



**Lakes Commission Meeting
July 21, 2015
7:00 p.m.**



Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Joe Warren	Village at Large
Tom Heinrich	Lake Springledge	Ralph Kostreva	Village at Large
Dan Patch	Lake Potomac	Open	Village at Large
Sean Stokes	Lake Linden	Matt Formica	Village Administrator
Sandy Leibolt	Village at Large	Jim Stout	Park District Liaison
Patrick Hilbert	Village at Large	Kevin Klahs	Director of Operations

bold = present

- I. Call to Order - The 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 meeting of March 17, 2015 and May 19, 2015 – A motion was made by Sandy Leibolt and was seconded by Ralph Kostreva to approve the March 17th minutes. The motion carried. The May19th document was a record of discussion, but since there was no quorum they are not considered official minutes.
- IV. Communications and Correspondence
 - Northern Pike in Lake Linden - Doug Lila and Julian Rumowski have reported catching several NP illegally introduced into the lake.
- V. Old Business
 1. Shoreline stabilization program - no one was present who could give us the status or success of the program.
 2. Fall Muskie stocking – Sandy Leibolt shared the purchase order from Keystone Hatcheries. We agreed to place the order for 150 Tiger Muskies per the purchase order at the good price of \$16 for 9-12" fish
 3. Internet Update – no report
 4. LLC Vice Chairman – Tom Heinrich has agreed to serve as Vice Chairman based on conversations with Ken. Ralph made a motion to approve Tom as Vice Chairman and Sandy seconded it. The motion carried.
- VI. New Business
 1. Lake Potomac village owned shoreline erosion stabilization - Melissa Forsberg and Dawn Czavny from the Environmental Commission joined us for discussion of this erosion project. Ken shared a report from Tom H. of the discussion at a earlier meeting of the Environmental Commission that he was invited to attend.

It was a good but limited discussion since no one was aware of the expected ILM recommendations. We also had no indication of the level of village resource or manpower participation or whether the project would be contracted out. It seemed clear that our two commissions would be advisory and could maybe help with shoreline recommendations and plantings. Melissa Forsberg with the Environmental Commission suggested that they would like to provide some assistance. It was agreed that the Environmental Commission and the Lakes Commission would work together on pushing this forward. It was also agreed that Jim Stout would be a good resource as he has a working relationship with ILM.

Shoreline stabilization committee - It was agreed to form a separate committee to meet independently of the EC and LLC to move the project forward and to report back to the respective commissions. Joe Warren volunteered and it was agreed that Tom would also be a good fit as he has already worked with the Environmental Commission to work with Melissa and Dawn.

Ken shared an email concerning the status of our High Point Demonstration Project buffer strip. The LLC has not been able to maintain proper care of the area. The parks district has indicated they would take care of it, but fishermen are complaining and request it be mowed. Ken raised objection to just mowing since we planted 1000 native plants in that area and it would be a shame to just destroy it. There was discussion about the Environmental Commission putting together some people to do some weeding at the High Point buffer strip via youth and scout projects. Ken shared that the original design request was to have a path along the shoreline to fishermen to access the lake without walking all over the plantings. That never was created, but it could be now. A path and volunteer weeding would solve the problem and avoid mowing.

2. Village reward for Bait-Bucket-Biologist information - Ken shared the information residents about several young northern pike being caught in Lake Linden. It appears someone has illegally transferred Northern Pike into the lake. Since several have been reported either several have been introduced or in a worse case they may have reproduced. The IDNR does not recommend their introduction into our lakes. There was discussion about asking the Village if there could be a reward available for information leading to the arrest of the person who placed Northern Pike in Lake Linden.
3. Emerging macrophyte diversification - There is \$1,000 set aside in our budget for aquatic plants to meet our native plant diversification goal in our lakes with few species per LCHD reports. It was suggested some of this money could possibly be used for the High Point buffer strip or for the shoreline stabilization on Lake Potomac.
4. Emerging macrophyte management - herbicide application modification and planning Lyle Erickson is now the CEO of McCloud Aquatic Services. Ken talked to Lyle in June about the explosion of narrow leaf pondweed in Thunder Bay and Sago pondweed in the main lake. Lyle indicated that there was an explosion of native plants this spring in most of the lakes he manages. He also indicated that it was likely because we are only using 6 ppb of Sonar to promote more macrophyte diversity. Lyle treated the plants with Aquathol and the plants browned in about a week and dropped short of two weeks. Ken invited him to attend tonight's meeting. At first he was coming, but had to reschedule to the next meeting. We need to review with him how best to manage the

issue of narrow leaf, sago pondweed and water star grass and the level of Sonar we are using versus other herbicides to continue the wonderful water clarity we are experiencing so far this season. As a result of the reported plant explosion there as been incredible water clarity. Some narrow leaf and clumps of Sago persist and the water remains clear. Water star grass is now beginning to get close to the surface in many area and will require extra treatment.

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – Ken reported resident boaters have expressed approval of the lakes condition. With the clarity many large spawning beds presumed to be LBM can be seen in deeper water along with numerous bluegill beds along shorelines. Large numbers of two to four year old LMB are being caught and most have very fat bellies and look very healthy. On school of 10-12" bass was observed. Big Tiger Muskie are being sighted following lures. Smaller Muskie in the 18-24" and 30 inch class are being caught.
2. Linden – none
3. Potomac – none
4. Springledge – none

VIII. Public Participation: One new resident to Lindenhurst and a Lake Linden shoreline owner attended and asked questions of the commission about Lake Linden.

IX. Adjournment –There was a motion made by Sandy Leibolt to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ralph Kostreva. The meeting ended at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Warren for Tom Heinrich
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

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Melissa Forsberg	2317 E. Beck Road
Dawn Czavny	208 Thrush

Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

