

## **Spring Brook Watershed Lake Management District Draft Minutes**

**Monday 14 January, 2019, 7PM at Mukwonago Town Hall, W320 S8315 Beulah Road, Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149**

### **Order of Business:**

**Call to Order:** Commissioners in attendance include Dan Bell, Jim McNelly, and Susan Kincaid-Sims. Citizens in attendance included Glenn Sims. Guests in attendance include Bruce Connors. The meeting was called to order at 7PM

**Correspondence:** Commissioner McNelly reported that Citizens Bank sent out signature forms for the Secretary and Treasurer to sign. Those forms were completed and returned.

**Open Forum:** No comments were received.

### **Items for Discussion and Action by the SBWLMD Board:**

- Pay bills – liability insurance bill
- Review lake conditions
- Schedule future dam maintenance

### **Secretary's Report:**

The draft minutes from the 8 October, 2018 meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Chairman Kincaid Sims and seconded by Commissioner Bell. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's reports was tabled as the Commissioner Hansen was not in attendance.

- Review budget and tax levy receipts. Tabled
- Take action on bills. Tabled
- Review and decide on investment options for SBWLMD funds. Commissioner McNelly provided documents from the State of Wisconsin Investment Board showing their recent history and investment returns. Commissioners discussed rates for some of the banks providing certificates of deposit and savings interest rates. Chairman Kincaid Sims made a motion to table this discussion until the Treasurer is available. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Watershed and lake information, dam maintenance and future needs discussion:**

- Dam failure analysis and secondary spillway calculation (using FEMA data). Commissioner McNelly reported that he contacted the State Dam Safety Engineer Meg Galloway, who indicated that this study is underway and preliminary maps showing flood plain elevations in the lower Fox River including Willow Springs Lake will be completed in summer 2019 with finalization of the maps in winter 2019-20. County and local government officials will be notified and local citizens will be allowed to provide input prior to the finalization of the new maps.
- Dam maintenance activities. Commissioner McNelly reported that Brian Psichulis has agreed to continue to perform oversight on the dam and will report maintenance needs to the commissioners. Brian indicated no maintenance at this time. Commissioner Bell reported that the outlet structure rip rapping performed in 2017 continues for function well. Commissioner McNelly indicated that since the ice conditions have finally firmed up and allowed access to the lake shore that he has inspected most of the lake side of the dam that the only apparent needs are minor brush growth on the dike. This issue should be dealt with after May 2019. He also reported that several muskrat dens were present in the

dike as confirmed by bubble trails under the ice. He indicated that he set underwater traps to remove the rodents.

- Invasive species update for the Spring Brook watershed. No new observations.
- Water quality update and general lake conditions. Chairman Kincaid Sims reported that with the recent ice conditions the amount of lake use from the public access has increased substantially.
- Options for macrophyte management for Willow Springs Lake. No new issues to report.
- Nuisance animal update. See update in the dam maintenance discussion. No significant beaver activity noted around the lake.
- Future fish management plans. Commissioner Bell reported that ice fishing pressure has been recently increased. Some of the small northern have been caught and released. Commissioner McNelly reported that a sign was placed at the public access with information on the northern pike stocking and proper fish release techniques. Commissioner Bell also reported that the creel survey forms are available at the access. Bruce Conners was the author of the form and believes that the form will provide information on the catch of fish from the lake. Bruce has agreed to make changes on the form to provide more detail on the status of the northern pike stocking and indicated that these fish will not be legal sized for a year or more. Bruce will share the form changes with Commissioner Bell.

**Legislative Update – Town/County/State:** Nothing new to report.

**Discuss dates for future meetings:** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8 April at 7 PM at the Kincaid Sims residence. Commissioner Kincaid Sims made a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM. That motion was second by Commissioner Bell and the motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.