

**Minutes of the 2018 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday May 12th, 2018 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley, MaryJo Jones, Bob Rice, and Jerry Kozik. 21 constituents from the district were in attendance.

Chairman Christine Celley called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM

The commissioners introduced themselves and Christine commented that Joyce, the Walworth County appointed representative, was no longer serving on the board. Walworth County is working on her replacement.

MaryJo went over the district report. Handouts were available. The district spent a little over \$9,000 more than what we took in last year. This was due to the whole lake treatment and the launch of the new website. Other than those items things were in line with prior years. There was an increase in grant money. This was due to the receipt of some funds that were received in 2017 from 2016 grants. 90% of the tax revenues are in, the remaining amount will be collected in September. A constituent asked if the issue with some of the tax keys was corrected. MaryJo confirmed the issue had been cleared up. MaryJo stated that we are in pretty good shape looking forward for the year.

Chief of police Don Jensen spoke to the group about some handouts he had for the group. He provided a nice background of his experience, and upgrades that were made to the department. He encouraged people with medical conditions or special needs to call into the department so that they could flag their address. It helps with emergency calls so that they can provide the best service. He also encouraged people to look out for their neighbors. This is the first line of prevention. Remember to keep garage doors closed and all doors locked. If you see anything don't hesitate to call. He also addressed boater safety. Bring a phone, life jackets, fire extinguisher and a throwable on your boat. He also offered to do safety inspections on boats if people wanted. For inspection call the police department. Also note that Kiddie recalled many extinguishers so make sure that you have one that is current and functioning. Christine asked what the best numbers are for reporting. Don said 911 for emergencies and non-emergency 262-642-9701. Christine said that the district welcomes police presence on the lake. She is also part of Miramar Association and they have made comments that more police presence is good. Don asked that if people were to call if it would be a possibility to use someone's boat to respond. A constituent asked about winter rules for the lake. Don said that the only restrictions are for weight. A motorized vehicle has to be less than 1000lbs to be in compliance with the current ordinance. Don is seeking to change this so that it would allow for the side by side ATV's to be used as well. Christine addressed the motorcycles that the district has had complaints about. Many people said that the noise level was annoying saying that it starts early and ends late. A constituent asked why the summer rules don't apply in the winter (speed and distance from shore). Don said that the same rules don't apply from summer to winter. Christine said that the district could recommend an ordinance to the town to deal with some of the winter issues and then they could be enforced. Bob asked about the noise level ordinance that is used on snowmobile trails and if that could apply to the lake as well. Don said that the department does not have a decibel reader and the cost is not warranted due to initial purchase cost and calibrations. A constituent asked if anyone had approached the people on the motorcycles and asked them if they could limit use to certain times. This may make more sense than ordinances. Christine said that the police have been there several times to talk with them about received complaints but there is currently nothing that is enforceable. A constituent asked about vehicle licensing requirements for those people operating on public property which the lake is. Don said he would check to see what those requirements are. Bob

asked about the times that the motorcycles were operating noting that it gets dark around 4pm. He questioned if we could do an ordinance for speed limits after dark. Christine suggested that we get a committee together to address the issue.

Christine addressed Lake Projects. Kathy Aron has a standing conflict with our current spring meeting schedule and maybe we should consider moving the date for future meetings. Christine read notes from Kathy. Last year a whole lake Sonar treatment was done on our lake. This is different than previous treatments and should be much more effective. The new treatment should last longer and we should not have to harvest as a result. The treatment cost is higher but without the need to harvest can be less expensive in the long run. Ice off was in February and the DNR approved a bump treatment for spring. The bump treatment was done to maintain levels to 2ppb as recommended by the applicator. This does not impact the ability to use the lake or use it for watering. The district will not be putting the harvester or the conveyors in this year. Keep an eye out for Starry Stonewort. It has been found in a few area lakes. Keep an eye out for Geese. We are looking to see if a goose roundup is necessary to control populations on our lake. If you have not filled out a permission form please do so. This would enable access to your shoreline if the geese were nesting there during the round up. The captured geese are donated to a local food pantry or used for animal food. Christine went over one of the handouts on fertilizer. You need to remember to use phosphorus free fertilizer if you choose to fertilize your lawn. Christine also addressed sand on frontage. Sand is not approved by the DNR and contributes to silt. Please check the DNR website and the guidelines when working on your frontage.

