



Thursday, March 8, 2018, 6:00PM

LNNLRCD Meeting

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** - Bill called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
Board Members Present – Bill Winebaugh Andy Warcaba Anthony O'Brien Ernie Richards
Board Members Absent – Joan Bonnamy
- II. Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Anthony motioned to approve the agenda and Ernie seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-01]
- III. Motion to Approve the 2/8/2018 Minutes** – Bill motioned to approve the 2/8/2018 minutes and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-02]
- IV. Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Ernie motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-03]
- V. Board Member Reports**
- A. Bill Winebaugh** – Shawn and Bill burned the pile of debris that was on the 22 acre site off of Flagg Rd. When things start greening up, they will push the remaining debris together and burn the rest of it.
- B. Andy Warcaba**
- 1. LCC Parking Lot Specs.** – Dave Weber, from Wendler, explained the design plan for the parking lot. Page one of six - shows the existing topo survey and the cross-hatches on the design represent the existing asphalt surfaces and trees that are going to need to be removed. Page two – Base Bid – shows the outline of the proposed parking lot with the shaded portion showing phase one of the plan with the lighter portion showing phase 2 if the board chooses to do that. Dave highlighted a storm sewer that would be constructed to get the surface water out of there. Page three – Alternate bid – would use a curb and gutter design instead of a storm sewer to divert the water toward the lake. There is an existing culvert at the end of the drive that both options would drain to. The difference being that in the base bid with the storm sewer the water would drain from the property faster, it would cost more than the alternate bid using the curb and gutter design, and they would need to obtain an easement from the adjacent property located north of the property. The remaining sheets list elevations and grading required for each bid. Andy said that he invited Charlie Moore, from the POA and in charge of the POA roads, to attend the meeting to offer his input. The roadway would make a connection to the POA roads at two areas. Charlie said that he'd want them to ensure that the connections are even and that (if they let him know when they start the work), he can open the gates to make it easier for them. He also asked that they limit the loads of material to 55 tons per truck load. Bill said that that is something that they would have to address with the contractor. Andy asked if there would be any chip and seal work planned and Charlie said that he is adding to what they had done last year. Tim Spelde asked if they had thought about adding something to minimize the runoff from going directly into the lake. Dave asked if he meant like a drywell that would allow the water to perk out instead of running directly into the lake and Tim said yes because that is part of the problem that they have is that their watershed is so big and they have a lot of stuff going into the lake so that it looks like chocolate milk so anytime they can divert or slow down the water they try to do so. Dave said that he understood what Tim was saying in that with the sewer the water would be going into the lake faster without as much filtration so it would increase the chocolate milk effect that Tim described. With the curb and gutter option the water would have to travel across the ground which will give it a chance to settle some before it gets to the lake. Dave said that they could look at designing a sediment basin to put between the lake and the parking lot to try to filter the material before it goes into the lake, but again, they would need the neighbor's permission before they did that. Jerry asked when they design for water coming off of the parking lot (which, of the two designs, he doesn't think that they should do the storm drain option) what type of event do they design for (50 year flood for example). Dave said that storm sewers are designed to handle a 10 year storm event. If they get the events that they've been getting that exceed the 10 year events then the storm sewer is going to fill up and the water will follow the swale and get to the lake. There is room for overland flow and when the rain is done the water would start to settle down then the rest of the water would drain directly into the lake. Dave said that the inlets designed in the plan don't have a catch basin for the water to collect before it enters the lake but he could easily add that if the RCD wants that. Some communities don't like the catch basins because that's where the frogs live and mosquitos breed. The water that settles in the catch basin wouldn't drain, it would just evaporate but it'll leave a place for the sediment to settle down and eventually it would need to be cleaned up. With the alternate bid there wouldn't be any inlets or catch basins to add; rather, the water would be travelling overland before it enters the lake. Jerry asked how many parking spots would be created with the new lot design and Dave said, including the two handicapped spots, there would be 27 spots created with

phase one. Andy suggested that now that Dave has answered their questions, next month, they meet again to vote on the base bid or the alternate. Andy asked Dave to prepare a proposal for Wendler's cost for oversight of the work. Jerry asked if they have any cost estimate for the parking lot and Bill said that they do have a cost estimate; however, they don't want to disclose the estimate because they don't want to effect the bid outcome.

