



The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
April 12, 2022

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Mike Reiter, Beth Hartman, Keith Karpinski, Warren Wasescha, and Ann Layton.  
**Committee Members and Interested Members of the Public:** Kel Kobernick, Joe Bolder, Steve Paulson and Steve James.

Meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 6:00p.m. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Warren Wasescha and seconded by Ann Layton, motion passed.

### **Public Input and Questions:**

Public discussion moved to and reported as part of Social Outings.

**Secretary's Report:** Meeting Minutes from the October 5, 2021 Commissioner's meetings had previously been circulated via email and were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes made by Mike Reiter and seconded by Ann Layton. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Warren Wasescha summarized recent activity and comparative year to year summary, noting that the balance has been trending down for the last years. Currently there is grant money in the PO Box that needs to be picked up and deposited which will partially restore balance. Updated financial information will be provided with the minutes. Mike Reiter made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Ann Layton. Motion carried.

**Chairperson's Report:** Mike Reiter reporting: The next meeting for the year is scheduled for June 7, 2022. It should be at the Alden Town Hall assuming no elections.

## **Committee Reports and Old Business**

**Upper Dam Report:** This dam is actually Town of Garfield's property and they were notified following minor repair that was made by lake residents. Garfield should do repairs if needed in the future. There has been no further correspondence at this time.

**Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Treatment:** Mike contacted DNR to obtain an extension of our current grant which was approved and the funds will be used for 2022 treatment. All permits are in and the diminishing area will be treated. This is likely the last year that the past grant will cover. It is likely that a new grant would not be approved as the CLP treatment has been successful to the point that there is diminishing return from treatment. A decision will be made based on the survey that will be done in the fall.

**Purple Loosestrife:** The increase in amount and number of locations of Purple Loosestrife is a concern to the board as well as lake residents. Mike and Beth pulled PL at a number of sights last year. Pulling and bagging before the PL goes to seed is a good way to control small areas of infestation and does not require permits or chemicals. Beth has discussed a more concerted effort to remove PL late summer of this year enlisting the help of the Healthy Lakes Committee including Cheryl Beardslee and Dave Fodroczi.

**Spring Newsletter:** A Fall Newsletter was mailed in November and a Spring Newsletter is planned for a mailing in May. At this point we are planning to go back to a four page newsletter to avoid repetition. Articles

have been solicited from board members. And Cheryl Clemens and Paperworx are on board to edit and print.

### **Grant Status:**

1. **APM Plan Update-** Cheryl Clemens led this effort and the plan was accepted by the DNR.
2. **Lake Management Plan-** Cheryl Clemens was the lead on this as well. Following two community meetings and building on the APM Plan, the Lake Management Plan was submitted to the DNR for approval. The plan is the starting point for many grants and it was accepted by the DNR.
3. **Big Lake Internal Load** – While work continues to be done by Steve Sheifer and the county to identify the sources of phosphorous in Big Lake it should be noted that it has been recommended that Big Lake be removed from the Impaired Waters list. This is good news for the health of the lake as well as for the market value of lake property.
4. **CB/CW-** Clean Boats/ Clean Waters had increased hours and higher wages in 2021. The grant request for 2022 reflected the increase, requesting a grant amount of \$8000 up from \$6000. This would cover a total project cost of \$10667. The grant was approved and Warren is now working with Annette to get coverage at the ramps.
5. **Healthy Lakes-** Beth met with Dave Fodrozci and Cheryl Beardslee who have joined the committee for this grant. The DNR oversees this grant and allowed extensions for 4 projects being done by two landowners. Because of changes to the program, including exclusion of steeper grades, it may be more difficult to get approval for shoreline plantings. Rain gardens and diversions could be used on some of those properties.

**Landing Camera Status:** The camera was vandalized and not working the end of the boating season. Work was done throughout the fall and winter to determine the best course of action for the future. Tom Campbell, an active and interested lake resident, worked with Environmental Sentry Protection to come up with a plan for a camera that would not be susceptible to vandalism or electrical surges or outages. A solar powered system was determined to be the best option. The Town of Alden has committed to cut down/ trim a tree that would block sunlight. Thanks to all who contributed to the project.

**Fish Stocking:** Stocking took place the end of October. The fish that were stocked looked healthy and active. The Big Lake Store's Ice Fishing Contest was a success and Earl again increased his contribution to the Lake District to \$1500. This will allow for an increase in the number of walleye to be stocked in the lakes. It was noted by the fisherman at the meeting that there has been some success for walleye fishing on the lakes especially in December when the ice was thin!

**Boat Landing Updates:** Keith noted that the land has been officially transferred and the county approved the Certified Survey Map (CSM) that was necessary for the land to be formally transferred to the town. The Town of Alden is now working with the DNR. Again it was emphasized this is a slow process. No news on the Big Lake landing at this point.

**Committee Memberships and Involvement:** Mike again emphasized the importance of getting people involved. Healthy Lakes has become a committee. Others have worked on various projects. Andrea Anderson no longer wishes to be the Chair of the Social Committee. Working to get a new chair.

**Decontamination Station:** At this time neither of our landings are suitable for a station.

**Loon Platforms:** Beth and Jerry worked on the platform and installed with the assistance of Joe Bolder, thanks. Will try and do more plantings this spring to attract loons.

### **Social Committee / Outings:**

1. **Pontoon Band Proposal:** Steve Paulson and Steve James proposed North of 64, a local band that plays music from many genres and decades. The plan is to have the band on a pontoon and Big Lake and boats could congregate there to listen and have fun. The date was Saturday August 6, 2022 (Rain Date August 28) from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Cost would be \$400 for the band and less than \$500 total. Mike made a motion to approve and pay for band and Beth seconded. Motion Passed.
2. **Discussed Social Dinner:** Sherri and Bob Singer have agreed to coordinate the Social Dinner again

this year. Sherri had contacted Tammy at Wanderoos for possible June date. All June dates were taken with graduations. August dates were open. After discussion decided date after Pontoon Band event might be good, either August 13, 2022 or August 20, 2022. (Note: August 20, 2022 chosen subsequent to meeting.) Ann will contact Sherri to follow up with Tammy.

- 3. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Solicited assistance from Steve Paulson for parade. He had concern about prizes but maybe they are not necessary.

**New Business:** Ann will get Joe a Sechii disk and information to do lake testing once the ice goes out.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 was made by Warren Wasascha and seconded by Ann Layton. Motion carried.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Title: Secretary\_\_\_\_\_