



**Lakes Commission Meeting
September 20, 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 – The minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting were amended in Section VIII (Public Participation) to show that Ms. Patch suggested that the Lakes Commission consider pursuing available grants with the assistance of ILM after the Village’s consideration of an SSA. In this way, ILM would not be compelled to engage in grant work preparation that had no chance of being matched. A motion was made by Dan and was seconded by Sandy to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

- IV. Communications and Correspondence
- Annual Illinois Lakes Management Association Conference –Ken announced that the 32nd Annual Illinois Lakes Management Association Conference is scheduled for March 30th to April 1, 2017, and will be held at the Holiday Inn Crystal Lake Conference Center in Crystal Lake, IL. Ken reminded LLC commissioners that there is a total of \$350 budgeted this year for attendance at this event. The event’s website is: <http://www.ilma-lakes.org/conference>. Calls to presenters asked for the following topics to be addressed at the upcoming meeting:
 - Managing Stormwater in Municipal Areas
 - How Stormwater Impacts Water Quality in Lakes and Streams
 - Planning Lake and Stream Restoration Projects
 - Dam and Levee Safety, Management and Permitting
 - Fishery Research
 - How land Use in Watersheds Affect Fish Populations
 - Granting Implementation
 - Principles of Hydrology
 - Nutrient Cycling
 - Shoreline Protection and Enhancement
 - Invasive Species Studies and Management.
 - Springledge Fishing Violations. Ken notified LLC commissioners that he received an email from a resident along Springledge’s shore indicating that the resident had observed families picnicking at the clearing between Mallard and Pheasant Ridge Court. Although the resident had no complaint about the picnicking, he said he observed individuals pulling out and keeping baskets full of catfish and some bass. In addition, the resident

reported that the picnickers had lines set in the water for long periods of time leading him to suspect that they were unlawfully using live bait. Ken mentioned that this issue would be discussed later in the meeting under Section VI. New Business.

- Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop – Julian reported that he and Ralph attended the Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop sponsored by the Lake County Health Department on July 23. Julian praised the workshop saying that it was informative and “hands on.” Mike Adam and Alana Bartolai were reportedly in attendance.

V. Old Business

1. 2016 Shoreline Restoration Grass Lake Road Agreement Status – Ken reported that details of the contractual agreement between the Village and ILM regarding the Grass Lake Road shoreline restoration project were included in our meeting agenda packets. Ken stated that he thought the agreement for this project had been completed earlier, but Kevin Klahs responded that there was some discussion of money that had to be resolved. Kevin reported that the project is now almost ready to go but still may need Village Board approval.
2. Internet Update – Tom reminded LLC members that, at its July meeting, it was suggested that more than one person should be responsible or trained for keeping up the internet page. Ken asked for volunteers to work with Sean on the internet page, but no one volunteered during the meeting.
3. Ordinance on Guiding – Kevin Klahs updated the LLC by reminding us that after investigating the issue, he found that there were no surrounding municipalities that had a specific ordinance disallowing paid fishing guides from operating on municipal lakes. Kevin went on to say that any individual who wanted to guide on our lakes would need to apply for a business license. After some discussion, there was general consensus that guiding on our lakes is not a relevant problem at this time. If a problem with paid fishing guides on Village lakes becomes a relevant issue in the future, we can discuss action and solutions at that time. At this time, however, the issue is not relevant. Ken closed the conversation by expressing his opinion that stocking the Village lakes is an expensive endeavor and paid guides should not be able to profit by catching these fish.
4. Illinois Lakes Management (ILM) – The discussion about the desirability of ILM to provide more organized lake monitoring data was continued from the July meeting. Ken reported that the lake monitoring reports from ILM have not changed, and the data is still not being reported in the format the LLC desired. Ken suggested that some member of the LLC step forward to coordinate with ILM representatives so that the desirable reports can be received.
5. Anchored Rafts – In July, it was reported that a lakeshore property owner on Thunder Bay had a raft anchored in Lake Waterford that may have been in violation of ordinance 95.53 in that it may have been situated more than 30 feet from the water’s edge. After some discussion, it was reported that the raft owner indeed moved the raft closer to the water’s edge and was likely now in compliance.
6. Missing Boat Incident – The LLC discussed an incident where a Federal Parkway resident reported his paddle boat missing. Residents residing on Lake Potomac’s shore who were in attendance at the LLC meeting reported that a Lindenhurst Police Office spoke to them about the incident. Kevin Klahs responded that the missing boat has likely been picked up and is almost certainly being stored at the sewer plant at this time.

VI. New Business

1. Grants - A resident said that the Village does not have funds to maintain the lakes properly. Therefore, the resident suggested that the Village consider a SSA (special services area) for the entire Village. In this way, the resident suggested that the Village

could maintain the lakes through assessments from those in the entire Village, not just lakeshore property owners. Kevin K. responded that the issue of an SSA came up previously and was not acted upon by the Village. The residents attending the meeting suggested that ILM does an outstanding job and might be willing to cooperate with the Village on grants, but it would not be worth ILM's time to assist with writing grants for lake maintenance if the Village was not willing to offer matching funds. One of the Potomac shoreline residents asked if a representative from ILM could attend a future meeting of the LLC for a question and answer session about lake maintenance and possible grants.

2. Purple loosestrife – Ken notified members of the LLC that many shoreline areas have purple loosestrife. Ken said that he would like to put a notice in the Village Voice advising residents that it is an invasive species and should be removed.
3. Blue green algae – Ken added that blue green algae has been evident in Waterford and has been observed in other Village lakes as well.
4. Northern pike – Ken reminded members of the LLC that some “bait bucket biologists” had inappropriately added northern pike into Linden. Although Julian said that he has not been catching any northern pike anymore, P.J. suggested that an electrofishing survey might give us a realistic idea about the number of northern that are actually in the lake. Ken said that he would ask about the electrofishing schedule of the IDNR.

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – Ken said that Waterford had a prolonged period of time where there was a combination of blue green algae and a general phytoplankton bloom reducing water clarity for weeks. Also, Ken reported that larger than usual peat islands continue to appear on the water's surface. Finally he reported that there were lots of shoreline fisherman but minimal water fishing traffic.
2. Linden – Julian reported that there was a gas motor being used on Lake Linden. Kevin K. said that he would check into this issue.

Springledge – No report

3. Potomac– No report

VIII. Public Participation: Potomac resident, Brad Winter, reported that there is nowhere for people in the park along Federal Parkway to discard trash. He suggested that the Park District add a receptacle.

IX. Adjournment –There was a motion made by Julian to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kevin L. The meeting ended at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

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