2. Boat Rental Docks – Last year the RCD replaced the 4'X15' wooden rented docks with 4'X10' resin docks. Andy was there over the summertime and some of the boat owners with bigger boats (20' or more) were having difficulty mooring their boats to a 10' dock, having 10' of their boats hanging off that, with the winds on the lake, put the docks under a lot of pressure. Andy thinks that if they could extend some of the docks to 15' it would be a safer mooring operation. Andy spoke with Shawn and they have remaining material that he could make 4 of the docks 15' so there would be no extra material costs, just extra labor costs of extending those docks. He is asking the board their feedback on this. Bill asked if they'd had trouble in the past with the longer docks torqueing under the pressure of the heavy rains. Becky said that they had torqueing on the old docks (which were longer). Tim suggested that they could build a little walkway on the shoreline for the docks to attach to so that they would extend a little further out into the lake. Bill is concerned that if they put a 15' dock in, the boat owners won't tie up right next to the shore; rather they would probably attach their boats 4' past the shoreline so now they'd have a 20' boat protruding out 24' into the water or a 24' boat protruding 28' into the water and if you put in two one side and two on the other side, how much is that going to obstruct the narrow inlet that is there. Andy said that they were 15' to begin with so whatever problem that was they wouldn't make it any worse. Bill is also concerned that if they extend their docks then the private dock owners will want their docks extended past 10' as well.

3. Property Owner Docks - Andy said that last year the board motioned to extend private docks' maximum length from the shore from 5' to 10'. Andy said that he is one of the waterfront homeowners that is not sure that 10' may not be enough with the amount of silt that's in the lake. Some of them experience it, especially on the cove along Birch. Andy asked Tim if he has a problem on his property and Tim said, "No, not on the deeper end." Andy said that he hopes that 10' will be enough to extend his dock but if it's not, then he'll need to sell his pontoon because he can't launch it right now even with just himself in it. Bill said that he understands Andy's situation and sympathizes with him, but less than one year ago they had a lengthy debate on this over two consecutive meetings with input from pontoon owners, non-pontoon owners, kayakers, and fishermen and they made a decision at that time. Bill said his concern is what kind of signal they are going to send if, in July of last year they changed their ordinances, and now they are going to change them again. Are they going to upset other people – people who came to speak against extending the docks last year? Bill said that he doesn't see that anything has changed – in one of Andy's notes he mentions changing demographics and yes, there are probably a couple more pontoon boats on the water but that doesn't seem that it's changed that much to him. He feels that constantly bringing this up is putting the board in an uncomfortable situation and added that if a property owner needs to extend their dock out further so that they can moor their boat perpendicular to the shoreline and it's too shallow to moor it at 10 feet, that means that their boat will extend that much further (20'-24' out into the water) and he wonders what that would do to the aesthetics of the lake. He is also concerned that docks that protrude further out into the lake would impede their future hydraulic dredging operations and would need to be removed. Bill said that his last goal while on the board is to get the ball rolling on dredging the lake and there would need to be a written agreement that the homeowner would remove the dock when the time comes for dredging. Bill said that there may be other options such as something similar to the Wash's updated proposal (where a 4' X 8' dock section attaches perpendicular to a 4' pier so that the overall length of the dock protruding into the lake doesn't exceed 10' and the boat would be moored parallel to the shore). Another suggestion that Bill made was that a homeowner could hire a contractor to dredge around their dock. Bill said he is really concerned with the lake and getting it cleaned. Bill asked the other board members their feelings and Ernie said that they live on a lake then they need to accommodate a dock to fit their boat even though they are a small lake – they don't have that many big boats out there. Anthony asked if there was a problem with encouraging the docks to be built horizontal to the shoreline up to 10 feet and Andy said actually, horizontal would be better because then the water flows underneath them instead of pushing them from the side. Andy said that a short pier going out with either an L or T shape works fine but most docks available to purchase measure 4' X 8'. Andy suggested that if there is a certain circumstance that warrants a dock extending further out, the homeowner could request a variance. Jerry said that when Andy mentions a variance, he sees that as what is causing the problem because if someone requests and is granted a variance, it just keeps going on and on. Bill said that he is not in favor of granting a variance for that. Anthony said that he would like to look at whether the horizontal dock configuration will work first before they start looking at changing their ordinance to extend docks another 5 feet. Andy said he won't know for himself personally whether the 5' pier with the T will work for him. John Voiles suggested that they get shoreline owners together that want to dredge the area in front of their property to contact a contractor to go in together for a cost savings. Bill said that that might work although some areas might not have access to dredge except from the lake. He added that the

areas around the rented docks were dredged last year. Jerry said he recalled them saying before that cost of maintaining the rented docks wasn't covered by the rental fee and that the cost of dredging around the docks has to be added to the factored cost of the rented docks. Andy said that they raised the dock rental fee up quite a bit and that the new docks require less maintenance than the old ones. Becky said that they did a cost analysis on purchasing and maintaining the docks for a 5-year period, including dredging the areas around the docks every other year to charge an annual dock rental fee that would cover those costs. Andy asked Becky if there were any complaints from the dock renters about the length of the new docks and she said no – the only complaints that she got was accessibility of the docks and that's why they created the gravel access strips. Joe Bajko said that he is one of the dock renters and he said that it's fantastic and he's happy with it.

