

The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 13, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting

Members in attendance: Mike Reiter, Beth Hartman, Keith Karpinski, and Ann Layton.

Interested Members of the Public: Cheryl Beardslee, Chuck Vacha, Kenneth Swenson, Brett McDonald, Bob Meyer, Todd Smith and Steve Paulson. Meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 6:00p.m. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Ann Layton and seconded by Beth Hartman, motion passed.

Public Input and Questions:

Members of the public expressed concern about the placement of a portable toilet at the Church Pine landing and about plans proposed for changes to the Church Pine landing. Keith Karpinski, Chairman of the Town Board and a board member for the Lake District, addressed the Boat Landing at this point in the meeting. West Immanuel Church received a donation of land adjacent to the landing and had been in discussions with the Town of Alden to donate a portion of it to the Town. Keith provided the Church with preliminary plans for approximately one acre of land to be used for improvements at the landing. Mike Reiter noted that the Church minutes indicated that a resolution had been passed to donate one acre of land to the Town of Alden for use at the landing on Church Pine. No further work has been done regarding the landing project at this time. The Town of Alden has responsibility for the landing along with the DNR. A portable toilet will not be placed until the donation is complete due to right of way issues.

Another item of concern to the public was the purple loosestrife bed next to the channel in Big Lake. This has been an area of concern to the Lake District Board as well. Although the area was treated with beetles in the past, chemical treatment would be needed to further eradicate the large bed. Dale Drexel has treated other purple loosestrife beds on the lake, but requires the landowner to obtain the permit. The land owner adjacent to this bed has been contacted a number of times but has not given permission to treat. Currently the board has been in discussions with Cheryl Clemens, Harmony Environmental, as part of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan rewrite including control of purple loosestrife. It was suggested that possibly the landowner would be open to noninvasive native shoreline plantings following removal of the invasive.

Secretary's Report:

Meeting Minutes from the October 6, 2020 Commissioner's meeting had previously been circulated via email and were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes made by Ann Layton, and seconded by Beth Hartman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Warren Wasescha had provided a summary report and updated Annual Operating Plan (AOP) and Account Balances for the period ended 03/31/2021 via email. Copies will be an attachment to the minutes. Of note was receipt of an advance on the CBCW grant of \$1500. Keith Karpinski made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Beth Hartman. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report: Mike Reiter reporting:

- The meeting schedule for 2021 was discussed. The number of meetings per year was reduced shortly before Gary Ovick resigned as Chairperson. We have continued with that schedule. The importance of keeping up with emails was emphasized. Board Meetings scheduled for the rest of 2021 are June 1, August 3 and the Annual Meeting August 28, followed by a Board Meeting.

Committee Reports and Old Business

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Treatment: We will continue treatment as in the past. We have grant money to cover treatment for this year. Treatment in the past has been successful and area to be treated is now only about 6 acres in Big Lake.

Grant Status:

- **APM Plan Update-** Cheryl Clemons is leading this effort. There have been two meetings held via Zoom to begin work on the plan. A third meeting is scheduled for May 5.
- **Big Lake Internal Load –** Work continues on this grant. A report is expected sometime this summer.
- **CB/CW-** Clean Boats/ Clean Waters grant was submitted and approved. Annette will continue to oversee the work to be done at the landings. The intention is to have inspectors at both landings during times of peak use.
- **Healthy Lakes-** Three projects, two shoreline plantings and one rain garden, all on Big Lake have been approved. Work will start as soon as weather permits. If others are interested grants would be requested for next year.

Landing Camera Status: Eric’s contract was accepted for continued use of camera for the upcoming boating season.

Fish Stocking: Fish stocking was done in late October. Fish looked bigger than some years. The plan is to continue stocking similar to in past years.

Website Updates: The board has struggled with posts and updates to the Website. The volunteer who set up the webpage and had been doing the updates experienced a number of hardships this past year. The board pursued hiring a firm to take over this job and we were prepared to pay for the service. Subsequently, the volunteer expressed a desire to continue with the webpage and to train other board members or volunteers so webpage could be updated in his absence. We will see if this works out, otherwise we will secure the services of one of the firms that was previously contacted.

Boat Landing Updates: See public input for update.

Committee Memberships and Involvement: .With the intention of increasing involvement, the distribution list for minutes will be expanded to those emails received at the annual meeting.

Buoy Storage and Beyond: Buoys are currently stored at one of the board members properties. Without permits they cannot be used and permits are not granted for placement in areas already declared No Wake Zones by statute. Cedar Lake may have some interest in them.

Loon Platforms: The board authorized purchase of a platform and permission obtained from landowner to install. Further DNR was contacted and no permit is required if it

meets specifications in the statute. Additionally, we are currently in discussions regarding a platform that a Boy Scout Troop constructed that might be available.

Social Committee: At this point the Fourth of July Parade and the Paddle Parade held the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 5, 2020 are planned. The Social Dinner has not been scheduled at this time due to the pandemic. Look to get a post card with update.

Other: Newsletter draft was received and Newsletter is at the printers. It should be mailed in a week or ten days. For the future please consider forwarding pictures to be used in the Newsletter.

New Business:

Next meeting is June 1, 2021. It will be at Alden Town Hall. Prior to that meeting the board will stay connected through email.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 was made by Keith Karpinski and seconded by Ann Layton. Motion carried.

Signed _____
Secretary _____

Date:

Title: