



Lakes Commission Meeting  
January 19, 2016  
7:00 p.m.



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

**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 November 17, 2015 – A motion was made by Sandy and was seconded by Julian to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

- IV. Communications and Correspondence
- Ken welcomed new commissioner, Julian Rumowski, and asked that he say a few words about himself. Julian shared that he and his family have lived in Lindenhurst since 2009. He mentioned that he is an avid fisherman and lives on Lake Linden.
  - Ken informed members of the LLC that Lyle Erickson, the long-time herbicide applicator for the Lindenhurst Village Lakes, no longer works for McCloud Aquatics. It appears that Mr. Erickson now has a job with Aquatic Services.
  - Ken shared that a future resident of Lindenhurst contacted him about the possible removal of a tree on a property he intends to acquire. Ken informed the resident that he should contact the Village about this issue. Matt said that he spoke to the future resident subsequent to Ken’s conversation with the future resident.
  - Tom said that he was unable to attend the VLMP (Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program) year-end event last month. Nevertheless, he informed members of the LLC that Alana Bartolai of the VLMP has expressed a willingness to attend a future meeting of the LLC.

- V. Old Business
1. Internet update – Sean was not in attendance. Consequently, there was no discussion or written report regarding progress on the LLC/Village website project.
  2. Lake Potomac shoreline stabilization proposals – Ken reminded members of the LLC that the Village received proposals from three vendors who expressed interest in completing the shoreline stabilization project along a section of Lake Potomac shoreline adjacent to Grass Lake Road (and belonging to the Village) that had been identified as showing evidence of significant erosion. The vendors were Integrated Lakes Management (ILM); Pizzo and Associates; and Biotechnical Erosion Control, LTD (BECL). Matt informed Ken that the Village was interested in any direction or feedback that the LLC wished to provide regarding the project or the vendor proposals. Matt went on to say that there was no real urgency about making the selection of a vendor because

work on the project would not likely begin until April. Matt said that the Village would handle the selection if the LLC did not want to make a recommendation. After some discussion by members of the LLC, it was decided that, based on prior experience, the LLC would be comfortable with ILM handling the project. Matt said that no formal vote was necessary and that he would enter into negotiations with ILM regarding this project. Ken remarked that the LLC recommended that plugs be used for new plantings along the shoreline, and Jim recommended that follow-up maintenance of the area be assured by the vendor.

## VI. New Business

1. Emerging macrophyte management - herbicide application modification and planning. Matt informed the LLC that the Village received three proposals for herbicide application services. The proposals were from Aquatic Services, ILM and McCloud. Ken said that he and Matt had hoped to meet with Lyle Erickson to discuss herbicide application strategies but had not yet been able to do so. The matter of selecting a contractor for herbicide application services needs to be deferred until early in Spring.

2. Spring events:

Ken informed the LLC that ILMA is partnering with the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) to host the 2016 Conference. The 2016 Conference is scheduled for Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wyndham Springfield City Center Hotel & Conference Center in Springfield, IL. Registrations must be received before Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.

SpringFest - March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – After some discussion, it was decided that the LLC will not participate in SpringFest this year. It was suggested that attendance at this event was declining, and many of the event's attendees were not residents of Lindenhurst. In addition, the effort involved in setting up and staffing the booth seemed onerous given the diminishing interest.

Earth Day – April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Members of the LLC agreed to participate in Earth Day in April 2016. Tom agreed to assume responsibility for the children's "fishing pond." Additional details will be worked out later.

3. April meeting - 19<sup>th</sup>. Members of the LLC agreed to hold a meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> to address issues that normally present themselves in Spring.
4. Budget – Members of the LLC discussed a proposed 2016/2017 budget. Based on discussions, it was recommended that the ILMA membership item remain at \$75; the fish stocking line item remain at \$2,500; the literature line item remain at \$100; and the shoreline stabilization/aquatic plants line item remain at \$1,000.

## VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – Ken reported that the lake iced over very late in December this year. This may have an interesting impact on emerging macrophytes in spring due to increased light penetration. In addition, Ken reported that the ice was 6 inches thick last week and 12 inches thick today.
2. Linden – In Sean's absence, Julian reported that the lake was fully frozen but there was not much fishing activity. Chris, in the audience, expressed his opinion that the lack of

ice fishing activity was due to last year's fish kill and the fact that two people had fallen through the ice last year.

3. Potomac – No report

4. Springledge – Tom reported that there were hockey players and ice skaters present. He said that he observed only one ice fisherman this season.

VIII. Public Participation: Chris Eppel made several comments and recommendations. In response to a question, Jim informed Chris that there are no current plans to clear the south end of Springledge of trees and brush. Chris expressed an opinion that the dead (or dying) tree on park district property near High Point and Beck be removed.

In addition, Chris asked that the bulrushes around Teal Landing be cleared to allow easier access for fishing. Also, he asked about the possibility of prohibiting parking on one side of the street near Teal Landing for the sake of traffic safety. He said that he was almost involved in a car accident there because of parking congestion on the street. Matt said that allowing parking on only one side of the street in this immediate area might be possible.

Finally, Chris suggested that "guiding" on the lake should be prohibited. He said that he knew of a case where a professional fishing guide was making a profit by taking clients fishing on Lake Waterford. After some discussion on the part of the LLC, Matt said that he look into preparing a draft of an ordinance prohibiting such activity.

IX. Adjournment –There was a motion made by Sandy to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ralph. The meeting ended at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP  
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Chris Eppel	618 Greenbriar Lane

**Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

