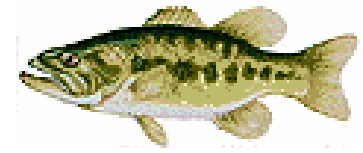




**Lakes Commission Meeting  
July 20, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom & In Person**



<b>Ken Funk</b>	Lake Waterford	Jim Stout	Park District Liaison
<b>Tom Heinrich</b>	Lake Springledge	<b>Brad Winter</b>	Lake Potomac
P.J. Hilbert	Village at Large	<b>Caly Winter</b>	Village at Large
<b>Dave Kraft</b>	Chair & Village at Large	Pat Dickson	Village Trustee
Kevin Lowry	Village at Large	Clay Johnson	Village Administrator
<b>Fritz Meyer</b>	Village at Large	<b>Kevin Klaas</b>	Director of Operations
Carlos Menor Salazar	Lake Linden	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 Caly and seconded by Brad to approve the minutes of the meetings of March 16, 2021 and May 18, 2021. The motion carried.

**IV. Commissioner Reports**

- A. Chairperson Report – Dave began by reporting that he has not been on our lakes much, but things seem to be going well and the lakes are in reasonable shape. He pointed out that the reports from McCloud Aquatics are generally favorable about the condition of the lakes and he has not heard many complaints from residents.

Following his report, Dave asked for the following reports from commissioners representing the various Village lakes.

**B. Individual Lakes Commissioner Reports –**

**Waterford Lake Report** – Ken reported that Waterford seems to be surprisingly clear of filamentous algae and phytoplankton blooms effecting clarity considering the biomass of curly-leaf that was treated and went to the bottom. He reported that the water temperature has been between 75- and 78-degrees Fahrenheit. He went on to report the following observations:

- There are massive chara beds which are beneficial in helping to maintain the oxygen level for a healthy fishery.

- Sago pond weed is beginning to cause navigational problems around the channel and at the east end of the main lake as it winds up around trolling motor props.
- The large mouth bass are growing, and the bluegills are abundant and getting quite large.
- The lake now has an overabundance of large and small crappies of multiple year classes.
- Surprisingly, a couple of muskies that he caught were quite thin, and the population of 40 plus inch muskie seems to be low. Ken reported that this indicates the need for some additional muskies to help maintain the panfish population since the large, large mouth bass population seems to be too low to do it.
- Insect levels are generally low, and the number of dragon fly and nymph chrysalis appear to be fewer this year.
- The beaver has been active working on the bark of a felled tree at Teal Road.
- Muskrats are increasing and turtles seem to be decreasing. There a the usual token number of bull frogs; and there are a surprising number of late season Mallard and Canada Goose hatchlings.
- One new limestone shoreline was reported.

**Potomac Lake Report** – Brad reported stagnant fishing conditions and said that he has not been able to catch a fish despite his continued attempts. Brad went on to say that surface algae is still a problem, but it is less of a problem compared with last year. Finally, he reported that the Grass Lake Road area by the lakes looks good.

**Springledge Lake Report** – Tom reported that conditions on Springledge have been favorable since the last meeting of the LLC. The lake has been relatively free of unsightly algae and there have been no fish kills. Fishing activity and kayaking activity have been moderate. Tom went on to report that he went on the lake the day of the LLC meeting to do Secchi readings as a measure of water clarity. His Secchi readings were at 36 inches, and he reported that this does not compare very favorably with Secchi readings taken in July in previous years. As a means of comparison, Tom reported that since he has been taking Secchi readings on Springledge, previous July readings have ranged from a low of 22 inches to a high of 77. He concluded his report by reiterating that the 36 inches recorded this day were on the low side.

**Linden Lake Report** – No report.

C. Trustee Report – No report.

D. Village Report – Kevin K. reported that he received feedback from a resident who feels limestone should be allowed for shoreline reconstruction, especially when they remove a metal seawall. The resident related two limestone shorelines were going in, one of which the Village has contacted and provided permit information they will need to follow.

In addition, Kevin reported that he received feedback from a resident who would like to see shoreline restoration with fishing spots and more water access at the Lake Linden dam public access area by Elmwood. Another resident called from Springledge with a suggestion to add a fountain to help with aeration and algae control.

Kevin went on to inform members of the LLC that the Village auctioned miscellaneous surplus property, including some Lakes Commission equipment such as nets and a boat motor. The surplus property was posted on the Village website.

Lastly, Kevin reported that he has received complaints about a property on Teal that was operating as an Airbnb. The position of the Village is that it is not allowed per zoning code and the owner has been notified to cease the operation. The police department is investigating the matter. Kevin reminded members of the LLC that conversations about those guests violating fishing and boating ordinances should be directed to the police when they occur.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business:

A. Lake County Health Department Discussion with Alana Bartolai – This discussion did not take place as Ms. Bartolai was either unavailable or unable to connect to the meeting electronically due to technical issues.

B. Outstanding Issues for Discussion Updates –

- Dave said that P.J. is working on costs for bass and bluegill stocking for Lake Potomac. Dave went on to say that he leans toward getting a fish survey done before much more fish stocking is decided upon. Fritz added that insofar as fishing is concerned, Waterford seemed to be in good shape. Tom added that fishermen on Springledge have expressed satisfaction with their productivity. Brad said that he would like to have some input on future fish stocking decisions before they are made.

-Fritz suggested that some of the brush could be cleared or trimmed in Waterford's channel between the main lake and Thunder Bay. Ken suggested that the situation did not constitute a navigation hazard.

-A discussion about restocking Waterford included comments that muskie fishing has dropped off. Nevertheless, Frank had suggested that there was no need to restock muskie in the fall but restocking largemouth bass might be reasonable.

**VII. Public Participation:** A resident reported that an individual on Springledge is running an Airbnb out of his Teal Road home. The resident went on to say that the guests at the Airbnb have been dropping boats in the lakes and fishing for muskie. Kevin K. reiterated that the Village has been in communication with the owner of the home and ordered him to cease and desist in his operation of the Airbnb. Also, Kevin K. said that the Village police should be contacted if any individuals are seen committing violations of lake ordinances. Another resident in attendance expressed gratitude for both reporting and taking steps to stop the operation of the Airbnb in the neighborhood and on Village lakes. In addition, this individual expressed satisfaction with the effectiveness with which McCloud Aquatics is treating the lakes so far.

**VIII. Adjournment:**  
There was a motion made by Brad to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Fritz.  
The meeting ended at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich  
Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Judy Heinrich	
Jim West	

**Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**