Bob went over the Clean Boats Clean Waters program for 2018. The program will run Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. He asked that people cooperate with the inspections. If you have any questions about the lake or the program the guys at the launch will be happy to help. We applied and were approved for a grant again this year. The grant will cover \$4,000 in costs of the program. We will be selling flares at the launch starting June 22<sup>nd</sup> and on weekends till the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Christine commented that if you needed lake rules the workers would be happy to provide copies. If you do notice someone violating the rules please nicely remind them of what the rules are. If you feel uncomfortable doing that you can also call the East Troy Police Department. Bob commented that anyone born after 1989 needs to have a boater's safety certificate to be compliant. Paddle boarders also need to make sure that they have a life jacket on board. In January of 2018 the state of WI passed a law allowing you to pull a water skier without a spotter as long as you have the appropriate mirror. Our current rules state that you need a spotter and this is something that we should check into to make sure that our rules are compliant with the state. A constituent commented on wave runners pulling tubes and maybe the rules should be different for personal watercraft. Another constituent suggested that we have an area for boats to anchor so that they are not in the lane for skiers. Christine said that she would look for articles that addressed some of these issues and put together a newsletter. Bob cautioned about amending the no spotter ordinance. He commented that this new law would allow his 12 year old son to pull his friend with no one else in the boat. He also said that police presence on our lake would not only enforce the jet ski's and ski boats but also the drinking on the pontoons, laws get enforced across the board. Christine asked for volunteers to join a committee to address lake rules. Annette Larson volunteered to join and Christine said she would be part of the committee. She will also send out an email asking for additional volunteers.

Christine spoke about the directory. It would include all the residences listed alphabetically, address, email, phone number, and tax ID number. In the back of the book would be a map of the lake, important phone numbers, and lake rules. We could also have advertising if we wanted to. Last year we sent out letters and emails asking for responses for the directory and received a low response. Based on that we will be using the master list that Bob maintains. This list was last updated 2 years ago from the tax key. A constituent commented that in the past when a directory was printed some people used that information to target homeowners for marketing and the district received complaints. Christine commented that we have received more requests for a directory than concerns. The information we are talking about including is already public. The estimated cost to set up the directory is \$800 which includes 30 two side

pages. Printing for 200 books 8.5 x 11 black and white would be \$323. We would need to budget \$1200 for this project. Another constituent asked if we had talked about doing this through the website. Christine said that the cost of setting it up and maintaining it electronically is similar in cost to the printed copies. Bob said if people were worried about marketing maybe we should not include emails in the directory. MaryJo said that if we were going to move forward with a directory that financially this year would be a good year as we don't foresee many upcoming expenses. There was discussion about the lake rules being printed in the directory pros and cons. A constituent asked if we would be selling ads in the directory for local businesses. There was talk about \$25 for a ¼ page. This would help to offset the cost of the directory. A motion was made by Annette Larson to move forward with the directory with as much information as we have at this time and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Simon. A vote was taken and motion was passed. The motion was amended so that the district could accept advertising in the directory to help pay for the costs. Motion was brought forward by Annette Larson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Bradley. A vote was taken and the amended motion was passed.

Christine addressed the Facebook Page. This is privately run and not part of the district nor does the district promote it. It may be a good resource to post rummage sales or social gatherings. The district can only post district and lake related items to the lake website.

The carp out will be Sat and Sun June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a handout. Three carp have been tagged and are worth \$100 if caught. Regular carp will be paid out at \$1 per fish. Check in will be at the boat launch. Jon Voss will be running the carp out. If you will be night fishing please check the website and with Jon to arrange check in. Christine said that if anyone was interested in volunteering to contact Jon.

Lorene Hirsch informed the group that they were not going to do a Blake Party this year. They are going to see how the carp out goes this year and then maybe next year do a picnic in conjunction with the carp out. Thought is they wouldn't have the DJ and raffle but stick with a picnic to promote community. Christine thanked Lorene for her work with the Blake Party for the past few years.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade will take place on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at the boat launch bay at 7:00pm. Christine asked the group for ideas for this year's parade theme. A suggestion of Nautical was brought forward and it was decided that anything goes for this year and Patriotic is always encouraged. Flares will be sold again at the boat launch starting June 22 on weekends and by Karen Winkleman. Flares will be 3 for \$10. The homeowners who have done the fireworks in the past announced that they would be lighting them off a barge this year and asked people to stay at least 500 ft away from the barge.

Next meeting will be on Saturday September 8, 2018. The budget meeting will start at 9:00am and the annual meeting will follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09am

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Rice  
Secretary