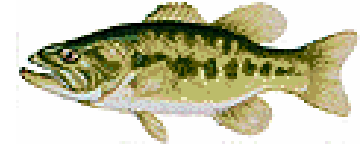




**Lakes Commission Meeting
May 21, 2019
7:00 p.m.**



Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Carlos Menor Salazar	Village at Large
Tom Heinrich	Lake Springledge	Dave Kraft	Village at Large
Brad Winter	Lake Potomac	Jim Stout	Park District Liaison
Pat Dickson	Lake Linden	Kevin Klahs	Director of Operations
P.J. Hilbert	Village at Large	Dawn Czarny	Village Trustee
Caly Winter	Village at Large	Clay Johnson	Village Administrator
Kevin Lowry	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 Dave and seconded by Brad to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2019. The motion carried.
- IV. Communications and Correspondence
 - Ken announced that he recently received an email from the Mayor re-appointing him as chair of the LLC.
 - Ken was pleased to announce that Village Board Trustee Dawn Czarny will serve as Lakes Commission liaison going forward.
 - Ken informed the LLC that he received an anonymous email expressing a concern about the enforcement of an ordinance pertaining to pontoon boats. Ken added that details of the concern would be discussed later in the meeting.
- V. Old Business
 1. Communications to shoreline residents – In response to Ken’s question about feedback related to letters sent to the homes of shoreline residents about the LLC and lake-related ordinances, Tom replied that 5 residents responded that they would like emails updating them as to lake related issues. Tom said that the first update he sent to those people was an invitation for them to attend tonight’s LLC meeting. Discussions that followed suggested that the mailing was well worth sending.
 2. Lake Recommendations and Goals – Ken advised members of the LLC that Dave agreed to serve as coordinator for the lake recommendations and goals initiative. Dave followed by saying that Lake County has developed a straight-forward approach to the goal setting process. He added that any newly proposed projects and ongoing activities can be included in the goal statements. The ongoing projects will be organized and updated. Dave said that this will be an ongoing project, and the LLC will continue to work with the Lake County Health Department. Dave added that our previous goals such as community

outreach and shoreline management were “low hanging fruit”, but the LLC will now likely be looking at some larger future goals. Following Dave’s comments, Ken offered relevant educational materials to those members of the public attending the meeting.

3. LLC Web site and Village Voice – 24 v communicated – Ken reminded members of the LLC that the last issue of the Village Voice reiterated the ordinance that electric motors of 12 volt maximum are permitted, or 24 volts for pontoon-style boats.
4. Budget – Kevin K. confirmed that the LLC’s budget for the upcoming fiscal year has been approved.

VI. New Business

1. Meeting with ILM representatives – Ken confirmed that a meeting was held with ILM representatives on April 4 to discuss a variety of relevant issues and some concerns about the treatment of the Village lakes. In attendance at the meeting were: Kevin K. from the Village; Ken, Dave and Tom from the LLC; and Debbie Budyak and Greg Zink from ILM. Kevin K. summarized the April 4 meeting, and mentioned that the Village is now in the last year of a 3 year contract with ILM as its chemical applicator. Kevin K. said that he has talked to other municipalities about contractors they are using to treat their lakes. He said that those municipalities will be sending him copies of their lake treatment contracts which will be helpful in preparing a successor proposal to be put out for bid.

Dave added that the representatives of the Village and Lakes Commission communicated to ILM that we would like them to operate more like a lakes manager rather than just treating the lakes routinely despite unusual conditions that might suggest changes. Also, Tom indicated that, during the meeting, Kevin K. and Ken made it clear that it is more appropriate for ILM to conduct lake inspections by boat rather than simply assessing lake conditions from shore.

2. Waterford peat discussion – Ken said that a resident’s boat has already been caught up on the floating peat mat in Lake Waterford even though peat mats are usually not problematic until the temperatures reach approximately 80 degrees. Members of the LLC discussed the possibility of including some contingency dollars in the lakes treatment contract to allow for peat removal if necessary.
3. Sediment project initiative – Ken explained that an ad hoc committee has begun to explore the feasibility of a sediment removal project. The scope of such a project would eventually include sediment removal for all the Village lakes. Nevertheless, Ken reiterated that this project would need to involve securing grants and would likely be a decade long project. Ken said that anyone who is interested can participate. The ad hoc committee did not provide a report on the initiative during this meeting.
4. Ordinance violations – Ken shared the content of an email he received from a resident who complained about perceived unsafe lake conditions resulting from the use of water craft having batteries in excess of 24 volts (i.e., the Village ordinance limit). Ensuing discussion about the appropriateness of a 24 volt battery limitation for pontoon boats lead to a general agreement that Brad will coordinate an ad hoc committee, to include Lake Waterford residents, for the purpose of looking into the appropriateness of a 24 volt battery limitation before making any recommendations for changes to the ordinance.

As part of a more general discussion, Ken went on to suggest that perhaps the Village should not have ordinances that cannot be enforced. Ken went on to say that he has neither the authority nor the inclination to enforce ordinances, and Village personnel are not permitted to go out on the water to deal with violations. Therefore, he questioned how one should handle a situation when one becomes aware of an ordinance violation. Kevin K. responded that if one becomes aware of an ordinance violation, one should contact Kevin K. or the police chief, and the situation will be handled. On the other hand, Kevin K. indicated that, depending upon the situation, it might be beneficial to have a conversation with someone who violates an ordinance because education and neighbor shaming are often effective in situations where one does not wish to get the authorities involved.

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Reports –

Waterford – Ken reported a surprising amount of curlyleaf pondweed; no algae; and water temperatures between 55 and 63 degrees. In addition, he said that he noticed some phytoplankton blooms starting. In closing, Ken mentioned that fishing was generally poor and 1 dead channel catfish and 1 dead tiger muskie were reported.

Linden – Resident Mike P. reported that fishermen were catching pike, and a pelican was observed on the lake. Other observations included low fishing activity; good water clarity and some submerged algae.

Springledge – Tom reported excellent water clarity; submerged algae blooms; and little fishing activity.

Potomac – Brad reported little fishing activity. In addition, he reported the presence of a pair of loons. In closing, he observed that the bass appeared to be rather small so far this year, while other kinds of fish appeared to be larger than normal.

VIII. Public Participation: Members of the public in attendance at the meeting contributed as follows:

-A resident asked about how ILM is paid. Ken responded that that ILM is paid per treatment visit.

-A resident commented that he did not see ILM treating his lake yet.

-A resident questioned whether the Village was being pro active enough in terms of treating the lakes early so as to avoid algae and pond weed problems later in the season. The resident was reminded that sometimes treatments cannot be made due to low oxygen levels in the lakes that may lead to fish kills.

-A resident asked if ILM has corrected its chemical treatment calculations for Lake Waterford as they had previously based those calculations on inaccurate estimates of the lake's. Ken confirmed that he noticed the mistake and informed ILM. In turn, ILM has made the appropriate corrections.

-A resident requested that the ordinance prohibiting trailer launching at Teal Landing be revised. After significant discussion, the resident withdrew his request for an ordinance change.

-Several residents requested that the Teal Landing launch site be improved by adding gravel. The residents were reminded that the Teal Landing launch site belongs to the park district, and they would be responsible for improvements.

-Ken and Dave thanked residents for their attendance and interest in the Village lakes. Attendees were encouraged to submit concerns in advance of future meetings so that those items may be placed on the agenda for discussion.

IX. Adjournment:

There was a motion made by Dave to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ken. The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

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Alicia Szeszol	421 Red Rock Drive
Jerry Szeszol	421 Red Rock Drive

Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

