

Beaver Dam Lake Management District
August 10, 2017 – 7:00 PM
City Hall Conference Room
Cumberland, Wisconsin 54829

Attendance: Tom Schroeder, John Thon, Doris Laursen, John Epple, Keith Hardie, D Phernetton, John Bavier Absent: A. Carlson, M.D.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President, Tom Schroeder

At the request of the President, Secretarial duties were transferred from Doris Laursen to John Bavier. Doris will remain as liaison commissioner representing the City of Cumberland. Thanks to all the work that Doris has done during her time as Secretary.

Review of minutes from last meeting. Motion by Don Phernetton, Second by John Thon. Motion passed.

Review of Treasurers report. Beginning Balance \$224,186.34; ending balance after expenses \$210,334.71. Motion to approve by John Epple, Second by John Thon. Motion passed.

Recognition of visitor Kathy Epple.

As part of annual Wisconsin Lake Association membership fee all Board Members will receive the WI Lakes newsletters.

Committee Reports:

John Epple and Tom Schroeder have spent time in past couple of weeks on getting the DASH unit back in operation. Currently waiting on 5" hose for the unit. Expected to have everything completed in next couple of weeks. They need to do some retro-fitting to make things work better (swing arm). Additional hose, clamps and shipping was around \$300.

The restoration of the shoreline planting demonstration area by the Beach has not been completed. John Thon will be following up on this project with a number of volunteers.

Neurer storm water pond area: West side of pond has good aquatic and native plants established. The east side need to have trees, narrow leaf cattails and other undesired plants removed. Dragonfly will complete this in late fall. Next spring they will finish the east side clean up and re-establish desired planting.

NE stormwater project. Keith, Tom and EOR Reps. Reviewed remaining work. Fitzgerald was told that they would not need to come back. Keith Hardie arranged to have Dave Desantis finish the riprap of culvert outfalls, planting on grass and removed erosion tubes. The City mowed down the willows and grass on the hillside. In addition to the mulch, Dragon Fly added Blue Iris to the "wash" area of the pond. Additional plants and scrubs will be added to enhance the area. EOR and Dr. Carlson will be closing out the grants for the NE Pond Construction. We need to document all volunteer hours for the DNR, that can be credited back to the project costs.

Larry Werner wrote an article in recent Cumberland Advocate, mentioning the Lake District activities and hopes that the Library Lake area continue to improve.

The purple loosestrife that is visible on Library Lake is be controlled by the beetles (black-margined loosestrife beetle). The Beetles were grown through a Cumberland HS project over 10 years ago. The beetle's population fluctuates with the availability of the Loosestrife.

SW pond updates. Bid specs by EOR will be complete in about 7-10 days. Expect bids back by end of August and the Contract to be awarded in early Sept. Construction to start late Sept. Will do an earth moving, etc. including seeding in fall, but no expectations on running piping until next spring. Pipes may need to be bored under the highway if necessary, but Keith has been working with the WDOT on having a re-routing plan that could be used to divert traffic as necessary. EOR is handling legal documentation for the transfer of property from the hospital to the Lake District.

DOT study on HYW 63 Box Culvert/"bridge". Nothing done at this point. The State dollars are currently frozen and the state budget has not yet been approved. We do need to have a plan in place for when the "bridge" conditions change.

Zebra Mussels. Big Mackenzie and Little Mackenzie lakes have Zebra Mussels. Tom explained a Zebra Mussel collection plate that were donated to the Lake District. The plate is placed under docks (2-feet below, and at least 1-foot above the lake floor) in areas with little water flow. If ZM are found on the plates, the individuals are requested to call the DNR, and let them know that Zebra Mussels were found in the area. 6 of these collection plates were donated to the BDLA. There was a discussion on looking for volunteers to place and monitor activity through October. Tom will be writing a View from the Lake article on Zebra Mussels. Many lakes are now requiring power-washing all boats before allowing them to enter the lakes (with brief discussion on possible costs incurred for personnel and equipment).

Other new business:

- Library Lake had a herbicide treatment for lily pads and cattails in the navigation channel from the Grove Street Bridge to the open water, then along the existing boat path to the dredged channel along the parking lot and finally along the south edge of the Bog area. Early next week an attempt will be made to chop up the lily pads and cattails to open a channel for boating. Any floating cattails and lily pads need to be corralled and removed from the lake. If this doesn't work we may need to look at further dredging.
- 2 docks put in by the golf course are being used.
- The new Dam seems to be working well. The water has been typically about 1 to 1-1/2" lower than the normal set point.
- 45 people came to the Annual Meeting last month, with the people truly interested in what the Lake District has been doing (versus in some past years when they were coming to complain).
- SE corner. This will be looked into after the SW corner is completed.
- Discussion on possible dredging on the west T-canal off Rabbit Bay (across the lake from the 3rd Avenue dredging that was done this past winter). Because of the lack of a truck entry point onto the lake in this area (heavily wooded), hydraulic pumping might be the best way to do it. John Bavier and Tom Schroeder will discuss items further off-site and will set up to meet a few of the individuals in the affected areas to discuss possible next steps, and possible costs.

Next meeting date: A date for the next meeting will be set until after the bid-letting for the SW pond project.

Move to adjourn at 8:00 by Tom Schroeder, 2nd by Don P. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bavier, Secretary, BDLMD