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41th Annual Mt. Morris Lakes District Meeting
Mountain View Community Center,
Saturday, July 15, 2017
DISTRICT BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
ANNUAL MEETING: 9:00 AM

- MEETING AGENDA**
1. Call to Order
 2. Meeting Agenda Approval;
 3. Introduction of Commissioners and District membership
 4. Minutes: July 16, 2016 40th Annual Meeting - Joe Slezak
 5. Chairman’s Report – Tim Dahlstrand
 6. Treasurer’s Report – Peggy Thiel & Tim Dahlstrand
 7. Endowment Fund Report – Paul Brinkman
- OLD BUSINESS**
1. Aquatic invasive species report – Rob Adams
 2. Aquatic plant harvesting Report: Joe Slezak
 3. Website Update: Joe Slezak
- NEW BUSINESS**
1. Presentation & Discussion of the 2017-2018 Budget
 2. Election of Commissioners – Nominees are Joe Slezak & Paul Brinkman for a 3 year terms; Commissioner nominations can be taken from the floor at any time
 3. BMO Harris Bank Resolution regarding Peggy Thiel as MMLMD Treasurer; (Board Action Only)
 4. Open Topics for discussion... then meeting Adjournment

NEW COMMISSIONERS & STAFF CHANGES

After many years of board stability, the MMLMD Board membership will change this year. Our Treasurer, **Greg Foster**, who has been on the board since 2007, has resigned. In accordance with MMLMD bylaws, the Chairman appointed **Peggy Thiel** to serve out Greg’s term and she will be the new Treasurer. Peggy is a full-time resident on Morris Lake.. **Denis Sutton**, board member board since 2008, will not run for re-election this year. **Paul Brinkman**, a full-time resident of Emerald Lake, has been nominated to run for this open commissioner position. People can be nominated fro the floor.

Joe Slezak and Paul Brinkman are the nominees for election to three year terms as commissioners at the annual meeting

Pat Knurowski has retired as lake harvester operator. We thank Pat for his long time efforts to keep the lakes clean. **Jim Unger** will be the harvester trainer for this year’s harvester team: **Cory Hedrick, Tim Engel, and Matt Abraham.**

**DISTRICT BUDGET INCREASE:
THE REALITIES OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

As we explained last year, the annual budget for MMLMD is increasing. Beginning last year, we needed to begin major changes in how we finance the MMLMD responsibilities. We are now entering the second year of change, precipitated not only by the end of all DNR reimbursement grants but also by increases in our labor costs.

The MMLMD is a special purpose unit of government that protects and rehabilitates our lakes and dam. The MMLMD has long-term financial commitments related to management and control of invasive species and maintenance and operation of the dam. It is our responsibility and continuing challenge as a community to help preserve our special lakes through aquatic plant management, dam and flume maintenance and preservation of water quality

By way of background, there are several sources of funding available to MMLMD.

- **The annual levy is limited** by law to 0.0025 of Equalized Value of properties within the MMLMD. The recent levy amount is well below this limit and can be significantly increased. We will be using an increase in the annual levy this fiscal year to fund our operations.
- **Special assessments can be made** for the purpose of carrying out district protection and rehabilitation projects. Commissioners determine the entire cost of the project and apportion the special assessment within the district property owners on a reasonable basis.
- **The MMLMD may borrow money.** This is, in essence, another form of a special assessment. The district can assess an annual, non-repealable tax to pay the principal and interest on borrowed moneys. This tax is without limitation as to rate or amount on all taxable property within the district and is not included in the annual assessment.
- **The Friends of Mount Morris Lakes (FOMML)** Endowment Fund, established last year now has assets of over \$40,298 (as of May 2017), about 6.5% of our twenty-year goal of \$600,000. The earnings from this fund represent a new source of income for MMLMD but it will need additional assets before it can be used for MMLMD lake preservation. *(Continued in Page 2...)*

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Our proposed 2017-2018 budget is \$69,908 which is an approximate 30% increase over last year’s budget. The increase comes primarily in three areas that account for nearly all of the proposed budget increase. The first area is related to our contract workers for aquatic plant harvesting and parts/repairs. This year we have had to completely re-staff our aquatic plant team with new personnel. In doing so, we have incurred not only increased hourly rates to attract qualified staff but also increased Tech Force labor overhead rates. There are also training costs incurred. Since we had more than normal repairs needed for the harvesting equipment this year that could not be done in-house, we incurred increased service and parts costs.

