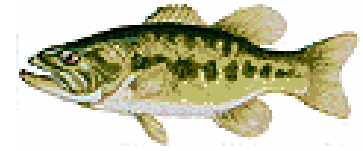




**Lakes Commission Meeting  
November 17, 2020  
7:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom**



<b>Pat Dickson</b>	Lake Linden	<b>Jim Stout</b>	Park District Liaison
<b>Ken Funk</b>	Lake Waterford	Brad Winter	Lake Potomac
<b>Tom Heinrich</b>	Lake Springledge	Caly Winter	Village at Large
P.J. Hilbert	Village at Large	Dawn Czarny	Village Trustee
<b>Dave Kraft</b>	Chair & Village at Large	Clay Johnson	Village Administrator
Kevin Lowry	Village at Large	<b>Kevin Klahs</b>	Director of Operations
Carlos Menor Salazar	Village at Large	Dominic Marturano	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 Jim S. and seconded by Pat D. to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2020. The motion carried.
- IV. Commissioner Reports
  - A. Chairperson Report - Dave began by thanking Ken for his years of leadership and service to the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission as its former chair. He stated that, due to COVID-19, the formal presentation of a plaque depicting Lake Waterford has been delayed. Nevertheless, Dave said that additional recognition and thanks will be forthcoming once circumstances will allow people to get together. Dave went on to say that Ken's length of service will likely never be duplicated. In turn, Ken expressed his appreciation for the award.
  - B. Individual Lakes Commissioner Reports – Dave began the discussion of lake reports by saying that he thought the lakes were in good condition the second half of the summer.
    - o Waterford Lake Report – Ken reported that, in Waterford, the water was clear and there continued to be fishing activity on the lake.
    - o Springledge Lake Report – Tom reported that the lake appeared to be in good condition even though some algae persisted along some of the shorelines.
    - o Linden Lake Report – Pat reported that he intended talk to some residents along Linden's shores who were dumping leaves along the lake. Despite this, Pat reported that no problems were apparent on the lake, and the water was clear.
    - o Potomac Lake Report – No report.
  - C. Trustee Report – No report.
- V. Village Report – Kevin K. reported that he would like to assign a group of individuals to clean and organize the Village garage in spring. Therefore, he would eventually like input about which

LLC materials including old informational pamphlets and/or equipment could be discarded. Pat asked if the Go Green materials could be kept for the time being as some of it may still be useful.

**VI. Old Business: None**

**VII. New Business:**

A. 2021 Budget Discussion – Dave and Kevin K. reported the Village is currently in the budget cycle. The following discussions ensued.

- 1) Fish Stocking – Dave said that P.J., who has been coordinating fish stocking for the LLC, has sent an email asking if the LLC will be requesting additional fish stocking for the upcoming year. Dave reported that, according to discussions he has had with those who frequently fish the Village lakes, fewer bass are being caught, and those bass that are being caught tend to be smaller in size. Also, he reported that fishermen are reporting plenty of tiger muskie. These observations seem to indicate that there is no need to stock more tiger muskies this coming year. Ken agreed and added that the previous plan was only to restock with tiger muskies every third year. Ken added that, in his opinion, restocking tiger muskies at this time would only be appropriate if a fish kill occurs. Dave added that he intends to communicate with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) about the possibility of having a fish survey done in the next year or two. Once IDNR data is available, fish stocking recommendations will be easier.

Dave reported that P.J.'s aforementioned email suggested the possibility of adding fish structures be explored for our lakes. For example, fish structures might be formed by putting discarded Christmas trees on the ice weighted by cinder blocks so that the trees may submerge after a thaw. Ken suggested safeguards be considered so that people do not discard trees on the lake haphazardly. In addition, Ken suggested that, perhaps, residents could be asked to drop off the trees at a designated dropping point. Dave said he would discuss possible next steps with P.J.

