

MT. MORRIS LAKES QUARTERLY COMMISSIONER MEETING
March 3, 2018 – Lakeview Community Center

PRESENT: Paul Jarvis, Everett Eckstein, Peggy Thiel, Rob Adams, Tim Dahlstrand, Joe Slezak

AUDIENCE: None

CALL TO ORDER: 9:05 am

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AGENDA REVIEW & APPROVAL: No changes, agenda kept as pre-mailed to the Board members

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joe Slezak - Minutes from Dec 2, 2017 Meeting

- Minutes read with integrated comments from Tim Dahlstrand
- The drafted version of the minutes were read and corrected by the Board
- The motion was made to accept minutes as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER' REPORT: Peggy Thiel

- Peggy sent out the report prior to the meeting... There were no additions or changes to it.
- MMLMD received the assessment in the amount of \$47,877.98
- Closing Balance is: \$84,091.79.
- Estimates for the 2018-2019 budget will need to be given to Peggy prior to the May 2 meeting to compile the proposed budget.
- A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report which was approved unanimously.

ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT: PAUL BRINKMAN

- Tim Dahlstrand delivered the report based on information provided by Paul Brinkman
- Milestone was reached... the fund is now \$52,152.54 as of January 31, 2018.
- Gifts of 45,840; December contributions were \$3,250.00; No contributions in January 2018
- The committee is working to broaden our base of contributions through newsletters and contacts and other means
- We are looking for another candidate to be on the committee
- Motions made to accept the endowment report... passed

HARVEST OPERATIONS: Joe Slezak

- Joe reported on his contacts with Aquarius Systems for other options besides cutters to collect floating plants. They have various models of skimmers and collector machines made for other municipalities for modifications.
- We can still use our machine without turning on the cutting head. Various sizes are available, and since they are about. We can investigate if DNR grant money might be available.
- We will plan to conduct harvesting operations with two people in 2018... and minimize the use of a third person as an-on-call specialist for repair and labor help.
- The Harvester will be kept off the lake until the EWM manual removal project is finished mid-June

OLD BUSINESS

AIS UPDATE: Rob Adams

- The Onterra report from Eddie Heath verified that the chemical treatment was keeping the CLP under control but has not eliminated the milfoil. We will be looking into other methods of control such as DASH... Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting and manual removal. One company does DASH and snorkeler assisted manual removal. This method is about 50% less expensive than DASH and almost as effective.
- The cost is \$1300 per day for manual removal vs. \$2000 per day for DASH. Rob will implement a program of manual removal this year.
- We will use Aquatic Plant Management of Minocqua that does both. In areas of deep shallow muddy areas, they the DASH method may be better. This will help us to plan for 2019 AIS removal
- Onterra will do a spring survey to locate EWM problem areas, report the results, and then in the fall we will do another survey to determine the plan for 2019.

- The Aquatic Plant Management cost will be about \$3,900 for removal efforts. Onterra plant survey fees will be additional.
- A motion was made to authorize Rob to initiate that contract.
- Rob wants to get verification from Onterra that it is OK to not treat this year. However, if we need to, Rob also wanted a motion to authorize him to spend the balance of the budget of \$14,000 and take \$5,000 out of the budget, for current use, and then later use the remaining funds (\$9,000) to complete the treatment plans.
- A motion was made to authorize Rob to not more than \$9,000 for CLP control in Lake in if recommended by our Onterra.
- We have tried to revive our original committee of 8 members of the AIS Lake planning committee but those members are not available at this time.

MT. MORRIS TOWNSHIP & WAUSHARA COUNTRY NEWS: Paul Jarvis & Everett Eckstein

- Paul explained the history behind the requests for the ATV trails to be expanded in the County and the town. The discussion center on claims of increased economic impact for businesses in the area, and the possible problems with the safe operation of the ATV's through the County.
- The ATV club maintains the increased business and economic impact would be one of the benefits
- At this point the County Board has not approved it for County Roads... so it will remain as a dead issue until the Town of Mt. Morris decides what town road accesses will be allowed.
- Greg Foster resigned from the Town Board. Submit a letter to the Town Board if you desire to be a part of the Town Board. The position is for Town Supervisor.
- There were many Community Center operations that Greg took care of for the Town. There are many repair issues with the building, especially the roof, which will cost about \$45,000 to repair. The Town is beginning to study these matters to develop a plan for the Community Center.
- There were increased requests for rental from other parts of the area. The Town is assessing the building and what it needs. The facility does support itself with its current revenue stream. There are a lot of questions concerning the Community Center contact Paul Jarvis at johndeer8320@hotmail.com
- Town Park: Booms swim and the perimeter fence have been working well to control the geese.
- Add-ons were made to the Town shop to house additional equipment.
- Everett: Milwaukee Sports Show is coming up and he will represent the County at the show.
- Everett suggested that the Town plan some kind of fund raiser to pay for the Community Center
- For safety purposes, Everett continues to oppose use of ATV's on County roads.

NEW BUSINESS

WAUSHARA COUNTY CONSERVATION DAYS

- This event occurs on May 3-4
- A motion was made for the MMLMD Board to make a \$100 donation to the event.
- The motion passed unanimously.

WISONSIN LAKES CONVENTION – April 18-20 in Stevens Point

- Peggy signed up for the Lakes Convention workshop commissioner training session in the morning, and a Treasurer training workshop in the afternoon.
- There is also a webmaster training session. Joe suggested that we use the e-mail notification to alert our members about that session for purposes of seeking a volunteer for the website.

LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TRAINING

- On May 18 in Wautoma there is another Lake Commissioner training workshops at the Silvercyst Restaurant in Wautoma.
- Paul Brinkman plans to attend this session

ADJOURN:

- The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.
- Tim and Rob continued on to attend a telephone conference with Onterra for AIS planning for 2018.