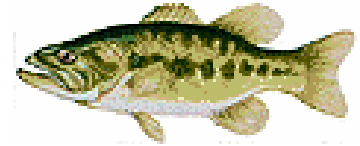




**Lakes Commission Meeting
July 18, 2017
7:00 p.m.**



Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Open	Village at Large
Tom Heinrich	Lake Springledge	Open	Village at Large
Brad Winter	Lake Potomac	Kevin Lowry	Village at Large
Open	Lake Linden	Open	Village Administrator
P.J. Hilbert	Village at Large	Jim Stout	Park District Liaison
Caly Winter	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

A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Caly to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 20, 2017. The motion carried.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

- Caly said she would provide a short bio as well as a picture for the LLC website. In addition, Caly said that she called Kim at the Village office to make sure that Village personnel have the names of LLC commissioners assigned to each of the Village's lakes.
- Ken said that he received an email message from a resident stating that he caught a 20 inch northern pike in Lake Linden. The residents' message said that he caught more muskie and fewer pike this year than in 2015 and 2016. Ken explained that we do not want northern pike in our lakes as they breed as apex predators.

V. Old Business

1. Grass Lake Road shoreline restoration update – Ken pointed out that Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) has provided several printed updates on the work done along Grass Lake Road. These updates, which were included in the meeting agenda packets, mentioned treatment of non-native plants as well as the emergent plantings that were done.

Brad remarked that the work done along the buffer area looked good. He said that respectful fishing had been taking place in the area but that more people are now parking in the prohibited grassy area. Brad said that he called the Village about the parking in the past, but will follow up by speaking with Kevin K.

2. Coal tar sealants update – Tom explained to members of the public attending the meeting that the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission (LLC) recommended that the Village consider banning the use of coal tar based sealants on Lindenhurst driveways and parking lots due to scientific findings of several organizations, including the United States Geological Survey (USGS), that coal tar based sealants used in the watershed

are harmful to aquatic life and carcinogenic to humans. He explained that he made a presentation to the Village Board outlining the reasons for the ban, and that he believes the Village Board is still researching and considering the request.

3. Emerging macrophyte purchase and placement – Ken reminded members of the LLC that he had asked April Nielsen of ILM and Alana Bartolai of the Lake County Health Department’s Environmental Services Division for assistance in recommending plants that could be introduced into the Village lakes in order to increase overall diversity and water quality. Ken went on to say that he received a response from Alana suggesting that we consider transplanting American Pondweed and Valissneria from Potomac and/or Waterford to some of the other lakes. She went on to suggest that placement of the plants be considered along shoreline areas where there are no residents (as some residents may object to the increased vegetation). Finally, Alana’s communication indicated that she might have additional recommendations once her plant surveys have been completed later this season.
4. Seawall and shoreline restoration –Ken initiated a conversation about the permitting process required to complete shoreline work including seawall repair and shoreline restoration. After discussion with Village personnel, Ken discovered that a Village resident is required to obtain a permit if the resident is going to re-do his entire shoreline. A permit would not normally be required if a resident simply wants to refresh or improve an existing shoreline arrangement. Further conversation lead to a discussion of seawalls on the Village lakes. Ken said that seawalls are no longer allowed on our lakes as they are unsightly and unfriendly to wildlife. Ken said that recently, a resident was allowed to repair an existing seawall because it was built before the existing ordinance prohibiting them and was, therefore, “grandfathered in.”
5. Watercraft battery ordinance –Ken noticed a resident with a pontoon boat powered by a 48 volt electric motor on Lake Waterford. He explained that the Village’s existing ordinance allows a 12 volt maximum for all boats except pontoon boats. By ordinance, pontoon boats may have motors 24 volt motors. After brief discussion, members of the LLC agreed that this issue may require future attention if problems ensue.

VI. New Business

1. Flooding issues – After discussion, the consensus among LLC members was that the recent heavy rains did not result in significant damage of shoreline property. Tom said that a blockage of the south drain in Springledge caused water levels to rise significantly. Flooding/damage was avoided due to the swift attention of Village personnel who removed the blockage. Brad added that fishing was great after the rains, and there was no flooding on Potomac.
2. Fall Stocking – Ken said that P.J. expressed a desire to take over the fish stocking duties formerly handled by Sandy. Brad said that if we do not hear from P.J., he would hate to lose the opportunity to have the lakes restocked in fall. Ken responded by saying that he was unsure if our lakes required fall stocking as we have been following the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ (IDNR) recommendation of adding one muskie per acre every couple of years. Nevertheless, Ken said that the issue of fall stocking should be revisited.

3. New commissioners – Ken pointed out that there are three vacancies on the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission. It was suggested that those members of the public in attendance at this meeting consider the possibility of joining or at least letting others know of the vacancies if interest is anticipated.

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – Ken reported that the temperature on Waterford is 81 degrees, and the water level is the highest it has ever been. In addition, Ken reported lots of sago pondweed; many bullfrogs; and that good- sized muskie have been caught recently.
2. Linden – No report
3. Springledge – Tom reported that water clarity has decreased since last month. In addition, he reported that even though there was more water stargrass on Springledge than ever before, it was not causing problems.
4. Potomac– Brad reported that Potomac has lots of weeds. In addition, he reported that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was observed on Potomac recently. They were talking to several people on the lake, perhaps about the requirement for life preservers.

VIII. Public Participation: Resident Margaret Chung asked about which types of plants could be situated in front of her seawall. Recommendations by members of the LLC included blue flag iris, pickerel weed and perhaps arrowhead.

IX. Adjournment – There was a motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Brad. The meeting ended at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

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Rocky Linder	415 Teal Road

Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