4. Wash Dock Improvement Request – The Wash' came up with an alternative design that would extend 8' into the water, which is within the 10' limit. Andy motioned to approve the Wash dock improvement request and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-04]

5. Date to Raise the Lake – Andy said that they like to wait until the threat of flooding due to spring rains has passed to raise the lake so sometime around the end of April. Ernie said that he'd like to see it raised by April 15th so that he can go fishing before the fish start spawning. Andy recommended that they put the boards in the week of April 16th, weather permitting. Tim said that they need to notify the golf course when they raise the lake because one year the RCD didn't notify them and they almost ruined their pump because they were watering. Becky said that since that time she always notifies the golf course each year when the lake is being raised.

6. Hajduk Shoreline Improvement Request – Bill asked what the dimensions of the proposed dock are and the contractor, John Voiles said that the dock will have 5' on land and protrude 6' into the water by 12' wide. Andy motioned to approve the Hajduk dock improvement request and Ernie seconded the motion. The board approved it unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-05]

C. Anthony O'Brien – No Report

D. Ernie Richards – Ernie said that he wants to get the water plants planted before they raise the lake. He wants to put in native hydrilla, lily pads, and cattails. Jerry asked if they were going to get the shocking report from Joe Rush soon and Bill said that he was in contact with him last week and he will have it very soon.

VI. Old Business

A. Tyler Vankirk Request to Allow Bow Hunting of Turkey in April/May on RCD Property – Bill said that the RCD allows bow hunting of deer at that site during deer bow season. Per the IDNR, the hours that they are allowed to hunt are a ½ hour before sunrise until 1:00 p.m. from April 16-May 17th. Ernie said that he doesn't have a problem with allowing it because he'd like to be one of the ones to hunt there. Ernie said that they would just need to put up signs to warn hikers and mushroom hunters not to be in the area during that time. Jerry asked if there is a waiver that the hunters sign and Bill said yes, there is a waiver. Jerry asked who they would contact if someone abuses the privilege and Bill said that they would notify the RCD and the RCD would notify the DNR. Andy motioned to allow bow hunting of turkey for the April/May season and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-06]

B. Spelde Shoreline Improvement Request – Andy looked at the area that they want to make more accessible and found that it is already stabilized; they want to cut into the stabilization and drop steps down to make it easier to access the water. Tim said that he would keep the stabilizing rip rap under the stone and stabilize the 3'X10' area that is going to be cut back with 18" boulders from Benesch. He's going to have a box drain installed behind it to keep any runoff from washing the area out. Andy motioned to approve the Spelde shoreline improvement request and Ernie seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-07]

VII. New Business

A. Motion to approve Wendler Invoice for \$3,912.50 – Andy motioned to approve the Wendler invoice for \$3912.50 for the LCC parking lot plans and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-08]

B. Motion to approve Rack Sticker of \$10/1yr or \$25/3yr – The board discussed the proposed increase. Bill asked if it covers the cost to maintain the area and Becky said that it is difficult to assess what the actual cost to care for the docks is as the areas would still be mowed and maintained whether there were racks or not. She calculated the total cost of mowing the area and attributed about ¼ of the cost to the docks for weed whacking around the racks to be

about \$1,200. If all 86 boat sticker renters renew at the \$10 rate, they would get \$860 so the delta would be \$340. At the \$7 rate there was a \$598 difference. Ernie suggested that they increase it to \$20 and Becky said that if they increase it to more than \$10, they may lose a lot of income if people decide it's too much. Anthony said that they'd have to charge \$15 to make up the maintenance cost. Andy said that he thinks they should go with Becky's recommendation for this year and revisit it next year to possibly raise it again to at least cover the estimated maintenance costs. The board agreed. Andy motioned to charge \$10 for a 1-year boat rack sticker and \$25 for a 3-year boat rack sticker. Bill seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-09]

VIII. Guest Comments – Jerry Sellers – Jerry asked when the silt fence would be taken down at Schings Park Andy said that he had requested Shawn to take it down. Jerry asked if he could help and Andy said that Jerry and he could do it and Jerry told him to give him a call.

Mr. Wasilewski – Mr. Wasilewski asked if someone still had two years left on their 3-year sticker, would they get the pro-rated amount and Becky said that everyone's sticker is set to expire this year so there wouldn't need to be any prorated amount.

Tim Spelde – Tim said that he ran into the commercial fisherman and he asked Tim if they were going to hire him to remove carp this year and Bill said that they were waiting for the report from Joe before they made any decision on that. Tim asked if they have looked at forming a dredging committee and perhaps do a mechanical dredging of the west side inlet while they are waiting to do a full lake dredge. Bill asked Tim if he would want to be on that committee and he said sure. Jerry asked if they thought about issuing bonds and Bill said that they had considered that possibility as a way to generate revenue; however, they are not at that point yet - they still need to do a bathymetric survey to figure out how much silt is in the lake to be removed. Bill said that we need to educate the property owners that their primary asset is the lake and it's going to cost a lot of money to maintain it.

IX. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting – Anthony motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-2018-10]

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