

PHANTOM LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

March 27, 2008
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Approved Minutes

Steve Todd, chairperson, called the meeting of the Phantom Lakes Management District to order at 7:03 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Greg Blohm, Carol Fait, Grace Graham, Steve Verduyn, and Town of Mukwonago Representative David Dubey. Waukesha County Representative Karen McNelly arrived at 7:08 p.m. There were two guests and one resident (Scott Murphy, Mukwonago High School Biology teacher) were present.

The meeting was interrupted during the Well Update by Process Server, Spencer Vick and Grace Graham, who served papers to Gina Krause and Robert Pakulski to appear in court on April 1, 2008.

S. Todd acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed.

Open Forum – Scott Murphy being co advisor to the ecology club at the Mukwonago High School asked if the PLMD would be in favor of seeing a student project that would involve the students participating in a County sponsored community service project. This project would involve spray painting stencil markings next to the storm water drains along the curbs in Mukwonago to remind people not to dump waste that could drain into these grates. On April 7th the Ecology Club will be asking the Village of Mukwonago's Public Works Committee for their approval. The PLMD thought this was an excellent idea to raise public awareness, especially since most people may not realize that the water that drains into these sewer covers goes directly into our lakes and rivers, and it is not processed by the sewage treatment plant.

Steve Barber commented that both Senator Mary Lazich and Neil Kedzie voted against the Great Lakes Compact which had a vote of 26 in favor and 6 opposed. G. Blohm commented that the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's March 24th issue had a good article in regards to the compact and how Senator Mary Lazich was concerned that Mukwonago would not be a part of getting access to any of the Great Lakes water due to the fact that part of Mukwonago is in Walworth County. She has other concerns about the compact, but mainly wants to make sure the agreement is right, because any mistake made now will be difficult to undo.

Announcements & Correspondence – There was none.

Secretary's Report – G. Blohm made a **Motion** to approve the minutes from the monthly meeting on February 28, 2008 with corrections (Total bills paid \$1,444.08 and total deposits of \$37,537.46); second by K. McNelly, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – S. Verduyn summarized the Treasurer's Report from February 29, 2008 through March 27, 2008. C. Fait made a **Motion** to approve and pay the bills, second by G. Graham, motion carried. Total bills to be paid were \$571.49, and total deposits/interest of \$14,795.73.

Well Update – S. Todd commented that once the complaint being drafted by Frank Davenport against the Village of East Troy and the DNR arrives he will share it with the PLMD for any further review or comments. There have been no further updates from the Village on the new municipal well. S. Todd read the excerpt from the Mukwonago Village Board meeting on March 18th that the approval was given to exercise the option to purchase and pay the Caines \$7,500.00. S. Todd will try to get clarification from the Village as to what this is for. There was discussion of monitoring the flow gauge on the river along with the springs.

Harvesting Operations – S. Todd presented a possible truck option that he and Robert Pakulski have found and they are still in the process of getting bids. There was discussion as to what trucks are available. There will be further discussion at the next meeting with more details on costs. There was discussion as to what we will need for the grant refurbishing application. The shafts on the paddle wheels were pitted and installing seals would not guarantee operations throughout the summer, therefore the harvester will need one paddle wheel to be repaired before the harvesting season starts this year and will not be able to be part of the possible grant funding.

Legislative Update – There were no other updates other than what was stated in Open Forum.

Slow-No Wake Flooding Ordinance – S. Todd stated that we will need the actual sea level elevations for the ordinance.

YMCA Camp Life Jackets – S. Todd reported that the YMCA Camp replaces worn-out life jackets each year. The Board was unsure if they would be able to donate to the camp this year but would like to consider proposing it in their 2009 budget.

ATV/Snowmobile Use at Night – C. Fait stated that there currently is a noise ordinance that is in effect. S. Todd and S. Verduyn are checking into how a safety ordinance may help with the excessive speeds during the night time winter months.

New Business

Crooked Creek Dam Removal – Jim McNelly explained that the Nature Conservancy has done an environmental assessment on the removal of two earthen dams on Crooked Creek and how this would allow for a more natural set of springs and spring ponds. K. McNelly made a **Motion** to support the dam removal on Crooked Creek, second by G. Blohm, motion carried.

SB 385 – Slow-No-Wake – S. Todd stated SB 385 may have some impact on the lakes. The bill is currently dead for it did not make it through the Assembly before sessions ended.

At 8:20pm, D. Dubey moved to adjourn, second by K. McNelly, motion carried.

Next Meeting – The board will meet Thursday, April 24, 2008 at the Mukwonago Town Hall at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Krause
Treasurer/Secretary Assistant