



**Lakes Commission Meeting
May 17, 2016
7:00 p.m.**



Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Ralph Kostreva	Village at Large
Tom Heinrich	Lake Springledge	Julian Rumowski	Village at Large
Dan Patch	Lake Potomac	Kevin Lowry	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 April 19, 2016 – A motion was made by Sandy and was seconded by Ralph to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

- Welcome to new commissioner Kevin Lowry – Ken officially welcomed Kevin Lowry as a new member of the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission. Kevin provided information about his background including his professional experience at the College of Lake County and the Lake County Forest Preserve. In addition, Kevin shared details about his educational degrees as well as personal and family information. Ken asked that Kevin send a picture and a brief biographical statement so that it may be included on the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission’s website.
- Earth Day – Ken thanked all those who volunteered for the Lakes Commission booth on Earth Day. Ken especially thanked Judy and Mike Heinrich, who helped with the “fishing pond” activities for the children.
- Communication from former LLC commissioner – Ken noted that he had received a communication from former commissioner, James Cousineau, that will be discussed under item VI, new business.

V. Old Business

1. Lake Potomac shoreline stabilization – Ken reminded members of the LLC that the Village agreed to undertake a shoreline stabilization project along a portion of Lake Potomac visible from Grass Lake Road. Ken said that he was unsure about whether there had been any progress on this project to date. Since no Village official was present at the meeting, there was no update available. Dan, who lives on Lake Potomac, said that he was unaware of any action on the project.
2. Internet update – Sean reported that there were no new updates on the transitioning of the LLC internet web page. Sean reminded the LLC that he has the “welcome page” and the “commissioner’s page” ready. He said that he would likely have more time to devote to the project once he completes his thesis this summer.

3. Ordinance on guiding – Ken reported that he received a communication from Kevin Klahs earlier today regarding a conversation Kevin had with an individual who is suspected of perhaps acting as a paid fishing guide on our Village lakes. Kevin reported that the individual who has been suspected of this activity has denied that he has ever guided on Village lakes. Kevin’s communication included an observation that the individual seemed to be supportive of conservation. A brief discussion among members of the LLC ensued about possible next steps with regard to this matter.
4. Earth Day review – Once again, Ken thanked all those who volunteered to staff the Lakes Commission booth on Earth Day. Sandy and Sean commented that the event was a positive experience and worthwhile. Sean expressed his opinion that the questions posed to the commissioners from attendees were better than in previous years.

VI. New Business

1. Illinois Lakes Management (ILM)
 - a. Data / VLMP – Ken reiterated his opinion that it would be beneficial to get better information/data about the water quality of our lakes. April of ILM sent a message to Ken confirming that ILM will be working in conjunction with Alana Bartolai of the Lake County Health Department. Basically, April’s message stated that ILM will be collecting the water quality data and recording it on the Lake County Health Department recording forms. In turn, the Lake County Health Department will compile the standard data on its web based system. A brief discussion of the LLC members ensued about whether the water quality data could be presented in a more meaningful and detailed format that could be tracked during the spring and summer seasons rather than waiting until after the peak lake usage seasons have ended.
2. Spring algae – A discussion about algae on our lakes began with Ken noting that there are more than 400 different species of spirogyra. The discussion about algae on the Village lakes centered on the proliferation of algae that was visible on our lakes in recent days. Ken said that the algal blooms on Lake Waterford were visible underwater. Sean and Julian agreed that the algae problem had improved recently on Lake Linden even though the blooms were still noticeable beneath the water line. Tom mentioned that there was more algae visible on Springledge this May than he remembers in the past few Mays. It was noted that ILM started their applications a bit late this year because the new contract with ILM needed to be finalized before the applications began.
3. Bait-bucket Biologists – Ken shared a communication from Jim Cousineau, a former member of the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission, that someone has evidently introduced Northern Pike Linden into Lake Linden. Ken added that there are quite a few Black Crappie in Lake Waterford as well. Ken noted that, in the past, representatives of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) had advised against adding Northern Pike and Black Crappie to our lakes because it would upset the predacious balance of our lakes. Ken noted that it was likely that “bait bucket biologists” added these species to our lakes. These “bait bucket biologists” were likely private individuals who took it upon themselves to add the fish to our lakes without any consultation or approval. Julian noted that Lake Linden has quite a few Black Crappie as well. After some discussion about how to discourage future “bait bucket biologists,” it was agreed that the LLC will request that Village send a Village-wide email discouraging the introduction of different species of fish. In addition, the LLC will recommend that such a communication be added to the “Village Voice.”

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – Ken reported that the lake looked fine from shore, but there were massive algae blooms underwater this year. Some of the blooms have surfaced and accumulated on the western shores. A lot of beards of spirogyra attached to the bottom have filled in much of his shoreline where spawning beds usually are visible. None are seen yet. Finally, there has been little spring fishing pressure and larger bass continue to be scarce.
2. Linden - It has been reported that more Northern Pike are begin caught in Lake Linden than bass. Sean and Julian indicated that algae is evident beneath the waterline on Lake Linden as well.
3. Springledge – Tom reported that the algal blooms were numerous of Springledge. Nevertheless, waterfowl was abundant this season and people have been fishing nightly.
4. Potomac – Dan reported lots of fishing action. In addition, he reported that most of the algae was now down. Sandy commented that grass clippings were being blown into the lake by contracted landscapers. It was suggested that Sandy send a note to Jim S. so that the practice may be stopped.

Public Participation:

VIII. Adjournment –There was a motion made by Sean to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Julian. The meeting ended at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>

Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

