



**Lakes Commission Meeting  
January 21, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**



<b>Ken Funk</b>	Lake Waterford	<b>Carlos Menor Salazar</b>	Village at Large
<b>Tom Heinrich</b>	Lake Springledge	Dave Kraft	Village at Large
Brad Winter	Lake Potomac	Jim Stout	Park District Liaison
Pat Dickson	Lake Linden	<b>Kevin Klahts</b>	Director of Operations
P.J. Hilbert	Village at Large	<b>Dawn Czarny</b>	Village Trustee
Caly Winter	Village at Large	Clay Johnson	Village Administrator
<b>Kevin Lowry</b>	Village at Large	<b>Dominic Marturano</b>	Mayor
			<b>bold = present</b>

- 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  
A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Ken to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2019. The motion carried.

- IV. Communications and Correspondence
  - Ken reminded members of the Lakes Commission that the Illinois Management Association's (ILMA's) 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be held at the I Hotel & Conference Center, Champaign, Illinois, on March 12 through 14, 2020.
  - Ken announced that he received a communication from a resident on Lake Linden seeking some information/advice about having railroad ties removed from his shoreline. Upon providing the address of the person requesting information, Kevin K. said that someone from the Village would contact the resident in order to provide assistance.
  - In addition, Ken announced that he contacted Frank Jakubicek of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Frank said that he will be in contact with Ken in April 2020 to discuss possible fish surveying in Lindenhurst's lakes. More information will be forthcoming.

- V. Old Business:
  - 1. Lake Management Request for Proposal (RFP) Review – Kevin K. reported that he now has enough information to send out the lake management requests for proposal. Kevin went on to ask if it would be advantageous to get specific with SONAR treatment quantities in the RFP. Kevin K. said that he believed this specificity would be helpful because all respondents would be bidding on the same guidelines. Kevin K. went on to say that he will send out the RFPs in the next couple of weeks. Furthermore, Kevin said that he and Dave have already met and discussed the RFP. When the responses to the RFP are opened, Kevin suggested that Dave and Ken should be present. Ken agreed and expressed a desire to provide input. Kevin went on to add that bidders on the contract will have 30 days to respond.

Mayor Marturano suggested that respondents to the RFP be asked to make a brief presentation about their company and their services during the March meeting of the Lakes Commission. In this way, he suggested, residents would be able to ask questions of the vendors as well. Ken said that he will be unable to attend the March meeting, and it was agreed that Tom would run the meeting and work with Kevin K. on necessary details.

2. Lake Data Management – Ken displayed Carlos' data management project on a screen for all to see. Carlos' work product involved taking previous lake data reports (for the different lakes) and putting the data into a series of spreadsheets that can be tracked over time. In this way, future goals about the conditions of the lake can be measured for effectiveness. Carlos responded to various questions about how he compiled the data and provided explanations. Ken asked that Kevin K. consider the possibility of having some Village office staff, or perhaps an intern, work on adding data that was recorded prior to Carlos' project. In response to Ken's question about whether the data in Carlos' project is appropriate to send to potential vendors for the lakes' treatment contract, Carlos responded that he will double check to make sure all is accurate.

As discussion about lakes data management continued, there was general agreement that Excel and Access should be continued for database use. It was suggested that "drop box" could be used to share files for the Lakes Commission.

Discussions ensued about how water quality data will be collected in the future. This became an issue of concern because of the discontinuation of funding for the Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program (VLMP) which had previously analyzed the water quality of our lakes at no cost to the Village. It was discussed that establishing measurable goals for the Village lakes would be almost impossible without an ability to track water quality indicators over time. Consequently, Ken reported that he reached out to Alana Bartolai of the Lake County Health Department inquiring about the cost of having our water samples analyzed even in the absence of the VLMP. Ken was informed by Alana that it is indeed possible to have water quality indicators analyzed by the LCHD, but at a cost to the Village of either \$230 per lake/per season or \$600 per lake/per season. Discussion revealed that the \$230 per lake/per season option was very limited, while the \$600 per lake/per season was a better option because it included analyses of chloride, alkalinity, ammonia, nitrates, total phosphates, total suspended solids and other salient measures appropriate for meaningful goal establishment and tracking.

Additional discussions ensued about how these samples would be collected and delivered to the Lake County Health Department site in Libertyville. Tom asked that several members of the LLC consider making a commitment to collecting water samples for the lake closest to them. He continued by saying it would be very difficult for only one volunteer to collect and deliver samples from each of the four Village lakes. Kevin L. indicated a desire to assist in this process.

After continued discussion, it was concluded that the LLC would ask for \$2,400 to be added to the next budget in order to accommodate the water quality testing.

3. Lake Commission Goal Implementation – After discussion, it was determined that the goals discussed at the November 2019 meeting had not yet been presented to the Village Board for approval because some additional language needed to be added to clarify that the Lakes Commission operates only in an advisory capacity. Ken said that he would consult with Dave to determine the exact language that had been discussed and intended at the last meeting.

**VI. New Business:**

1. Communications for 2020 – Ken remarked that the Lakes Commission should be thinking specifically how (and how frequently) it should be communicating to the Village and its residents for the upcoming year. Ken remarked that many residents are unaware of the existence and purpose of the Lakes Commission. It was suggested that ideas for future communications be developed in the new year.
2. Agenda items for 2020 – Discussions about possible Lakes Commission agenda items for 2020 included: the possible necessity for extra meetings; developing goals and management planning; review of fishing ordinances; review of the boat sticker program; discussion of fund raising possibilities; surveying fish populations/electrofishing; and reviewing boating/navigation ordinances and issues.
3. LLC Projects for 2020 – It was discussed that possible projects to discuss in 2020 might include: sediment removal; storm drain apron improvements; and lake outflow improvements.
4. Budget – There was general consensus that, in addition to the previously discussed budget items, the new proposed budget should include a request for \$2,400 to be used for water quality analysis to be conducted by the Lake County Health Department. In addition, there was general consensus to include \$200 for literature and communications related to the Lakes Commission's activities and programs.

**VII. Public Participation: None**

**VIII. Adjournment:**

There was a motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kevin L. The meeting ended at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP  
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

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**Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

