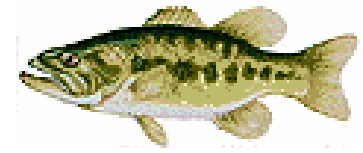




**Lakes Commission Meeting**  
**June 23, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**



<b>Ken Funk</b>	Lake Waterford	Carlos Menor Salazar	Village at Large
<b>Tom Heinrich</b>	Lake Springledge	<b>Dave Kraft</b>	Village at Large
<b>Brad Winter</b>	Lake Potomac	<b>Jim Stout</b>	Park District Liaison
Pat Dickson	Lake Linden	<b>Kevin Klahs</b>	Director of Operations
P.J. Hilbert	Village at Large	<b>Dawn Czarny</b>	Village Trustee
<b>Caly Winter</b>	Village at Large	Clay Johnson	Village Administrator
<b>Kevin Lowry</b>	Village at Large	<b>Dominic Marturano</b>	Mayor
			<b>bold = present</b>

- 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 Kevin L. to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2020. The motion carried.

**IV. Commissioner Reports**

A. Chairperson Report - Dave began by thanking everyone for accepting him as the new chairperson of the Lakes Commission. He said his goal is to facilitate the needs of the lakes and to keep the lakes as points of interest and assets to the community. He went on to thank Ken for his decades of service as leader of the Commission and praised Ken's efforts in that long leadership role.

**B. Individual Lakes Commissioner Reports**

- o Waterford Lake Report – Jim S. began the report (as Ken rectified his brief mic problem). Jim reported that Waterford had cleared up with the recent applications and many people were out enjoying the lake. Ken went on to report that the water level had dropped significantly and surface algae was evident in patches situated mainly in the channel and some shorelines. In addition, he mentioned that subsurface algae were ready to emerge. His report included comments that the water temperature was above 80 degrees and peat was beginning to form on the surface. Ken's other observations were that the water clarity was okay; the curlyleaf pondweed had collapsed and other macrophytes have turned brown; fishing had picked up recently; numerous spawning circles were evident around the lake; 2019 and 2020 young of the year were spotted; turtles were in abundance and some type of singing frogs were new this year (not bull frogs).
- o Springledge Lake Report – Tom reported that he completed two Secchi readings this month, and the water clarity was typical for June on Springledge with

readings of about five feet for both measurement sites. Tom said that this compares favorably to the norm for previous data collected in the month of June over the past few years. Tom went on to report that algae now covered from 15 to 20% of the lake. This was down considerably from before ILM's recent treatment. Tom reported that, as usual, the last treatment for algae control was effective, and it seems that a treatment frequency of two times per month has been effective so far. He added that, during ILM's last visit to Springledge treatment was included for control of some different types of pondweed, including curlyleaf, horned and small pondweed. This treatment seemed to be effective and the pondweed was under control. Finally, Tom reported that he has spotted loads of bluegill and bass along with a few catfish and at least one muskie. Turtles are in abundance along with a snapping turtle or two. In summary, Tom reported that the lake was in reasonable condition with no outstanding problems as of the day of this report.

- Linden Lake Report – None.
- Potomac Lake Report – Brad reported that the condition of Potomac was fair and had improved over the past few weeks. He went on to report that the water was warm; algae covered about 1/3 of the lake; it was difficult to operate trolling motors; there was an abundance of people fishing even though fishing was somewhat difficult.

C. Trustee Report – Trustee Czarny expressed her appreciation for Ken's dedicated service as chair of the Lakes Commission for so many years. In addition, she said that she looked forward to Ken's future contributions as he continues to serve on the Lakes Commission. Trustee Czarny went on to welcome Dave as the new chair of the commission. She requested that her remaining time be ceded to Mayor Marturano for some additional comments. In turn, Mayor Marturano thanked Ken for his leadership to the Lakes Commission for so many years, and mentioned that he looks forward to additional contributions from Ken as he will remain on the Commission. Mayor Marturano closed by thanking all members of the Lakes Commission for their time and stepping up for the benefit of the Village. Dave thanked the Mayor for his expression of appreciation.

