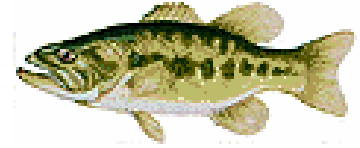




**Lakes Commission Meeting
January 16, 2018
7:00 p.m.**



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

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 Ken to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2017. The motion carried.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

- Ken informed members of the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission (LLC) that the annual conference of the Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) will be held from March 22nd to March 24th, 2018 at the Parke Regency Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington, IL. Ken suggested that the conference is always worth attending, and there is some limited money in the budget to accommodate some other members, if they are interested in attending.
- Ken said that he received a communication indicating that April Nielsen, our current representative at Integrated Lakes Management (ILM), will be relocating. Therefore, ILM has assigned Debbie Budyak as the Village's new representative.
- Ken noted that Alana Bartolai of the Lake County Health Department has informed him that Lake County Health Department has completed comprehensive surveys for Lake Linden, Lake Potomac and Lake Waterford. These surveys typically include information about plant diversity, erosion levels and water quality. Alana will meet with the LLC during our March meeting to review the results of the surveys.

V. Old Business

1. Grass Lake Road shoreline restoration – There was no representative from ILM present at this meeting to provide an update on the three main issues pertaining to the Grass Lake Road shoreline restoration project. It was suggested that the three issues (reseeding plans, seedling protection strategies, and shoreline access to fishermen) be discussed at the March meeting. Jim suggested that he would be able to provide woodchips, but it

would be necessary to recruit volunteers to shovel and spread the materials to create access paths for fishermen. Brad volunteered to map out a plan for the woodchip paths.

2. Coal tar sealants update – In response to an update by the Mayor, Tom promised to forward examples of coal tar sealant ordinances adopted by other municipalities.
3. Canada geese management – The representative from Knox Swan and Dog originally scheduled to attend this meeting of the LLC was not present. Brad indicated that the representative was out of town and it is possible that he may attend the March meeting of the LLC to explain how swans can be used to effectively manage the Canada geese population on our lakes.
4. Communication proposal – Tom shared the draft of a letter that may be used to communicate lake related Village ordinances and best practices to shoreline property owners. Tom explained that the rationale for the communication proposal is to inform lakeshore residents about all Village ordinances pertaining to the use of our lakes, but particularly those pertaining to appropriate watercraft use; shoreline landscaping projects; and allowable docks and piers. In this way, residents might be spared from making expenditures that are not in accordance with Village regulations. Tom added that the initial communication, to be mailed to lakeshore residents, would invite these residents to share their email address so that they may receive additional informational emails periodically about our lakes including, but not limited to, updates and information about fish stocking, water quality, shoreline stabilization, etc.

As discussion of this proposal continued, the following suggestions were made:

- This type of information should be shared with all Village residents; not just lake shore property owners. For example, this information about lake related ordinances could be included in the Village Voice.
- This type of information should be included in a welcome packet for new Village residents.
- The communication should be sent out to residents before May.
- Information about our lake related ordinances should be the focus of the LLC's booth for Earth Day.
- The tri-fold brochure that Ken had developed for use by the LLC some time ago should be reviewed, updated and distributed at the Earth Day Booth as well.

In addition, there was a discussion about the need for a member of the LLC to serve as a designated content person for the Village Voice. Caly said that although she was interested in volunteering for this duty at one time, her present work schedule precludes her from taking on the role. It was discussed that perhaps the role could be assumed by a new appointee to the LLC.

5. Fish Survey Proposal – Ken reminded members of the LLC that P.J. reviewed a fish survey proposal from E.A. Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc., PBC during our November meeting. Following P.J.'s review of the proposal in November, Mr. Johnson suggested that he provide a sample report as to the type of additional information that would be included in this comprehensive survey by E.A., beyond that which was provided by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

Since P.J. was not in attendance for the January meeting, there was no further discussion on this topic except that Jim asked if ILM had ever been asked for a recommendation on fish stocking.

VI. New Business

1. ILM – The LLC engaged in a discussion about the performance of ILM over the past season. The following points were expressed during the discussion.
 - Lake Potomac has always been a difficult lake to manage.
 - The Village contracts with ILM for their expertise in managing our lakes, therefore it would be beneficial that a contract be negotiated with ILM that has some flexibility and allows them to maximize their expertise. Such a contract that allows flexibility as well as fiscal responsibility for the Village requires trust in a vendor. Nevertheless, the LLC should make a recommendation on how the contract with ILM should be written. After this discussion, there was general consensus among the members of the LLC that a meeting with ILM should be scheduled to discuss the contract as well as to follow up on last season's discussions with ILM.
2. Budget Discussion – Brad made a motion that a \$2,600 line item be included in the FY18/19 budget to add swans to Lake Potomac to help control the Canada Goose population and its negative impact on the lake. It was noted that this would be a two-year trial plan as an impact would not be expected over just one year. The motion was seconded by Caly. Ken abstained, but the motion carried.

Other discussions related to the FY18/19 budget included the following:

- The LLC would not request the continuation of the \$1,000 for shoreline stabilization/aquatic plants.
 - Brad said that he would like the \$500 budget line item for grant investigation/preparation to be included in next year's budget once again so that he may move forward with this initiative.
3. New Commissioners – Ken reminded members of the LLC that new commissioners were still needed. He suggested that anyone present at this meeting send a letter to the Mayor requesting consideration if there was interest.
 4. April 17th Meeting – Members of the LLC agreed that a meeting on April 17th would be helpful to make sure everything is ready for Earth Day participation.
 5. Earth Day – Ken reminded members of the LLC that participation is needed at the Village's Earth Day celebration on April 21. Tom said that he would arrange for prizes as a part of the children's "fishing pond" and Ken reiterated that he would review the LLC tri fold brochure.

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – Ken reported on the thickness of the ice on Lake Waterford.

2. Linden – Although the LLC does not have a representative for Lake Linden, Patrick, a resident in attendance at the meeting who resides on Linden, remarked that he did not observe any problems.
3. Springledge – Tom reported that there were not many ice fishermen on Springledge, but there were many skaters and hockey players.
4. Potomac– Brad reported that Potomac was being used by both ice fishermen and hockey players.

VIII. Public Participation: The Mayor reiterated that if any members of the public in attendance were interested in volunteering for the LLC, they should send him a letter of interest.

IX. Adjournment:

There was a motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kevin. The meeting ended at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP
Recording Secretary

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