue objectively, there did not see to be any rationale for moving the buoys.

J. Eaves suggested the possible purchase of a weed skimmer rather than a weed cutter to assist in management of the problematic weeds on the lake. He thought perhaps citizens could get involved in local fundraising or as an association to privately purchase the skimmer or skimmers.

C. Hall stated this discussion reinforced his comments made earlier in the meeting that the real issue was related to the weeds, not the movement of the buoys. He thought the weed issue should be tabled for one year until the dredging project was sorted out as he thought the dredging issue would help with the weeds when completed.

G. Pratt stated the dredging would not be located in the problematic weed areas and thus, he did not feel it would help the situation as needed. M. Millot noted some of the nutrients for weed growth were within the sediment that would be removed.

D. Tills stated this was a tough lake issue as there were many ways the weeds were helpful to the lake ecosystem. He stated he would like to preserve the weed beds. While he was not sure if the dredging project would stop the weeds from growing as they had a perfect habitat, he anticipated the weed growth would continue to be a tough issue to resolve in the future as well.

L. MORRISON MOVED THAT THE BUOYS NEAR THE BARK RIVER REMAIN IN THE CURRENT LOCATION FOR ONE YEAR AND THIS ISSUE BE REVISITED AT THE FEBRUARY 2011 LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING TO ALLOW FOR MONITORING OF THE WEED PROBLEM TO TAKE PLACE AND TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL ACTION IS NEEDED AT THAT TIME. L. SCOPP SECONDED THE MOTION. G. PRATT QUESTIONED WHETHER ENOUGH DATA COULD BE UTILIZED FROM THE 2010 GROWING SEASON TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO IMPACT THE BUDGET CYCLE FOR 2011 RATHER THAN WAITING ONE YEAR'S TIME. L. MORRISON STATED SHE THOUGHT THE BUOY MOVEMENT WOULD NOT IMPACT THE BUDGET AND COULD WAIT ONE YEAR. M. MILLOT QUESTIONED WHETHER THERE WAS A VOLUNTEER GROUP ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES FOR WEED CONTROL ON THE LAKE. L. MORRISON STATED SHE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT FOR THE PLAN B DREDGING COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE ITS WORK AND THEN MOVE THROUGH A PROCESS OF CONSIDERATION OF A VOLUNTEER GROUP IF STILL NEEDED. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. SIX

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WERE IN FAVOR. J. BILLS, G. PRATT, AND D. TILLS VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

J. BILLS MOVED THAT THE LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE MONITOR THE IMPACT OF THE LAKE WEEDS BEING CUT AND HAVE THE SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLAN COMMISSION (SEWRPC) PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION.

Discussion ensued regarding a method of funding the analysis.

J. BILLS WITHDREW THE MOTION.

L. Morrison stated she would speak to City Staff regarding weed growth collection data. J. Bills offered to help with data collection and analysis to the extent possible.

J. Eaves stated he had been listening to the discussions held on the buoys and was concerned about having an "us vs. them" mentality occurring as he did not want that to happen. All present were in agreement that something needed to be done with the weeds; the question was how to do something about it without substantial funding. To that end, he suggested leading volunteer fundraising efforts for a skimmer as he thought that might be more impactful at this time.

L. Morrison noted part of the weed cutting issue was related to insurance and she thought perhaps a question would be whether the City weed pickup could include any weeds that a private skimmer could collect. J. Burg state this was an excellent suggestion. J. Eaves also agreed, stating he would like to do something about the problem and would be happy to help in any way possible.

b. FOLLOW UP ON BOAT HOUSE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY PLANNING COMMISSION

L. Morrison explained the boathouse ordinance changes proposed by this Committee had recently been approved by the Plan Commission. She noted that the ordinance needed to be approved by this Committee as part of the process of approval.

L. MORRISON MOVED TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE BOATHOUSE ORDINANCE AS APPROVED BY THE PLAN COMMISSION AND RECOMMEND TO THE COMMON COUNCIL THE SAME. D. GREENWAY SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. DISCUSS WHO WILL WRITE THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLE ON PIER REGULATION UPDATES DUE TO GINA MARCH 15TH

J. Burg stated he would write the article for the next City newsletter on pier regulation updates.

- b. DISCUSS DATE FOR ANNUAL LAKE AWARENESS MEETING AND GENERATE LIST OF TOPICS TO PRESENT

G. Gaborsky stated she would talk with City Staff to set the date for the Annual Lake Awareness meeting as June 9, 2010 at the Delafield Hotel as agreed to by the Committee. The following topics were generated by the Committee for placement on the agenda for that meeting.

- Pier registration information from the DNR
- Plan B Dredging project update
- Weed cutting issues/ skimmer idea-possible fundraising
- Rain gardens/Naturalized shorelines –
- State of the Lake presented by J. Bills
- DNR Staff presentation on lake issues

G. Pratt stated he would write an article on naturalized shoreline for inclusion in the City's summer newsletter as well.

Discussion ensued regarding why the lake level was lowered each fall. Various explanations were provided as to this occurrence. This issue will be placed on the next agenda of the Lake Welfare Committee for further discussion.

- c. DISCUSS POSSIBLE OPTIONS TO INVESTIGATE RUN-OFF ACROSS VETTELSON RD INTO KETTLE-CONCERN BROUGHT UP BY JAMIE EAVES

D. Tills explained J. Eaves had contacted him regarding run-off near Vettelson Road that drained to the "kettle" area of the lake. He provided an aerial photo of the area being discussed. He went on to explain that after walking the area referenced, it seemed the run-off was coming from many areas, including Highway 16, nearby farm fields, roadways, and railroad tracks. Because of the numerous areas that were all in close proximity, he thought it prudent to ask Staff to examine the magnitude of this run-off problem and provide a recommendation on mitigation efforts needed.

The Committee agreed this area should be examined by Staff. D. Tills stated he would speak to City Staff regarding this matter.

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- d. UPDATE ON PLAN B COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DISCUSS WAYS THE LWC CAN HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

G. Gaborsky stated she and D. Tills had attended both meetings of the Plan B Dredging Committee. D. Tills provided a summarization of the Committee meetings, noting the goals to be accomplished, the mission statement of that group, and committee assignments to accomplish the short and long term goals specified. He also noted the use of the email address – dredging@ci.delafield.wi.us for all to use to provide input on the dredging and related issues for the Plan B Dredging Committee. He went on to explain he agreed with the viewpoint of K. Attwell that the role of the Lake Welfare Committee in working with the Plan B Dredging Committee was to be as supportive as possible and provide as much information as possible. Lake Welfare Committee members had a great deal of first hand knowledge of the process that could provide direct information to help the Dredging Committee get to a point of understanding in the dredging issues that would then assist in getting a recommendation on the project.

J. Burg stated he was surprised by how broad the Plan B Dredging Committee mission statement was as he thought the purpose of that Committee was going to be a targeted focus on understanding the funding issues and providing a recommendation on the dredging project.

M. Millot explained the mission statement seemed broad at this time, but it was anticipated by the Plan B Dredging Committee that a focus would be quickly determined to allow for completion of short term goals. In addition, the Committee was aware that the Chapter 30 dredging permit included a strict timeframe for completion of Committee work.

5. ADJOURN

D. GREENWAY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 10, 2010, LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:36 P.M. J. DUNNICK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes prepared by:

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