



**Lakes Commission Meeting
July 19, 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 May 17, 2016 – A motion was made by Dan and was seconded by Ralph to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

- IV. Communications and Correspondence
- Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop – Tom informed the members of the LLC that he received an email reminder of the Lake County Health Department’s upcoming free aquatic plant identification workshop to be held July 23 in Libertyville. He informed members of the LLC that several commissioners have attended this workshop in the past and it proved to be very informative. Tom said that those commissioners interested in attending needed to RSVP by July 20.
 - Anchored Rafts – Tom informed members of the LLC that he received an email from Ken before he left on a trip regarding a resident’s question about the need for lighting on anchored swimming rafts in the Village’s lakes. Tom said that this issue would be discussed in greater detail under “new business” and called everyone’s attention to the ordinances that were included in this meeting’s packets.

- V. Old Business
1. Lake Potomac shoreline stabilization – Tom 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. As an update, Tom summarized a note that he received from Matt indicating that the Village is in the process of developing the contract with ILM to perform the work which would likely take place sometime late this summer or in early fall.
 2. Internet update – Sean was not in attendance. Therefore, no updated internet report was available. After some very brief discussion, it was suggested that perhaps more than one person should be responsible or trained for keeping up the internet page.
 3. Ordinance on guiding – Tom reminded members of the LLC that Kevin Klahs spoke to the individual suspected of perhaps acting as a paid fishing guide on our Village lakes. At our last meeting, we were informed that the suspected individual denied to Kevin that he ever acted as a paid guide on Lindenhurst’s lakes. Kevin was not present at the

meeting, so no new information was available. After some discussion of the matter, it was suggested that we request an update from Kevin as to what he believes reasonable next steps should be related to a possible ordinance. Julian requested an update on guiding ordinances approved by other surrounding municipalities.

4. Illinois Lakes Management (ILM) – Tom reported that he received a copy of an email sent by Ken Funk to April Nielsen of ILM. In the email, Ken said that he had not yet seen any electronic version of the data that ILM was supposed to be collecting for the 4 Lindenhurst lakes. In addition, Ken’s email expressed concern that he had not yet seen the requested FasTest results for the Sonar bump in Lake Waterford. April responded to Ken’s email by forwarding an Excel spreadsheet showing some of the requested data for April 18, May 5, May 19, and May 25. There was no data for the month of June or the partial month of July. Members of the LLC expressed a concern that we expected a better and more timely water quality data reporting system. One member of the LLC reminded the LLC that ILM was on a one year contract. Other individuals added that they were very pleased with ILM’s “on the water” service, and they believed the data reporting was secondary in terms of importance.

VI. New Business

1. Anchored rafts – Tom informed the members of the LLC that he received an email from Ken Funk providing the background for a discussion on rules pertaining to anchored rafts. It was explained that a resident boater expressed a concern that the anchored raft in Thunder Bay might pose a safety risk as it was difficult for boaters to see at night. Tom referred members of the LLC to Village ordinance 95.53 “Fixed Rafts.” Although the ordinance clearly does not require lighting on fixed rafts, a discussion ensued about whether such an ordinance was needed for our lakes. After significant discussion, the general consensus was that an ordinance requiring lighting on anchored rafts need not be a priority for the Village. Boaters using the lakes at night should have adequate lighting on their boats and should be using due caution by cruising at slow speeds and maintaining vigilance. It was reiterated that our lakes are limited to electric motors that should permit travel at slow speeds only.

As the discussion continued, a concern was expressed that perhaps the anchored raft in Thunder Bay violated ordinance 95.53 in that it may be located more than 30 feet from the water’s edge. It was suggested that this information be shared with the Village administration for whatever action it deems appropriate.

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – In Ken’s absence, Ralph reported that the water had a foul smell lately. In addition, he said that there was evidence of blue green algae. Ralph reported that fishing was generally slow but some fishermen were catching big bass.
2. Linden – Julian reported that there was little algae on Linden, and the water appeared fairly clear. In addition, Julian reported that there appeared to be very few bass, but fishermen have been catching quite a few northern. In general, fishing has been light and there have been few boats on the water lately.
3. Springledge – Tom reported that although Springledge was beset by a significant algae problem in early June, it was much better lately. He went on to report that despite the

algae problems in June, the water clarity was excellent last month. Unfortunately, based on July Secchi readings, the water clarity in July was poor.

3. Potomac– Dan reported people living on Potomac are generally happy with the condition of the lake. He went on to report that the water was clear; fishing was good; and there appear to be more people fishing in Linden than ever before. Dan attributed the increase in fishing activity to the general improvement in the condition of the lake this year. Also, Dan reported that the park along Federal Parkway seems to be used frequently this year as well.

VIII. Public Participation: Theresa Patch said that fishermen have been complaining about a paddle boat and an inflatable paddle board that are being illegally docked along the shoreline park along Federal Parkway. Fishermen claim that the boats block their access. Ms. Patch said that a representative of the park district has been informed of the problem, but the boats continue to be docked there. It was suggested that Jim S. be contacted about this problem. Ralph said that he would make contact with Jim about the issue.

In addition, Ms. Patch expressed a desire for the Village and the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission to be proactive and prepare for the future needs of our lakes. She suggested that the Village and the Lakes Commission consider pursuing available grants with the assistance of ILM. She suggested that an SSA be considered for all of Lindenhurst to improve our lakes as our lakes will continue to fill in over time.

IX. Adjournment –There was a motion made by Sandy to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Julian. The meeting ended at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

Name	Address
Theresa Patch	747 Federal Parkway

Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

