

EAGLE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2016

Approved Minutes

Tom Day, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District (ESLMD) to order at 7:00p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Tom Casey, John Mann, Matthew Thew, Nick Wambach, Town of Eagle Representative Don Malek, and Waukesha County Representative Chuck Wood. Also present was Dam Operator/Resident Peter Jensen, and Lake Resident Greg Himebauch.

Approval of Minutes – D. Malek made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting as written; second by T. Casey, motion carried.

Weed Harvesting/Collection/Chemical Treatment – P. Galagan is continuing to harvest aquatic plants in Jack's Bay and T. Day takes care of the other areas of the lake. Tom has been attempting to pick up floating plants twice a week and hitting the areas of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) growth hard, hoping to further stress the EWM plants. The harvester is anticipated to be removed from the water during the 2nd week of October.

M. Thew has observed EWM right outside of Jack's Bay (Conner's area) and in the channel on the way up to Lulu Lake (on the Walworth County end of the channel). Walworth County has moved the reverse motor sign from the entrance to Lulu to the border between Waukesha and Walworth County. With evidence of EWM after the reverse motor sign, it will be brought up at the next committee meeting as to why no sign before entering Lulu Lake.

T. Day presented a Water Celery (Eel Grass) article in the summer/fall 2016 edition of Lake Tides which explains how the plants pollinate. Anyone interested in reading articles from the Lake Tides newsletters can go online and access them for free at <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/resources/newsletter/default.aspx>. T. Day plans to further investigate (with DNR personal) how much Eel Grass could be harvested for better control and not do damage to the Eel Grass. Findings/options will be given before next year's harvesting season.

Carp Initiative/Fishery Issues – There were no updates.

Weather Station and Website – P. Jensen presented two weather maps showing the anticipated rainfall expected the next 3-7 days (3 day Wisconsin and 7 day United States). On September 20, 2016, a notification was given that the National Weather Service, Wisconsin DNR, Wisconsin Emergency Management, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be holding an emergency conference call to discuss the upcoming rainfall/flooding. Areas in central and western Wisconsin are expecting up to 7 inches of rain in the next 32-36 hours. This forecast may mean a 500 year flood event for these areas. A 500 year flood event for us would mean at least 7-1/4 inches of rain in a 32 hour period. Our area may get 1 to 1-1/2 inches of rain.

Wambold Dam/Millrace Issues - The updated August 2016 Dam Inspection, Operation & Maintenance Manual has been sent to the DNR. An extension to the Emergency Action Plan update (recovery plan) has been requested.

On August 26, 2016, the annual emergency alerting test exercise was performed.

Lake Patrol - D. Malek presented the lake patrol report from August 15, 2016 through September 11, 2016. During this time, there were 32.5 hours on the water, with 19 boat stops resulting in 11 citations, 22 verbal warnings, and 5 written warnings given. Assistance was given to 4 vessels during patrol hours. Complaints included a boat pulling a tuber going in the wrong direction, and a boat violating slow-no-wake (after fast traffic hours).

The 2016 Season Recap report was also presented by D. Malek. During the 2016 season, there were a total of 149 hours on the water, with 74 boat stops resulting in 37 citations, 88 verbal

warnings, and 25 written warnings given. Assistance was given to a total of 11 vessels during patrol hours. A total of 18 complaints were received, with the majority of the complaints being for violating slow-no-wake and going the wrong direction on the lake.

The complete lake patrol reports can be viewed on the District's website.

The paddleboat found on the shore on the lake has not been claimed. Emails (to those we have an email address for) have been sent, and a notice posted at public boat launch. Once it is determined that the paddle boat has been abandoned it can be given to the law authorities and put up for auction.

In case of an unexpected emergency occurring on the islands, the patrol boat will be left in the water for another month.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CB/CW) - September 5th was the last day of staffing the public boat launch for the season. A final report will be presented at the next meeting.

Waukesha County put out a report that there was a close call on Silver Lake (Waukesha County), where Starry Stonewort (another very invasive aquatic plant) was observed on a boat trailer before launching. The Clean Boats/Clean Water Program may have saved them from a very costly invasion.

Discussion - Canoe/Kayak Launch (including car parking) at Public/Private Sites Around Lake and/or at Lulu – There was no update.

Annual Meeting Review - The Board has reviewed the Annual Meeting minutes and they will be reviewed once more before going in the July 2017 newsletter.

Discussion - Fireworks on July 2 - An itemized bill has been received from Bartolotta's. Due to increase in costs, the overall total of fireworks was less than several years back. The check for final payment was sent to Bartolotta's. Board will go out for bids for 2017 show.

New Business

Discussion, Possible Action to Authorize an Appraisal of Property the Board has an Interest in Acquiring - The Board reviewed and discussed an appraisal firm to perform an appraisal on the property the District is interested in acquiring. D. Malek made a **Motion** to retain the services of FA Forensic Appraisal Group, in the amount not to exceed \$8,500, on property tax key number 1870960001; second by M. Thew, motion carried.

U.W. Parkside Water Sampling Report - U.W. Parkside students (including exchange students from Germany) returned to our lake in August 2016 to perform water sampling, algae testing at no cost to the District. Preliminary findings did not find any toxic blue/green algae or E-Coli results that were above normal limits. A PH meter will be given to the District to use to perform water sampling during periods of heavy rainfall, which has an acid rain effect. Acid rain is beneficial to our lake. U.W. Parkside students are expected back again next year.

Financial Update and Payment of Bills – The Bartolotta bill was released for payment. **Motion** made by D. Malek to approve and pay the bills; second by C. Wood, motion carried.

At 8:44 pm, M. Thew moved to adjourn, second by D. Malek, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Krause

Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant