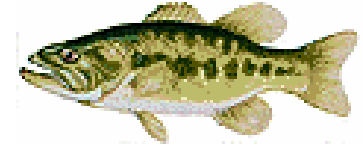




**Lakes Commission Meeting
September 18, 2018
7:00 p.m.**



Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Kevin Lowry	Village at Large
Tom Heinrich	Lake Springledge	Carlos Menor Salazar	Village at Large
Brad Winter	Lake Potomac	Dave Kraft	Village at Large
Pat Dickson	Lake Linden	Clay Johnson	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 Dave and seconded by Carlos to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2018. The motion carried.
- IV. Communications and Correspondence
 - Ken welcomed Dave Kraft as a new member of the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission and asked Dave to provide some information about himself. Dave responded that he and his family have lived in the Village of Lindenhurst since 2011, and he is employed as a water resource engineer for a local engineering firm. He said that he would like to help the LLC by sharing his professional experiences with respect to lake and water quality management.
 - Ken reminded new LLC members, Carlos and Dave, that they should provide a brief bio for the LLC website.
 - Ken shared some photos that Carlos sent to the LLC. He shared Carlos' photos of frogs; possible blue green algae; a snapping turtle; and a fish kill on Lake Linden. In addition, Ken shared photos of a snapping turtle that he caught off his dock; numerous water skipper insects on the water surface; and flying squirrels.
 - Ken thanked Kevin Klahs for straightening the informational sign by Teal Landing.
- V. Old Business
 1. Communications to shoreline residents – Ken reiterated his request that the Village provide addresses of shoreline property owners so that the “lake use” ordinances could be sent to the homes of these lakeshore property homeowners. He suggested that the mailing to shoreline property owners also include the LLC’s tri-fold brochure as well as fish identification cards. Tom explained that, even though information about the ordinances were communicated to all residents in the *Village Voice* earlier in the season, sending the information directly to the homes of lakeshore property owners would increase the likelihood that the residents would read the information. Tom reiterated his opinion that it is better to prevent inadvertent violations of lake use ordinances than to require residents

to re-do landscaping, seawalls, etc., if they have unknowingly violated one or more of the ordinances. Kevin K. responded that he would advocate harder for the requested mailing addresses. Ken ended the discussion by suggesting that the goal is to get everything ready for a spring mailing.

2. ILM Contract – Kevin informed the LLC that the Village’s current contract with ILM is ending this year. Discussions pertaining to the ILM contract and possible rebidding issues included sharing of ideas about contract performance clauses or contingency clauses in future Village contracts with applicators; the feasibility of adding “weed lanes” (i.e., clear areas of the lake as well as specified areas where aquatic vegetation may be allowed to grow more abundantly); and ensuring that possible contract renewals actualize more of a “lake management approach” based on need, than simply adhering to a weekly or bi-weekly treatment schedule.

Dave suggested that more communication with ILM is needed, as ILM may have some ideas for possible contract revisions. Kevin L. suggested that having the applicator check in with Village representatives should be considered in the future as well.

3. Lake Recommendations and Goals – Ken led a discussion on goal setting for our lakes as a part of a lake management plan. He pointed out that the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) has prepared summary reports for Lake Linden, Lake Potomac, and Lake Waterford, and these reports are available for review on the Lakes Commission web page. These reports have some recommendations for future goals. In addition, Ken reported that there is information available on the LCHD website pertaining to how lake management plans should be developed.

There was additional discussion about how the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission should go about identifying goals to be incorporated into the lake management plan. These discussions centered around the identification of possible stakeholders who should have input into the formation of goals. Examples of possible stakeholders (though not exhaustive) included Lake County Storm Water Management, ILM, Lake County Health Department, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Village officials, Village residents, etc. Discussions went on to suggest that goals need to be developed before a Lake Management Plan is drafted. The goals should be measurable and perhaps divided into three sections: community goals; common lake goals (for all lakes); and specific lake goals. It was generally agreed that members of the LLC would work, in tandem or in small groups, to draft lake goals. More specifically, it was suggested that Ken, P.J. and Dave would draft possible goals for Lake Waterford; Brad and Caly would draft possible goals for Lake Potomac; Pat and Carlos would draft possible goals for Lake Linden; and Tom and Kevin would draft possible goals for Lake Springledge. Dave volunteered to put together some structure for the small group meetings.

4. Lake data acquisition and utilization – Carlos volunteered to spearhead the project of consolidating ILM lake data and Volunteer Lake Management Program (VLMP) lake data using EXCEL files. Ken suggested that the consolidation should lead to a focus on new data trends.

VI. New Business

1. LLC Web site – Pat reported that little has happened with the LLC Web site since his last report.
2. Fish Stocking – Ken reported that, although P.J. was not present at this meeting, he has recommended muskie stocking in the Village lakes as it has been 3 years since it was last done. Ken suggested that if there were no objections, he will move forward and work with P.J. to schedule the muskie stocking. There were no objections.
3. Communication events – The LLC reviewed communication events that it currently participates in (Earth Day) as well as communication events that it once participated but discontinued. Ken suggested that members of the LLC think about other possible communication events that would be appropriate for LLC members to attend in the future so that these ideas may be discussed in subsequent meetings.

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – Ken reported that the lake water level was the highest it has been in years. In addition, he reported that a brackish turbidity still lingered; good flushing had taken place, but phytoplankton or blue green algae blooms lingered; and that the water temperature remained at normally warm season levels with a surface temperature of about 75. He added that the temperature had been high enough to bring up more of the massive peat mats again this year. The surface area of the mats seemed to be larger than last year.
2. Linden – Carlos reported that the lake was pretty clear, and he observed some dead blue gills. John F. added that the water was getting clearer and he observed a dead muskie off his shore.
3. Springledge – Tom reported that the lake continued to be murky. He added that Secchi readings at this time of year normally showed improving water clarity. Nevertheless, this year seemed to be an anomaly in that the Secchi readings revealed less clarity than in the past several years.
4. Potomac – In Brad and Caly's absence, Terry reported that the dissolved oxygen level has been so low that no treatments could be made.

VIII. Public Participation:

A resident expressed dissatisfaction that there is no asphalt launching ramp at Teal Landing. He suggested that, since Linden Landing had an asphalt ramp, Teal Landing should have one as well. Also, this resident expressed dissatisfaction with the condition of Lake Waterford. As a part of his complaint, the resident claimed that he witnessed the Village's contracted applicator run out of treatment supplies and then simply leave without finishing the applications.

Another resident living on Lake Waterford supported the first resident's claim that one end of Lake Waterford was never treated because the applicators ran out of supplies and left. This resident expressed an opinion that Lake Waterford looked very bad in June.

IX. Adjournment:

There was a motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Carlos. The meeting ended at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

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Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