The second area of potential increased cost is related to aquatic invasive species treatment. We anticipate chemical treatment will continue but it has been suggested that manual EWM removal may be effective for our lakes. Since a decision on manual EWM removal will not be made until later in this fiscal year, we have included a budget for this work to avoid a shortfall.

The third area of increased cost is in the dam operation and maintenance. With the dam equipment and flume now over twenty years old, we are beginning to see maintenance issues and repairs. This includes not only the purchase of specialized parts but also the installation of those parts. Also, the dam operator position will no longer be an unpaid volunteer position. We plan to use a member of our aquatic plant harvest team for this important work every day of every week.

FOMML T-SHIRTS: Styles in blue T-Shirts or special order colored polo shirts; Contributes to the Endowment Fund; Price: \$15-\$20 for T’s; Up to \$30 for polo’s; Available at Annual Meeting.



TOWING TUBES through the Mt. Morris Lakes channels is not a good idea. The boat is under control, the tube is not. A gust of wind or on-coming boat wake can throw the tube rider into the path of another boat.

**MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2017 – 2018 BUDGET**

BUDGET ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET 2016 - 2017	ACTUAL SPEND 2016 - 2017	PROPOSED SPEND 2017 -2018
AIS CONTROL			
TREATMENT FEES	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 14,579.70	\$ 17,000.00
CONSULTING FEES	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 8,478.76	\$ 10,000.00
WATER TESTING	\$ 2,400.00	\$	\$ 2,400.00
PERMITS, NOTICES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 883.30	\$ 900.00
A-P HARVESTING			
CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 12,987.06	\$ 18,000.00
PARTS/EQUIPMENT	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,795.33	\$ 3,225.00
FUEL/OIL	\$ 650.00	\$ 449.20	\$ 550.00
STORAGE.LICENSE	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
INSURANCE	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 1,951.00	\$ 2,000.00
COMMISSIONERS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,000.00
ARCHIVES/WEBSITE	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 1,865.38	\$ 1,500.00
DAM OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,350.07	\$ 9,500.00
GEN OPERATING	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 2,509.44	\$ 2,333.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 53,600.00	\$ 51,108.74	\$ 69,908.00

CASH ASSETS & PROJECTED INCOME

INCOME/ASSET	AMOUNT
Checking Account as of June 1, 2017	\$ 31,516.66
MM Accounts of June 1, 2017	\$ 50,000.00
DNR Reimbursement	\$
INTEREST	\$ 87.19
Special Assessment	\$ 38,000.00
TOTAL CASH	\$ 119,603.85
Expenses	\$ (69,908.00)
2017 – 2018 Year End Cash	\$ 49,695.85



2017 HARVESTING TEAM
A new team has been trained to provide a clearing from your pier to the lake. Direct your requests to Joe Slezak, 920-765-0772 or e-mail at www.mtmorrislakes.org

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SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017, 9:00 AM District Meeting
At the Mountain View Community Center, HWY 152 & CTY S
DISTRICT BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

For maintaining the habitat restoration at the dam; Taking Secchi disc, water sample readings, & lake conservation work This is a great way to learn about lakes and get some experience for a career in environmental conservation and lake management to become a future lakes district commissioner.

- ❖ Mt. Morris Parade on Saturday, July 21, 2017 at 11:00 am
- ❖ Pontoon Boat Parade & Town Park evening picnic, July 24
- ❖ Commissioner Election Nominees: Joe Slezak & Paul Brinkman for 3 years
- ❖ Additional nominees can be made from the floor at the meeting.
- ❖ The Friends of Mount Morris Lakes endowment has reached \$40,298.00
- ❖ High Capacity Wells: Go to www.cswac.org to learn about their impact