

**MOUNT MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING - July 15, 2017**  
**Mountainview Community Center**

**Present:** Tim Dahlstrand, Joe Slezak, Everett Eckstein, and Rob Adams.  
Peggy Thiel, Denis Sutton, and Greg Foster were not able to attend

**Agenda:** Accepted and approved by the meeting attendees

**Introductions:** Members of the Board and all present District lake resident electors.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT JOE SLEZAK**

- Review of last year's Annual 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of July 16
- Minutes presented by power point presentation and are posted on the website
- Minutes were reviewed accepted, and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- The year-end status report delivered by Tim Dahlstrand
- After discussion, the report was reviewed and accepted

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FRIENDS OF MOUNT MORRIS LAKES ENDOWMENT FUND: PAUL BRINKMAN**

- Created 2 years ago...Last year we had \$30,244.33.. to date we now have \$40,725.14 as of June 2017
- T-Shirts were produced and sold last year at the District Picnic.. Paul explained the availability of the T-shirts will depend on locating a new supplier to produce the shirts.
- There were some market fluctuations that impacted the balance and increased our costs and offset earnings... we broke even
- We have turned the corner and have realized over \$3,000 in earnings on the funds.

**AIS AND LAKE MANAGEMENT REPORT: ROB ADAMS**

- Rob Adams reviewed the history of the pale and the formation of the planning grant.
- Rob reviewed the Lake Management plan with a power point presentation
- Our first grant came in 2006... We did not treat for Curly Leaf Pondweed this year, only for EWM at \$6,000

**LAKE HARVESTING OPERATIONS: JOE SLEZAK**

- New Operators comprise the new team: Cory Hendrick, Time Engel, Matt Abraham,
- Jim Unger Is a technical advisor and team trainer
- New team being trained and currently knows how to operate the wee harvester
- Joe overviewed the lake cutting plan through a power point slide presentation to show our cutting plan
- Navigation lanes tare cut to prevent prop fouling
- It's difficult to get into shallow area of Rattlesnake Creek at the north end of Hannah's Lake
- Today there is hand pulling of EWM and some intrusion of EWM to Morris Lake.

**WEBSITE REVIEW: JOE SLEZAK**

- There will be two versions of the web page: One for the public and one for Lake District residents only
- Lake District residents will be given an access code because that version will contain more information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BUDGET PRESENTATION: Tim Dahlstrand**

- Tim requested that a motion be passed to amend two line items in the budget... these line items were discussed and approved.
- The combination of a lack of DNR grants, increased labor costs, and parts and repairs to equipment impacted our budget
- Some aspects of the budget will increase: Harvesting operations and labor will increase.

- Budget modifications were proposed to account for assessment increases, labor rates.
- Special assessments will go from \$24,000 last year to \$38,000 this year.
- We start the fiscal year of \$81,516.00
- Year-end cash position \$119,603, with a spend of \$74,408.00. \$45,195.00 is needed to start the year.
- Special assessment will increase next year... following year it will go up again.
- We can control the variables to keep the special assessments down.
- We are capped by law to assess .0025% of all of the equalized value of the properties in the Lake District.
- There is \$40,498,465.00 of property in the District in 2016
- .0025% is about \$101,000 and is the maximum by law that our assessment can be.
- We have options to borrow money to make-up our operating budget... but the endowment fund will help
- There are no more grants for us to apply for. Some may be coming in the future, but we can't be optimistic about getting them.
- Further discussion occurred to identify options and strategies for keeping costs to a minimum and ideas to use the endowment fund to assist in keeping the Lake Management Plan operations through the years.

### **ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS**

- Joe Slezak and Paul Brinkman are nominated for election to three year terms as commissioners for the Mt. Morris Lakes Management District
- Other nominations from the floor were requested... none were submitted.
- It was motioned that Joe and Paul be elected "YES" by unanimous vote of the District
- Motion passed... Joe and Paul were elected to their three year terms as District Commissioners

### **SPECIAL BOARD ACTION:**

- A motion to appoint Peggy Thiel as the District Treasurer
- The motion was passed... Peggy Thiel is now the official Mt. Morris Lakes District Treasurer and is now authorized to sign and approve checks for Lake District expenses.

### **DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATIONS: Tim Dahlstrand**

- Greg Foster and Denis Sutton were presented with Service Awards for their efforts over the years. As commissioners working on behalf of the Mt. Morris Lakes District.: Greg as the District Treasurer, and Dennis for his work on various records retention projects as a District Commissioner.
- Karni Slupecki was given a District Service award for volunteering his personal property as the site for the pot-luck supper event at the end of the Pontoon Boat Parade for the past 10 years.
- Each award was a wooden framed Certificate of Appreciation with accompanying text that explained and recognized their efforts and service to the District.

### **OTHER OPEN BUSINESS FORUM ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSIONS**

- Gary Frank explained the pontoon boat parade will occur in a few weeks (last Saturday) and that the traditional end of parade pot-luck supper will be at the Mt. Morris Town Park.
- Boat Rules & Regulations Poster is on the website for downloading and laminating and has not yet been distributed to realtors. A request was made to provide this information for realtors.
- A request was made by e-mail to the District by Jerry and Dale Murphy, residents on the channel between Morris Lake and Lake C (Hannah's Lake) for action to implement a lake draw-down to assess and determine how to control the sediment from building up in that areas.
- A letter of response to this request has been drafted.
- Discussion occurred on how to use the website to have open discussion about Lake issues

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further issues on the table or pending discussions, a motion was made to adjourn the 41<sup>ST</sup> Annual District Meeting
- The motion was passed and the meeting adjournment came at 10:30 am