

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021 9:00A
SPOONER TOWN HALL, N6124 BLOOMING VALE ROAD, SPOONER, WI
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Jay Nordstrom, Nancy Hanson, Pat Inman, Ed Fischer, and Mort Dahl

Absent: none

Stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: A balance of approximately \$74,000 is in the lake district account, the tax levy balance should come soon. The Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) grant has been expended. Boat launch fees collected this year to date are \$2,200. The weed harvesting spent this year to date is \$1,500. Legal fees spent this year total \$21,000, \$26,000 to date including the \$5,000 that was left over from last year. Mabi Plisky requested a letter be sent to the Spooner Town Board Chairman before their next meeting regarding the boat collection fees and what the monies are used for. Nancy Hanson stated that they receive a letter after Labor Day, and the fees are used for lake treatment. She will send the update again after Labor Day. In response to an audience question, Hanson stated that the funds for Spooner Lake District are obtained from real estate taxes as a tax levy. She also stated that grants are obtained for certain small projects and gave an explanation of the expense report. Pat Inman suggested putting information on the website to explain what a lake district is and what the responsibilities are. Mort Dahl made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ed Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Plisky stated that is there was error in the previous minutes. The item of the "minutes that were approved" were dated incorrectly. "Previous minute approval for 9/5/20 and 2/12/21 district meetings." Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of June 26th with the correction to item number one that the minutes approved were 3/8/21, 3/20/21, and 5/1/21. Mort Dahl seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Ed Fischer discussed the CUP appeal process. Fischer stated that the meeting was well attended and many comments were made in favor of the appeal. The Board of Adjustment needs to file a written report within 30 days of the hearing date. The property owner, Steve Austin, then has the chance to appeal, but this is based on the first conditional use permit. The Spooner Lake District may then make a counter appeal. Inman stated that there are three options that Austin can make. Appeal to circuit court, wait a year with a new application, or sell the property to a new buyer. The CUP follows the property ownership.

A question was asked, how does the campground effect Spooner Lake? Fischer responded stating the resident population of the lake will be at over capacity. Hanson stated that natural beauty will be disturbed and there are sensitive areas that WDNR has identified that would be

effected. Plisky stated that there is a website available, preservespoonerlake.org, that provides more information on the subject.

2. Jay Nordstrom gave an update on the weed harvesting. Nordstrom and Hanson went out to tour the areas of the lake that are in most need of harvesting with the lake biologist. The company that was contracted had their machine break down and the harvesting has been rescheduled for Monday, 8/9/21. It is now becoming late in the year. It is recommended to have a signed contract as much as six months ahead of the anticipated harvest time for next year, 2022.

There was additional discussion from the residents regarding the problems that the weeds are causing. Additional options for weed removal were discussed. The channel is the only area that weed harvesting will be permitted per WDNR.

Plisky asked about the weed harvest area in relation to the mapped that was posted on the website. There are priority areas that Nordstrom and Hanson will request the harvest be completed. The dam will continue to be lowered one foot annually to help prevent shoreline erosion. Hanson stated that she will look at pricing and options for the lake district to purchase their own weed harvesting methods.

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) was discussed.

3. Nordstrom stated that a buoy needs to be replaced. He plans to order two buoys to use as replacements, however, he has had an issue finding a company that has them available.
4. Inman gave an update on the watershed management plan. As a lake district we are approved to apply for a WDNR Surface Water Grant. This funding will potentially provide funds to have the current plan updated. The pre-proposal will be submitted by September 1st. A motion was made by Inman to contract with Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH), not to exceed \$5,000, to prepare the grant application that will potentially provide funding for the update of the watershed management plan. Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Agenda items for the upcoming Annual Membership meeting were discussed. The treasurer's report will be presented at the beginning of the meeting.
 - a. Discussion of pre-proposal: update of the Spooner Watershed Management Plan
 - b. Discussion of accepting donations to aid in paying future legal fees
 - c. Discussion of CLP and CBCW grant status
 - d. Discussion of 2021-2022 weed harvesting
 - e. Report of annual audit report
 - f. Discussion of the proposed budget and the taxation of the current property owners
 - g. Election of two board members
 - h. Status of boat launch fee for 2022

6. Discussion of Helquist and Frankowitz records request. The attorney is currently gathering this information to complete the request.
7. Fischer made a motion to accept the following statement that he prepared to address the “research committee”:

The “research committee” created by the Board on January 13, 2021 was not intended to act as an official committee of the Board with any delegated powers. The purpose was to create a work group for the purpose of carrying out the District’s decision to oppose the campground. Specifically, the individuals were tasked with creating a letter to educate citizens how they could express their opinions about the proposed campground. That letter was posted to the District website February 2021. The two individuals were separately tasked with coordinating communications between the Board and the attorney appointed by the Board to help oppose the campground.

Hanson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting will be September 4, 2021. A motion to adjourn was made by Dahl at 11:21a. Seconded by Nordstrom. Motion carried unanimously.