



**Lakes Commission Meeting  
March 17, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**



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

**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 February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Dan Patch and seconded by Joe Warren. The minutes were approved.

**IV. Communications and Correspondence**

Ken attended ILMA's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Feb 19-21, 2015, at NIU in DeKalb, IL. A written report of the conference was made available and shared with commissioners. In addition to the written report, Ken made an oral about some of the more relevant presentations.

- Ken summarized the inspirational presentation of Chad Pregracke who single handedly began cleaning parts of the upper Mississippi River because he was disgusted by the amount of trash and debris he saw in the River. Over time, he incorporated a massive volunteer organization advancing the cause in the Mississippi and other rivers as well.
- In addition, Ken summarized a presentation about how Wonder Lake was able to obtain grants and utilize an SSA to fund dredging of the lake.
- Ken relayed information about a session pertaining to the challenges of harmful algal blooms. It was explained that some blue green algae releases toxins and some do not. There is no clear answer to the question of whether the harmful blooms should be treated with copper.
- Finally, Ken described a panel discussion he attended on the progress of an invasive exotic species known as hydrilla. Hydrilla proliferates very rapidly, and will take over a lake. Hydrilla has been found in all states surrounding Illinois and it is likely just a matter of time before we begin to see it on Illinois' lakes.
- Ken distributed a brochure to members of the LLC that will assist in the identification of certain invasive species.

## V. Old Business

### 1. Shoreline erosion

- a. Tom spoke about the letter that he drafted for Springledge Lake shoreline residents alerting them to the shoreline erosion problem . He explained that the letter to Springledge shoreline residents needed to be worded slightly differently because the Lake County Health Department had not completed an erosion analysis for Springledge (as it had been done for all of the other lakes). In addition, Tom submitted the addresses of Springledge shoreline residents. An address list for shoreline property owners was already submitted for Lakes Linden, Potomac and Waterford.
  - b. Joe amended his letter (for shoreline residents of all other Village lakes) by adding a statement suggesting that recipients should contact the Village or the Lakes Commission if they had received the letter in error. Matt said that he would include a 1 page description of the shoreline stabilization incentive program with the letter.
  - c. Ken reminded Matt that some of the shoreline property identified as having erosion problems belonged to the Village (rather than to private property owners). Matt acknowledged Ken's reminder, and asked if the LLC could offer help insofar as providing guidance as to how to mitigate the erosion problems identified for those portions of the shoreline belonging to the Village. Jim suggested that ILMA might be able to provide a plan for these areas (which are on Potomac's shores).
  - d. After some discussion, it was agreed that the names and email addresses of lake commissioners would be included on the letters sent out to shoreline residents announcing the shoreline stabilization incentive program. The target date for the Village to send the letter would be somewhere around the first week in April.
2. Fish Stocking 2015 - Sandy informed the group that Chris ordered the catfish from Keystone Hatcheries. The stocking order was for 417 channel catfish, between 6 and 8 inches long, to be distributed throughout the four Village Lakes based on the acreage of the lake. Therefore, Waterford would receive approximately 237 channel catfish; Linden would receive about 106; Potomac would receive approximately 49; and Springledge would receive about 25. Ken added that it would be preferable for some of the lake commissioners to be present when the catfish are released into our lakes.
  3. SpringFest – Ken reminded commissioners that SpringFest will be held on March 28 and March 29 this year. Previously, commissioners decided to set up and staff a booth once again. Ken made an appeal for additional support from commissioners this year and passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet to ensure adequate coverage for Saturday and Sunday. Matt agreed to have Village staff make the literature and related materials available for us to pick up before the event.
  4. Earth Day – Earth Day booth coverage and activities were discussed for the event to be held on April 25. Ken suggested that since the Earth Day audience will largely comprised of Lindenhurst residents, it would be beneficial to print and display the Lakes Commission's goals on a poster for all to see.

Tom reported that he had ordered the prizes for the fishing pond, and will acquire a new or different pool for this year. Jim suggested that we consider putting a quiz together that would help educate residents about the types of practices that are healthy and/or unhealthy for our lakes. Tom volunteered to put together such a quiz.

Sandy prepared a letter requesting the donation of a rain barrel from Lowe's.

Sean will work on preparing a rain barrel kit display for Earth Day.

5. Web Page/Internet Status – During a discussion of the Lakes Commission new website, Sean said that he will work with Emily Palm on the next steps for integration. Sean reported that he is unsure whether the LLC will be able to continue to use its current web address name. In addition, he reported that the LLC will continue to have access to our section of the web page as we do now, and we will only be able to edit our sections of it. Ken expressed his desire that we not lose any of the functionality that we currently have.
6. Status of Lakes Management Contracts – Ken reminded commissioners that at our last meeting, we decided upon our recommendations to the Village Board regarding next year's contracts for lakes management and water treatment. Matt informed the Commission that our recommendations would be presented to the Village Board at its next meeting. In addition, Matt reported that the Village was able to negotiate an additional \$6,000 price reduction from McCloud Aquatics. Therefore, the total cost for lakes management contracts for next year is below this year's cost.
7. Budget Status for FY2015/2015 – Matt informed the LLC that our budget proposal will be considered at a March 30 budget meeting. Ken asked if it would be possible to add funds to the budget proposal for shoreline stabilization/aquatic plants. Although it was initially thought that these funds may not be needed, it now appears that, given the shoreline stabilization initiatives discussed, such funds be reconsidered and added to the budget proposal. Matt said that he would amend our budget proposal to add in the amount that was originally deleted (\$1,000).

**VI. New Business** – After some discussion, it was agreed that there would be no need for a meeting in April because all the necessary plans for coordinating Earth Day had already been made.

**VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report**

1. Waterford – Ken reported lots of ice fishing on Lake Waterford. He commented on particular success with blue gills.
2. Linden – In Chris' absence, it was discussed that Sean would become the reporting commissioner for Lake Linden. Sean reported that there was still some ice cover on Linden although the shores were thawing. Little or no ice fishing activity was reported.
3. Potomac – Dan reported slush all along the shoreline edges of Potomac.

- 4. Springledge – Tom reported the same thawing conditions on Springledge along with occasional ice fishing activity.

**VIII.** Public Participation:

- IX.** Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandy Leibolt and seconded by Ralph Kosteva. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich  
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

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

**Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

