

EAGLE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2017

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, and Nick Wambach. Also present was Dam Operator/Resident Peter Jensen, Lake Resident Greg Himebauch. Town of Eagle Representative Don Malek, and Waukesha County Representative Chuck Wood were excused due to prior commitments.

Approval of Minutes – T. Casey made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting as written; second by J. Mann, motion carried, with N. Wambach abstaining due to excused absence at the March meeting.

Weed Harvesting/Collection/Chemical Treatment – T. Day announced that the harvester was put in the water April 18, 2017. We are awaiting our new 5 year harvesting permit. Our 4 day start of harvesting notice will be emailed to DNR's Heidi Bunk, in which we plan to take the harvester out and start looking for Eurasian Water Milfoil to harvest in 4 days (per our new harvesting permit requirements), or as soon as we receive our harvesting permit, whichever is the later.

Depending on water temperature/weather conditions, we anticipate performing a spring chemical treatment in Pickeral Bay, on the East Shore, and a patch between Jack's and Mary's Bay on the week of May 8th or 15th.

Carp Initiative/Fishery Issues – A conservative count of 41 carp have been captured this year. On April 13, 2017, a tagged carp was captured by Brandon Smith from Elkhorn. This was the 1st tagged carp captured in 2017, and therefore, a payout of \$1,000 was given. Each remaining tagged carp is worth \$500.

Weather Station and Website – P. Jensen reported that once he gets the boat in the water he will reset the dislocated buoys.

Wambold Dam/Millrace Issues

Review/Approval of Painting Bids - The District received 1 bid from Merit Painting. M. Thew made a Motion to reject the proposal based on the fact that only one bid was received; second by N. Wambach, motion carried.

Dam Inspection of the outlets was performed today. We are waiting for a draft report of their findings.

Septic Pumping Issues - There were no updates.

Lake Patrol - The patrol boat will be put in the water as soon as a few of finishing items are done (i.e. canopy, etc.). T. Casey expressed his opinion on the wording of the Walworth County reverse your motor sign (it puts more emphasis on milfoil control area than on reverse your motor). He felt that the phrase "local ordinance reverse your motor now for milfoil control" would have been more appropriate. He feels that some people may not get the message to reverse their motors until after passing the sign. The Board also expressed their concern that there is no reverse your motor sign at the entrance to Lulu Lake, especially since there is Eurasian Water Milfoil in the channel between the Walworth County Line (where current sign is located) and the entrance to Lulu. T. Day will mention the signage concerns at the next Lulu Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Emergency Management Exercise - June - P. Jensen reported that all preparation tasks are on course for the June Management Exercise in Emmitsburg, MD. Dam exercises will take place on all 4 days. The Supervisory staff from Washington, D.C. is expected to be in attendance to supervise and participate.

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

Other - The fireworks contract is signed with Spielbauer Fireworks, and 2 barges will be rented for the fireworks display that will take place on July 1st, with an inclement weather date of July 2nd.

New Business

Other - T. Casey attended the Lake Country Community Board meeting on April 12, 2017, held by the Clean Water Association. There were approximately 25 entities (Lake Districts/Governmental Entities) in attendance. T. Casey stated that most of the concerns raised at the meeting were from an agricultural aspect. He did raise our current concerns/impacts we have with non-compliance septic pumping. T. Casey will keep us advised on any further meetings/discussions from this group.

J. Mann expressed the concerns of residents about the lights shining up on shore (into homes) at night during carp fishing season. He was wondering if hiring a company to perform electro-shocking would be more beneficial/cheaper than our current tagged carp reward program. After we had a contractor perform an electro-shocking removal of the carp (2009), the DNR no longer allowed contractors to perform electro-shocking for removal of carp. If the ban on electro-shocking was ever lifted by the DNR was unknown. The amount of fish removed by electro-shocking was approximately 269 at a cost of \$1,100.

Financial Update and Payment of Bills/1st Quarter Financial Report – Motion made by J. Mann to approve and pay the bills; second by T. Casey, motion carried. The 1st Quarter report showed us on track as budgeted.

There was no closed session and therefore at 8:09 pm, M. Thew moved to adjourn; second by N. Wambach, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Krause
Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant