



**Lakes Commission Meeting
January 17, 2017
7:00 p.m.**



Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Ralph Kostreva	Village at Large
Tom Heinrich	Lake Springledge	Julian Rumowski	Village at Large
	Lake Potomac	Kevin Lowry	Village at Large
Sean Stokes	Lake Linden	Matt Formica	Village Administrator
	Village at Large	Jim Stout	Park District Liaison
P.J. 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 November 15, 2016 – A motion was made by P.J. and seconded by Tom to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

- Ken introduced April Nielsen of Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) who was in attendance at the meeting.
- Ken informed members of the LLC that commissioners Dan Patch and Sandy Leibolt submitted resignations. Ken shared the reasons for the resignations and thanked them for their service and contributions to the LLC. P.J. offered to take over the fish stocking duties that had been handled by Sandy in the past.
- Ken shared information on an upcoming POD (point of discussion) meeting sponsored by the Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) titled Alum Treatments for Better Water Quality. Ken called attention to a flyer stating that the POD would be held at the Wauconda Moose Lodge on January 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM. He encouraged attendance if possible.
- Ken indicated that he received a telephone call from a resident living on the shores of Lake Waterford inquiring why a portion of the lake was open (i.e., not frozen). Ken shared that the portion of Lake Waterford in question was the area around where the floating peat is visible. Possible explanations discussed included the possibility of geese keeping the water open or decomposing peat creating heat.
- Finally, Ken reminded members of the LLC that the 32nd Annual Illinois Lakes Management Association Conference will be held March 30th to April 1, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Crystal Lake Conference Center in Crystal Lake, IL. Ken reminded members of the LLC that there is a total of \$350 in the budget to attend conferences. Since this conference is nearby, perhaps several members of the LLC could attend and leave at the conclusion of the programs rather than lodging in the hotel. Ken said that those wishing to attend should let him know.

V. Old Business

1. Grants: Ken briefly summarized last month's presentation by Dick Hilton. In addition, he requested volunteers to lead a grant procurement project for our Village lakes. Ken mentioned that he is looking for someone to take over the chairmanship of the LLC or at least serve as grant chairman. After some discussion, no members of the LLC made a commitment to serve as grant chair.
2. Grasslake Road shoreline restoration: Ken called attention to a three page progress report provided by ILM pursuant to the Grasslake Road shoreline restoration project. April Nielsen of ILM was present at the meeting and provided an oral update on the project as well. In summary, it was stated that in early January, ILM workers cleared woody species along the south shore of Lake Potomac, along Grass Lake Road. For the most part, buckthorn, dogwoods, sandbar willow and honeysuckle were removed. April added that it was necessary to remove some shade trees that were responsible for shoreline erosion. Cut stumps were treated with an herbicide. April added that native emergent plants will be planted along the shore and the draining ditch, which will help hold the soil in place. April ended her report by saying that we should not expect to see very much plant growth in the first year after planting because the plant roots are building underground. She said that some plants should begin to show in the second year, and they should continue to grow and flower in the third year.

Brad Winter, a resident in attendance, asked if there was any concern about the new plants being trampled, as fishermen frequent the area. After discussing several possible solutions, Jim suggested that roping off the area should suffice. April added ILM will post some signs to keep people off of the newly planted areas. Caley Winter, another resident in attendance suggested to Jim that a garbage can be placed along the Federal Parkway opening.

3. Web site update: Sean was not present to provide an update on the progress made toward updating the LLC's web site.

VI. New Business

1. Lakes Management Contract Performance and Renewal: A discussion of ILM's performance in the first full year of treating all of the Village Lakes ensued. Ken asked individual commissioners about their level of satisfaction with ILM's performance over the past year. All reports were positive. Following this discussion, a motion was made by P.J. and seconded by Tom, to recommend to the Village Board that ILM's contract to treat and manage herbicide applications for all Village lakes be renewed for next season. The motion carried.
2. 2017-2018 budget discussion: After significant discussion, it was recommended that the \$2,500 for fish stocking in last year's budget need not be included in the 2017/2018 budget because our lakes were stocked with muskie for each of the last two years, and with catfish last year. Additional discussion lead to recommendations that \$250 be added to the 2017/2018 budget for watershed signage, and \$500 be added for grants development. It was suggested that the amounts budgeted for all other 2016/2017 line items be included in the 2017/2018 as well, without change.
3. Coal tar sealants: Tom reported on research warning of the aquatic life concerns resulting from polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in coal tar sealcoating. He alluded to research conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) suggesting that runoff from coal tar based sealcoated pavement is toxic to aquatic life, and has been

shown to cause DNA damage. In addition, he reported that the USGS finds that PAHs are related to an elevated risk of certain types of cancer in humans as well. Tom reported that several municipalities, states and counties in the U.S. have already banned the use of coal tar sealants. For example, he reported that Highland Park, South Barrington and Winnetka already have bans in place, as do the states of Minnesota and Washington. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ken, and seconded by Kevin, recommending that the Village consider banning the use of coal tar based sealcoating by residents or commercial applicators for all asphalt surfaces in the Village. The motion carried.

4. Spring Activities – Earth Day: It was decided that the LLC will participate in Village’s Earth Day activities once again this April. Tom volunteered to make arrangements for the “fishing pond” once again. Ken suggested that we identify new ways to attract people to the Lakes Commission booth. In addition, Ken suggested that we highlight the Grasslake restoration project, and educate residents about the harmful effects of using coal tar sealants.
5. Shoreline restoration resident program: Ken mentioned that the shoreline restoration program for residents continues to not be used. After some discussion, it was suggested that the LLC try to highlight the program yet again. Tom volunteered to draft a letter/mailer to shoreline residents re-introducing the program. Ken suggested that the mailing addresses of lakeshore residents may still be available from Village staff.

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – Ken reported 9 inches of ice off of his pier. In addition, he reported ice fishing on Thunder Bay.
2. Linden – Although Julian was not present at the meeting, P.J. reported seeing a vehicle with Wisconsin license plates parked by the Linden Landing launch area.
3. Springledge – Tom reported ice fisherman most weekends. In addition, there have been hockey players and other skaters using the ice.
4. Potomac– Ice fishing and hockey were observed on Potomac.

VIII. Public Participation: Potomac residents Brad and Caly Winter participated in various discussions throughout the meeting. Brad Winter informed the LLC that he would submit a letter requesting appointment to the LLC.

IX. Adjournment –There was a motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ken. The meeting ended at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
April Nielsen	ILM, 110 Le Baron, Waukegan
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Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

