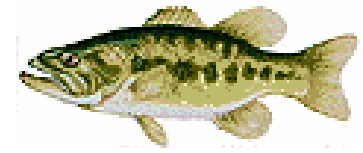




**Lakes Commission Meeting
March 16, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom**



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| Pat Dickson | Lake Linden | Jim Stout | Park District Liaison |
| Ken Funk | Lake Waterford | Brad Winter | Lake Potomac |
| Tom Heinrich | Lake Springledge | Caly Winter | Village at Large |
| P.J. Hilbert | Village at Large | Dawn Czarny | Village Trustee |
| Dave Kraft | Chair & Village at Large | Clay Johnson | Village Administrator |
| Kevin Lowry | Village at Large | Kevin Klahs | Director of Operations |
| Carlos Menor Salazar | 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 Kevin L. and seconded by P.J. to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2021. The motion carried.

IV. Commissioner Reports

A. Chairperson Report - Dave began by commenting he has not been made aware of any issues pertaining to the lakes and that there was no evidence of any fish kills. He then asked for individual lake reports from other members of the Lakes Commission.

B. Individual Lakes Commissioner Reports –

Potomac Lake Report – Dave reported that he saw no signs of a fish kill on Potomac even though one had been reported to him.

Springledge Lake Report – Tom reported that Springledge became unfrozen on March 12 or 13. He said that approximately 15% of the lake was already algae covered. He went on to say that the water was not very clear, but that lack of clarity may be due to the spring water turnover and the very recent thaw. Finally, he reported observing Mallards, Canada Geese and Buffleheads on the lake.

Linden Lake Report – Carlos reported that Linden was now unfrozen and the first kayakers of the season were observed. In addition, Carlos reported seeing fishermen, buffleheads, and a fox. He went on to say that the lake conditions appeared to be normal, with no fish kills.

P.J. added that he had been doing quite a bit of ice fishing, and the bluegill fishing was good. He said he saw no signs of a fish kill.

Waterford Lake Report – Ken reported that there were lots of ice fishermen on Waterford’s Thunder Bay this season right up until the day before the ice went out. In addition, he reported observing a red fox crossing Thunder Bay north to south just before the ice went out. He said that the final ice went off the main lake mid-week and off his Thunder Bay shoreline on Friday, March 13. Ken went on to report that he put his dock in on March 13. In addition, he said that muskie fisherman were on the lake and large muskies were spotted. None were caught over the weekend to the best of his knowledge. He related that he observed a boat on the lake with no Village sticker. In response to this observation, he marked our plastic regulations cards with an asterisk highlighting the language requiring village stickers and the language specifying “residents only.” He then placed these highlighted regulation cards under the windshield wipers of the fishermen’s parked vehicles.

Ken reported clear water and not as much bottom algae as last year. He concluded by reporting that sandhill cranes have been going over the water; buffleheads and common mergansers were seen on the water; a fox was seen crossing Thunder Bay; and beaver activity was evident off his beach area.

C. Trustee Report – Dawn had no report.

D. Village Report – Kevin K. reported that the lake management contract bid will go out later in the week and responses from bidders should be back May 1.

V. Old Business: Kevin L. asked if the previously discussed deadline for bidder responses would ensure that the lakes could be treated early enough. In addition, Dawn commented that she thought the bids might have gone out earlier. In response, Kevin K. explained that the Village budget cycle begins May 1, and if the vendor changes from last year, no treatment could possibly be done earlier than May 1. Kevin K. went on to say that if the Village retained the same contractor as last year, it might be possible to arrange for an April treatment of the lakes.

VI. New Business:

A. 2021 Budget Discussion – Dave said that the lakes management contract bid responses will be needed to finalize the budget discussion. In response to a question by Jim S., Dave said that he anticipated that there would be at least two bidder responses, but he hoped for three or four.

B. Lakes Commission Communication –Tom volunteered to draft an article for a spring issue of “Village Voice” aimed at informing residents about how they can help protect the health and aesthetics of our lakes. The mayor informed the LLC that the deadline for the May/June issue of “Village Voice” is April 5. After some discussion, there was consensus that the article should appear in this issue rather than the July/August issue. Jim S. suggested that the article remind residents to keep yard waste out of the street.

C. April Meeting – After some brief discussion, it was agreed that an April meeting of the Lakes Commission should be scheduled.

VII. Public Participation: None

VIII. Adjournment:

There was a motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kevin L.
The meeting ended at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
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| None | |
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Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

