

Minutes of the a Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, May 4, 2002 at Town Hall, Town of East Troy, Wisconsin.

Elected Commissioners - Karen Winkelman, Tom Jordens, and Jeff Beiriger.  
Appointed Commissioners – Roy Lightfield.

Also Present: 35 Electors

Chairperson Karen Winkelman noted that the Special Meeting was being held in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law. The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

The Commissioners reported that:

### **PUBLIC LAUNCH**

The ramp at the public launch will be replaced after Labor Day. The DNR held an informational meeting in April to review the project with residents and others affected by the project. The ramp will be unavailable for a period of time when the construction begins. Residents will be notified of the project schedule as that information becomes available.

The parking lot will be striped as part of this project, with a total of eight parking spots, one of which will be reserved for disabled parking. In addition, a wheelchair accessible bathroom facility will be constructed, as will a boarding pier for those launching boats.

Signs have been placed at the public launch reminding boaters coming onto and leaving Potter's Lake to remove aquatic vegetation from their boats and trailers.

### **WATERSHED ISSUES**

The 31-acre marsh area on the south/west side of the lake has still not been surveyed. Once the survey is completed, the District can approach the County regarding the fencing of the area and can begin conducting work weekends to remove a duck blind and some of the garbage from the area.

A plant survey of the marsh area has been conducted to determine which plants and trees should be kept and which should be removed, most notably purple loosestrife.

The District attempted to purchase the Sokol Camp property but was unsuccessful. The plans for the property are to develop it into a small subdivision. Water quality concerns regarding run-off from the subdivision appear to have been met. The District will continue to monitor the project.

The District is still pursuing the triangle-shaped property along Miramar and Stone School Roads. The District is interested in the property to control run-off from the fields. The run-off presently flows under Miramar and into the Lake. The Commissioner, in addition to looking at the purchase of the property, will also look at ways to work with the DNR and others to slow down or eliminate the run-off in accordance with regulations on non-point source pollution.

A property at the end of Spleas Skoney Road, adjacent to the marsh area, has become available and might also be beneficial for the District to own. A MOTION was made, seconded and approved to authorize the Commissioners to pursue the purchase of the property, including the use of District funds to conduct an approved appraisal of the property.

In thanking the residents for their support, the Commissioners noted the generally small (432 acres) watershed of the Lake and noted that all opportunities to positively affect the watershed should, at a minimum, be given full consideration.

### **WATER QUALITY ISSUES**

A survey of the aquatic plants will be conducted again. It appears as though weed harvesting will not be necessary again this year. If that turns out to be the case, it will be five seasons since the District last launched the weed harvester. Spot treatment using chemicals may be necessary. Residents were reminded that both harvesting and chemical treatments to control aquatic plants are done with the approval and under the direction of the DNR. DNR will soon adopt a revised aquatic plant management program requiring lake districts and others to develop a plan, submit an application fee, and obtain a permit before addressing aquatic plant issues.

Buoys will be placed later this month. The cables have been replaced with a higher quality material, so there should be fewer breaking free this year. Residents were asked to contact a Commissioner if they see a stray buoy.

Information about nitrate-free fertilizers for use in the watershed and shoreland buffer plantings will be made available on the District's website. A "field trip" and/or guest speaker on buffer plantings will be arranged.

The Lake is not scheduled to be shocked this year. The Lake was not been stocked last year but has been stocked two times in the past few years with Northern Pike.

The District's web page is almost completed. The web page will feature information about Potter's Lake and useful links to sites covering a wide array of lake-related issues.

The District currently has more than \$126,000 in an interest-bearing money market account and more than \$1,400 in checking. The balance accumulated by the District this year in excess of disbursements is being saved in anticipation of several lake projects.

### **SAFETY/ORDINANCES**

A proper **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved to recommend to the Town of East Troy that the boating and skiing regulations on the Lake be modified as follows:

Skiing (and similar activities) from 8:00 a.m. to sunset Monday through Friday, excepting holidays. Skiing from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. *Additionally, a speed limit of 10 miles per hour shall apply for all boats operating before and after skiing hours on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.*

Modified language is *italicized*.

The noise from ice augers and snowmobiles was discussed. The Commissioners will determine whether there is a local noise ordinance, and if there is, whether it would be of help in dealing with the concern.

**MEETINGS/EVENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

The Annual Meeting of the District will be held the last Saturday in August. A picnic for District residents will follow.

The Boat Parade will be held Thursday, July 4 in the late afternoon or early evening. The Parade will be followed by the Lighting of the Lake.