D. Village Report – Kevin Klabs reported that the Covid-19 pandemic caused the Village to shut down for about 3 months, and Village staff were now returning. Kevin went on to report that for the first time in a long while, there was no early Sonar treatment to the lakes this year. Absent this treatment, a horned weed problem developed in Potomac and a curlyleaf problem developed in Waterford. Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) has agreed to hold pricing and continue to treat our lakes this season. Kevin continued his report by stating that ILM recommended that a full pond weed treatment not be applied to Potomac at this point. About 1/3 of the total treatment still needs to be completed. Caly questioned whether testing for water quality could be done for Potomac as she noticed some residents were swimming on the lake. Jim S. responded that the Lake County Health Department typically tests the designated beaches, but even this is not being done at the present time because the Lake County Health Department has been closed. Brad suggested that signage stating "swim at your own risk" be considered. Dave responded that perhaps this was not a decision for the Lakes Commission.

#### V. Old Business:

- A. Brad asked Kevin K. about the status of the benches that were discussed from last year's budget. Kevin responded that the Village now has the benches, but volunteers

are needed to help install them along the Grass Lake Road area. Brad said he would email Kevin to discuss additional details about the benches so that the project may be completed.

**VI. New Business:**

- A. Linden Algal Blooms – Dave reported that there have been significant algae issues on Lake Linden, but these issues are starting to improve. Kevin K. added that he spoke with representatives of ILM about the use of a different treatment concentration to remediate the problem. Kevin said that Village public works employees will pick up raked algae along some shorelines if a community raking effort is formed. Prior to ending discussion of this item, Dave asked if anyone else present had any additional thoughts about Linden. There was no additional response.
  
- B. Commissioner Communication – Dave began a discussion about the feasibility or advisability of using a format such as Microsoft Teams to facilitate more efficient communication between members of the Lakes Commission. Subsequent discussion centered on the mechanics and or legality of such methods of communication. Mayor Marturano suggested that any plans of this nature be posed to the Village attorney for advice. Trustee Czarny suggested that Clay Johnson be involved as well. In summary, Dave and Kevin K. suggested that they will first discuss such communication strategies with Clay Johnson. Mayor Marturano added that some training relevant to the open meetings act may be necessary. Tom added that he had such training in the past.
  
- C. Meeting Schedule - Dave reported that the next meeting of the Lakes Commission will be held on July 21, 2020. It was suggested that perhaps the meeting would be held in Village Hall but those who wished to participate via Zoom would be able to do so.

**VII. Public Participation:**

A resident commented that he would like to see the lake water tested to determine if residents could swim safely. Dave responded that it would be beneficial to obtain background information about the cost of such testing. Kevin K. added that the Village is also looking at costs for improving signage for entrances to beaches and other similar public areas where information could be posted.

Another resident asked about the status of the contract with Integrated Lakes Management (ILM). In response, it was reported that Covid-19 side-tracked the contract bidding process, but ILM is treating the lakes once again this season. The contract will be revisited in the fall when there will be a better idea of how much the budget will allow. The resident went on to comment that he expressed an interest in taking water samples for a volunteer testing program but had not heard anything about training or the volunteer process. In addition, Brad indicated that he had volunteered as well, but, similarly, did not hear about training or other details. Tom responded that the Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program coordinated through the Lake County Health Department was discontinued last year. Therefore, no water sampling testing could be done. Nevertheless, Tom volunteered to train any interested parties in taking Secchi readings as a measure of water clarity as the Lake County Health Department still accepts this type of data. Tom suggested that Brad or the interested resident email him if they wish to learn how to take these readings. Dave added that he will prioritize volunteer water testing. At this point, Mayor Marturano advised participants that there is a

concern that the Village will get enough revenue to satisfy the budget. He added that budget restrictions for 2021 and beyond are concerning for all municipalities.

Another resident expressed an interest in water testing. In addition, she expressed a concern that piers and pier parts are sometimes floating in the lake and creating a safety hazard. Kevin K. advised that when this happens, residents should call him so that he will help solve the problem.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

There was a motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Brad. The meeting ended at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP  
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Chad Anderson	
Kathleen Gernady	
Stan Green	
Colleen James	
Fritz Meyers	

**Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