- 2) Teal Access Improvements – Ken provided members of the LLC a list of with some ideas about possible improvements to Teal Landing that would make the area more aesthetically pleasing. His ideas included replacement of railroad ties as well as adding steps; adding a bench; and adding more stone. The idea of enhanced lake access at Teal Landing turned into a discussion about improving the boat launch site. With respect to improving the launch site, Dave suggested two options for further discussion. The LLC could draft a resolution to the Park District, or Dave and Kevin K. could simply begin informal discussions with Park District officials. Jim S. reported that the Park District has discussed Teal Landing in the past, and it has never been designated as an official boat launching area. Teal Landing was, nevertheless, improved recently so that Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) could be assured easier access to Waterford for the purpose of treating it. Jim S. added that the cost to improve Teal Landing as a launch site is very great, and funds for doing so would be difficult to justify. Finally, Jim S. added that other lakes in the area charge a launching fee that helps pay for such improvements. Jim suggested that launching fees or sticker fees to considered in the future. Ken clarified that his ideas, as written, were not to improve a boat launch site, but only to improve the aesthetics for residents as they frequent to area.

- 3) Website Migration – Ken reminded members of the LLC that his term as LLC commissioner is up in April and a decision on the LindenhurstLakes.com website needs to be made. He said that someone with a passion for our lakes and computer expertise is needed to continue to work on the website. Ken said that he is willing to help with the transfer of responsibilities.
- B. Updated Lake Management Contract Update and Discussion – Dave reported that he and Kevin K. met with representatives of Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) in September to share feedback about the last season. Dave reiterated the message previously communicated from Village leadership that we are in uncertain budget times. He went on to inform the LLC that the Village will solicit lakes management contract bids from several reputable vendors for a two-year contract that may include additional details about service delivery, algae management and other treatments that may be necessary on a case-by-case basis based on unique conditions of the lakes. Dave mentioned that, due to the uncertain status of the budget and Covid-19, the Village may consider some ala carte services. It was noted that Kevin K. has already procured a lakes management contract from Libertyville, and Dave has access to contracts from other sources that will be examined for the possibility of revising/improving the language of the Village's next lakes management bid.

Dave continued the discussion by indicating that he was interested in hearing from other Lakes Commissioners about specific goals for individual lakes that might be included in the contract's language to provide better guidance to contractors. Ken suggested that, for Waterford, it is important to keep the biomass down early in the season with the use of Sonar. Ken specified that he was not referring to the presence of algae, but rather specifically to limiting the biomass buildup under water consisting of curlyleaf and similar macrophytes.

Dave added that Linden's early algae problems last year, with almost 100% coverage, was likely due to heavy rains and excessive nutrient flow into the lake. Pat asked if it would be possible to add an algae plow to the budget to allow for mechanical algae remediation. Pat added that he would be willing to use such an algae plow on his boat. As a part of this conversation, Dave said that if residents collect algae, it is possible to coordinate with the Village's Public Works Department for removal from shore.

With respect to drafting goals for the lakes, Tom questioned whether it would be prudent to discuss goals pertaining to how much algae coverage on the lakes would be acceptable/permisible. For example, Tom said that some brief research on his part indicated that up to 15% algae coverage is normal and expected. Dave responded that it might make some sense to identify target goals for algal coverage because the contract, as it exists, is a bit light on this type of guidance. Ken urged that we do not overreact to algae because a balanced approach is needed that is often dependent upon the weather. Dave went on to comment that the acceptable percent of algal coverage would likely have to be tailored for each individual lake. For example, 15% to 20% is probably not a realistic target for Potomac.

In response to Dave's question about what other things might be added in the next lake's management contract proposal, Pat responded that some mechanism for accountability is necessary. Dave suggested that some language be added requesting an assigned staff person who commits to actually going out on the lakes for treatment

recommendations. Ken added that a biologist is needed in the boat, and that macrophytes should be treated when the applicators see a problem. Ken went on to suggest that it is key for applicators to have a sense of ownership in the Village lakes.

The discussion concluded with comments expressing satisfaction with the way ILM treated the lakes during the past season. Dave acknowledged Kevin K.'s part in having the lakes treated well

**VIII. Public Participation:**

A resident expressed his opinion that algae issues were generally handled well over the past season, but Linden was in bad shape for a long time. In addition, he said that he understood financial restraints and thought that new sources of revenue might be acceptable to others.

**IX. Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP  
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Fritz Meyers	

**Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

