

Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, September 9, 2006 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.

Present: Commissioners Barry Bonneau, Jana Charvat, Tom Purvis and Joyce Ketchpaw

Also Present: 31 Electors.

Chairman Bonneau called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and introduced Joyce Ketchpaw, the newly appointed county representative to the Potters Lake board of commissioners. Joyce is on the Walworth County Board of Supervisors and is also chair of East Troy Lake Association, so has a particular interest in lake conservation. She will be a valuable asset as a commissioner on the Potters Lake board.

On proper **MOTION** Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer reported that the District has assets of \$225710.90 in certificates of deposit, savings, and checking. The District has no outstanding liabilities. Net income for the year to date is \$11334.48. You may have noticed that your 2005 property tax was lower than levied. The town clerk applied an incorrect mil rate. Because of low expenses no action was taken to recoup these funds and the tax rate for 2006 is the same as originally budgeted for 2005.

On proper **MOTION**, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

The Commissioners welcomed **Kathy Aron**, from Aron & Associates, to provide an update regarding the whole-lake treatment, water quality, and other lake-related matters. The most recent plant surveys indicate that there is no milfoil in the lake and not many native plants. Lots of rain this year contributed to the many algae blooms, which are not good for the development of native plants. Discussion followed on introducing more natives to the lake and it was decided to work with the DNR this winter to investigate such plantings, particularly sago pond weed, wild celery and lily pads. It takes about three years for new plantings to be established. Best areas for plantings are in soft sediment. The growth of native plants is important to keep milfoil out. Kathy informed us that most lake planting projects are not very successful but fortunately they are cheap. If the District proceeds with a planting project it would be conducted in Spring and buoys will be moved out from shore in those areas to protect new plants. Individual property owners need a permit to do plantings.

We are technically in our second year of our five year permit from the DNR for milfoil control. The prospect of receiving permission to apply another "whole lake" chemical treatment does not look good due to the politics in the DNR.

DNR is holding off on additional fish stocking until the outcome of weed control is better known. Carp continue to be a problem because they stir up sediment and game fish need clear water.

Zebra mussels were reported by only one property owner last year but everyone needs to check piers and boats when they come out of the water. Call a commissioner if you see any.

Legal matters – the District has been working on resolving several real estate issues:

Dam – we now have title to the land but need to register the dam with the DNR

Storage Building – we have clear title.

Love/Torpe property – we have clear title.

Strip of marsh land – will pursue title after completion of survey.

Commissioner Ketchpaw suggested that a map of the Potters Lake area would be useful at meetings for everyone to know the location of properties being discussed. The board will look into this for future meetings.

Meetings – The spring meeting has been tentatively set for Saturday May 12, 2007 and the annual meeting and picnic will be held Saturday September 8, 2007. There was much discussion regarding the Independence Day celebration due to the 4th of July falling on a Wednesday next year. On proper motion it was approved to hold the

annual Boat Parade on Saturday June 30 starting at the boat launch at 7:30pm with Lighting of the Lake at 9:00pm that day and repeated on Wednesday July 4th. Bob Rice volunteered to sell flares again next year. Ideas for a theme for next years Boat Parade will be decided at the Spring Meeting, so come prepared.

Boating Rules – Laminated copies (to be kept onboard) of the boating and water sport activity rules were available for distribution at the meeting. All those present received a copy and took some for neighbors. Commissioners will try to deliver copies to residents over the course of the next few months and will offer them for distribution again at the spring meeting.

Commissioner Charvat proposed that a new sign was needed at the boat launch and volunteered to investigate the options available to us. Jana also put forward the idea of having a “Lake Ambassador” who would welcome new residents and distribute information on the lake. Robert Seipel volunteered for the position and will work with the commissioners to put a welcome packet together.

Commissioner Bonneau gave information on an offer made to him by Joel Cook to provide a sky diving exhibition at Potters Lake during the July 4th celebration. The decision was made to discuss this opportunity at the spring meeting.

The website www.potterslake.org is currently being updated and should be completed soon.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters – the program needs as many volunteers as possible. The fishermen know the rules, now we need people to inform the pleasure boaters in the afternoons and evening. Anytime of day is good.

The Commissioners presented the following:

Resolution 06-1, designating September 8, 2007 as the date for the 2007 Annual Meeting, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 06-2, designating Citizens Bank of Mukwonago (or its successor) as the depository of the District, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 06-3, pertaining to the operating budget (\$14,250.00) and a tax levy (\$11,250) for the District for 2007, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 06-4, pertaining to the lake projects and the weed-harvesting budget (\$38,750.00) of the District for 2007, was presented, and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 06-5, authorizing the District to borrow up to \$10,000.00 for operating expenses only, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 06-6, authorizing the Commissioners to seek any grants available to the District, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Barry Bonneau was nominated and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously elected to a three-year term as a Commissioner (2007-2009).

There being no further business, on proper **MOTION**, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Purvis
Secretary