



**Lakes Commission Meeting  
September 16, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**



<b>Ken Funk</b>	Lake Waterford	Tony Skwerski	Village at Large
<b>Tom Heinrich</b>	Lake Springledge	<b>Joe Warren</b>	Village at Large
<b>Dan Patch</b>	Lake Potomac	Sean Stokes	Village at Large
<b>Chris Eppel</b>	Lake Linden	Matt Formica	Village Administrator
<b>Sandy Leibolt</b>	Village at Large	Bill Anderson	Village Trustee
Patrick Hilbert	Village at Large	<b>Jim Stout</b>	Park District Liaison

**bold = present**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

Members of the Lakes Commission were present as indicated in **bold** above.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Chris and seconded by Joe. The minutes were approved.

**IV. Communications and Correspondence**

- Two Lake Potomac residents, Terry Patch and Mary Stow, sent notes to the Village Board expressing their satisfaction with the lake's condition this season. Ken added that the other Village lakes enjoyed a good season as well.
- Ken Funk and Tom Heinrich attended the Lake County Health Department's Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop (Part II) on Saturday, August 2. During that session, members of the Lakes Commission learned that Kelly Deem has resigned from her position with the Lakes Management Division of the Lake County Health Department. Even though her position will be staffed in the future, Ken said that her resignation will be a loss as she worked well with the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission (LLC) on goals and various other projects.
- Ken Funk represented the LLC at the initial meeting of a group wishing to establish a lake committee, similar to our LLC, for Diamond Lake. Mike Adam of the Lake County Health Department ES attended as well.
- Sandy Leibolt gave a presentation titled Lindenhurst's Beautiful Lakes at the Lake Villa Library on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Sandy reported that there were approximately 30 people in attendance, and she spoke about buffer strips and other ways to keep our lakes in good condition.

**V. Old Business**

**1. Watershed Improvement**

Water level gauges – Tom reported that the water level gauges have yet to be installed, but recognized the need to follow through.

Fishing line receptacles – Ken reported that the fishing line receptacles have been installed.

High Point demonstration project – Ken reported that the vegetation was mowed to the ground. Jim reported that a contractor will take care of this area in the future.

**2. Lake Linden.**

Fish reports – A Lake Linden resident sent a photo to Ken of a 7.5" dead tiger muskie floating near his beach.

Electrofishing survey – Ken reported that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) completed an electrofishing survey of Lake Linden on July 22, but the written report will not be available until November. The verbal report of the IDNR representative indicated that the fish population in Lake Linden is healthy, with smaller fish, largemouth bass and bluegill. Seining of the three beaches showed many "young of the year" largemouth bass. The IDNR fisheries biologist expressed an opinion that the 60 largemouth bass introduced into the lake shortly after the spring fish kill had obviously spawned. The IDNR biologist added that it will take some time for the small bass to grow, but given the number of bass evident, it is not necessary to restock them. Efforts to locate and capture a white carp in Lake Linden were unsuccessful.

Hatchery information – Tony's hatchery report was unavailable.

Restocking – After some discussion, it was agreed that restocking need not take place this fall.

**VI. New Business**

**1. Shoreline erosion goals –**

Resident notification of shoreline erosion - Ken said that Sean Stokes prepared a list of resident addresses with shoreline erosion issues based on the Lake County Health Department maps. Ken said that there were no addresses on the list for Springledge because an erosion map had not been prepared for it. Tom said that he thought Kelly Deem had prepared one and sent it on to him. Tom said he would check for the Springledge map, and forward it to Sean if it indeed existed.

Shoreline stabilization program – Joe Warren drafted a letter to residents with shoreline erosion alerting them to the erosion problem. The goal is to have the letter ready to be sent to residents at the beginning of the spring season. Some discussion ensued about whether all of the addresses provided by Sean actually had erosion problems. After the discussion, it was decided that the addresses should be checked for accuracy.

**2. EPA Grants –** There was no report on efforts to procure EPA grants.

**3. Lake Waterford water level and drain collar.** Ken commented that the water level on Waterford is ideal at this point. He questioned whether efforts should be discussed to install a drain collar to prevent too much water from draining out of Waterford. Jim commented that this may constitute a liability problem and should be researched carefully.

**VII. Commissioner Reports**

1. Waterford – Ken reported limited fishing activity. The water level has been very high for some time with no resident comments. It has been a good year with little surface algae. The amount of narrow leaf pondweed seems to be increasing and the channel became a bit choked with weeds in August. Phytoplankton blooms came and went affecting water clarity for short periods.

2. Linden – Chris reported lots of small bass and bluegill. He also expressed concern about non-resident fisherman bragging about taking too many bluegills on Waterford.

3. Potomac – Dan reported that things have been going well for Lake Potomac this season. Residents seem to be happy with the condition of the lake and the way it is being monitored and treated. Dan distributed pictures showing the favorable conditions of Lake Potomac. Dan stated, however, that water clarity has not been very good lately.

4. Springledge – Tom reported that it has been a very good season for Springledge as well. Surface algae has really not been a significant problem for most of the season. Tom stated that the Lake did not require a treatment by McCloud Services the last time they monitored the Lake because of the favorable conditions. Tom added that, as usual, water clarity went from very good to poor, and back to good as the summer progressed. Overall, however, the Secchi readings for 2013 were slightly better than the Secchi readings for water clarity in 2014.

**VIII. Public Participation:**  
None

**IX. Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom and seconded by Sandy. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich  
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Theresa Patch	747 Federal Parkway

**Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