District residents were reminded to visit the District's website at [www.potterslake.org](http://www.potterslake.org). The site, it was noted, has been very well received, and contains a great deal of useful information about the Lake and for living near the water.

At 10:04 a.m., a proper **MOTION** was made and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Beiriger  
Secretary

Minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, August 31, 2002 at the Town Hall, Town of East Troy, Wisconsin.

Present: Commissioners Jeff Beiriger, Tom Jordens, Roy Lightfoot, and Karen Winkelman.

Also Present: 48 Electors.

Chairman Karen Winkelman called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved to approve the Minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting as presented.

The Treasurer reported that the District has \$149,255.40 in the savings account and \$2,080.00 in the checking account as of August 30. The District has no outstanding liabilities. It was suggested that a detailed report comparing actual and budget figures be prepared and distributed in written form. The Commissioners will prepare a year-end report for 2002 and make it available to District residents at the Spring meeting.

The Commissioners reported that:

The District treated 9 acres in July with 2-4-D. The treatment was marginally successful. Some areas of the Lake were not treated because the weed survey done in June did not indicate a need to be treated. A more recent evaluation indicates milfoil growth in those areas. In light of the time of year, no further chemical treatments or mechanical harvesting is planned.

The District is anticipating another 2-4-D spot treatment early next Spring and a whole-lake treatment using Sonar next Fall. The District is already pursuing permits for these projects. A permit for mechanical harvesting is in place for an additional two years. District approval will be needed for the Sonar treatment and a special meeting will likely be held next Spring to discuss the treatment at length. The District has a standing policy to do spot treatment where and when necessary.

Water clarity is at 2.5 to 3.0 feet, less than in previous years. Clarity throughout Walworth County and southern Wisconsin has been worse than usual this year.

The public launch will close Monday, September 2 at 11:00 p.m. for approximately two weeks while a new launch, boarding pier, and handicap accessible toilet are installed. In addition, the parking area will be striped for 8 vehicles and no parking signs will be placed on the grass areas.

The deeds for the Love/Torpe properties are still in the process of being transferred to the District. The survey of the properties were completed earlier this year. A work weekend will be planned for next year to remove garbage and nuisance plants from the area. A nature trail is also a possibility. Residents of Lake Lane and Spleas Skoney will be asked to cooperate

with the District and remove any personal belongings from the area owned by the District and to avoid dumping yard waste on the properties.

The Lake was neither shocked nor stocked in 2002. The District is working with the DNR to become a "baseline" lake, a status which would increase the frequency of stocking. The Lake was last stocked three years ago with 325 Northern Pike.

An educational program on shoreland buffers was presented prior to the meeting and was well received. The District will plan additional educational programs in the future.

Nearly 30 residents are now receiving their newsletters via e-mail. In addition, these residents are receiving periodic updates about changes to the website and other activities. Residents were encouraged to provide their e-mail addresses to the District to continue to improve communications.

There were problems with the language passed by the District that made it difficult to enforce the 10-mile per hour speed limit after 7:00 p.m. There were 27 hours of police patrol on the Lake this year. 6 citations were issued, all to personal watercraft (PWC).

Residents were thanked for their participation in the Boat Parade and Lighting of the Lake. \$735 in flares were sold. The profits were used to pay for the picnic held after the Annual Meeting.

The Commissioner presented the following:

Resolution 02-1, designating September 6, 2003 as the date for the 2003 Annual Meeting, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 02-2, designating F & M Bank of East Troy (or its successor) as the depository of the District, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 02-3, pertaining to the operating budget (\$11,250.00) of the District for 2003, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 02-4, pertaining to the lake projects and the weed-harvesting budget (\$38,750.00) of the District for 2003, was presented, amended, and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 02-5, authorizing the District to borrow up to \$10,000.00 for operating expenses only, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 02-6, authorizing the Commissioners to seek any grants available to the District, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

On proper **MOTION**, the District agreed to recommend that the Town of East Troy modify its speed limit ordinance so that a 10-mile per hour speed limit shall apply on Potter's Lake, May 1 through September 15, after 7:00 p.m., on weekends and holidays.

On proper **MOTION**, the District agreed to recommend that the Town of East Troy modify its direction ordinance so that all motorized boat traffic on Potter's Lake shall be counter-clockwise, May 1 through September 15, on weekends and holidays.

Jana Charvat was nominated and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously elected to a three-year term as a Commissioner (2002-2004).

The District thanked Karen Winkelman for her years of service, as Secretary and Chairman of the District, in addition to her work on the Carp Out.

On proper **MOTION**, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Beiriger  
Secretary