

Phantom Lakes Management District

September 28, 2022, 7:00PM

Annual Meeting Minutes

Mukwonago Town Hall (W320S8315 Beulah Rd Mukwonago WI)

**APPROVED**

**1. Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Joe Graczyk.

**2. Open Meeting Notice:**

The meeting was noticed and posted according to law.

**3. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2021 Annual Meeting:**

**Jack Fieni motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 9-22-2021, seconded by Anthony Templin. Motion carried (unanimous).**

**4. Fisheries Management/Stocking:**

Steve Verduyn provided an update. The permit was approved by the DNR. 900 Walleye, 1500 Black Crappie and 1200 Bass will be stocked in early October. PLMD thanks the private donors that contributed fund for fish stocking.

**5. Harvesting Report:**

Harvesting Manager, Dawn Couillard, provided an update. Manager and Crew are happy with the new 7ft harvester. Frustrated with the old harvester and repairs. Hard to find staff, Chad has been a large asset. Buoys will be coming out September 29<sup>th</sup> with the help of the village. Scheduling to remove harvesters for the season at the beginning of October.

Daniel Walsh commented on No Trespassing signs. Dawn Couillard noted occasions where people were fishing off the harvester. Signs posted to protect the harvesters and truck.

Bill Morris was out once this season, had to end early due to mechanical issues. Our 7ft harvester is now able to reach most of those areas.

**6. Lake Plant Survey (as required by Wi DNR):**

A point-intercept survey (P/I) was performed early September by Lake and Pond Solutions. It is required every five years for renewal of our harvesting permit. Jeff Seltzer with Lake and Pond Solutions stood up to give his report and answer questions from the citizens and board. Jeff has twenty plus years of experience; he conducted our P/I and will help with our Aquatic Plant Management (APM) application.

Concerns for our lake with the discovery of Stony Starwort and the increasingly invasive Southern Wild Rice. The survey from four years ago did not note any Stony Starwort or wild rice, we have an abundance of both. Lower Phantom being shallow puts us more at risk, we have one of the worst infestations in the state. The Stony Starwort can be treated chemically but there is no history of the DNR allowing it. The wild rice could be trimmed back if the DNR allows us.

Stony Starwort is an algae that creates thick mats that kill other species off weeds and chases the fish away. It is often found at the end of piers where motors rests. Going through the mats of algae is not recommended as agitation will lend to spreading.

Daniel Riley brought up Whispering Bay Condominiums not having their shoreline cut like other properties on Lower Phantom. Jeff Seltzer stated that area is a DNR designate sensitive area and would need to be requested when we apply for APM.

**Jake Jagmin makes a motion to approve Aquatic Plant Management Survey to be completed by Lake and Pond Solutions on both Upper and Lower Phantom not to exceed \$9,600. Joe Graczyk seconds. Motion carries (unanimous).**

#### **7. Equipment Condition Update and Replacement:**

Adam Miller reported. New 7ft harvester arrived in July, all is going well. Our 2006 dump truck will need a tune up over the winter. The 10ft 1994 harvester has an increasing amount of repairs yearly. The five year total for repairs is \$69,000.

Discussion of selling the old harvester, applying for the grant and purchasing a new 10 ft harvester were had. The process takes about 3 years and may require a loan.

**Kathy Verduyn made a motion to apply for a grant to purchase a replacement 10ft harvester. Deb Jaeck seconds. Motion carries (unanimous). The decision to acquire the replacement 10' harvester will be made during the 2023 PLMD Annual Meeting as the grand award amount will be known then.**

#### **8. Goose Round Up**

Board member Joanne Tlachac-Hehn quoted Brad Koele a wildlife damage specialist with the Wisconsin DNR. 'Overall, the state goose population has been increasing, the 2021 Waterfowl Breeding Survey indicated that there's a little over 181,000 geese in the state. That's 68 percent above the long-term average and that population seems to be steadily increasing. What typically happens is you conduct the roundup; you remove some of those geese and then that makes the nonlethal abatement methods more effective''

Cost of the USDA roundup is \$3,500. The permission slip will allow the coordinators onto your property should you grant access.

**Jack Fiene makes a motion to proceed with the 2023 Goose Roundup. Anthony Templin seconds. Motion passes (unanimous).**

#### **9. Items from the Floor**

Sergeant Eric Schmidt stood up and presented the board with the 2022 lake patrol recap and took questions from the residents. Overall, 161 hours of patrolling with 32 stops yielding 21 citations and 43 warnings. The Town Police Department is trying to secure a UTV to patrol the 22-23 ice season.

Steve Verduyn spoke on behalf of Steve Todd about Clean Boats Clean Waters Program. The program has changed in years since our involvement, budget is being altered to reflect our future involvement.

**10. Approval of 2021 Audit Report:**

Treasurer Adam Miller reads the report. No issues.

**Gary Graczyk makes a motion to approve the audit. Anthony Templin seconds. Motion carried (unanimous).**

**11. Adoption of 2023 Proposed Budget:**

Budget presented by Treasurer Adam Miller.

**Steve Verduyn motioned to accept the budget as presented with a change to the Clean Boats Clean Water Program. Anthony Templin seconds. Motion carried (unanimous)**

**12. Approval of Resolution 2022-23: Levy for 2023:**

Joe Graczyk read the resolution. **Steve Verduyn motioned to approve the levy at \$150,000 (line 15 of the budget) for calendar year 2023. Susan Graczyk seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).**

**13. Election of Commissioners for 2021-2024:**

One open seat. Jake Jagmin placed his name on the ballots.

37 ballots were cast with 33 votes for Jake Jagmin and zero write ins, 4 were not handed in. PLMD welcomes Jake Jagmin to serve on the PLMD board for the appointed 3-year terms.

**14. Set 2022 Annual Meeting Date:**

**Dawn Wilson motioned to have the PLMD annual meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:00PM. Seconded by Caroline Jagmin. Motion carried (unanimous).**

**15. Adjournment:**

**Jake Jagmin made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Joe Graczyk seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).**