



# LNNLRCD Meeting

## Thur., Sept. 29, 2016; Time: 7:00PM

- I. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Jim called the meeting to order at 6:58PM.  
**Board Members Present**  
Jim Brown – President                      Bill Winebaugh – Vice President                      Andy Warcaba – Member at Large
- II. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Jim motioned to approve the agenda w/ an amendment to add item C. Motion to Approve Annual Comptroller's Report to New Business. Andy seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-16-01]
- III. **Motion to Approve the 8/18/2016 & 8/31/16 Minutes** – Andy motioned to approve the 8/18 and 8/31 minutes and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-16-02]
- IV. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** – Jim motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-16-03]
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. **Schings Park Update** – Andy spoke with, Joe Rush, Shawn Parish, some consulting engineers, and other residents in the community and he thinks they need to look at it a little more broadly than he initially thought. As a consultant he likes to ask his clients three questions – 1. Where are they now? 2. Where do they want to be? And 3. How they are going to get there? Andy said to answer the question of where they are now, basically, they have unsightly piles of silt at Schings Park; which is an eyesore to the community, especially for the residents that live right behind it. They have a peninsula out there built to be used for the equipment to go out there to pull up the silt from the lake that he originally thought that it was made with stone that had been armoring the shoreline and then had dirt piled on top of it silt - he later found out that there was actually about 12 trucks of stone brought in to the site to build that finger so in his mind it makes it more of a permanent structure. At the Flagg Rd Silt Basin, they have wing dams that have been constructed for equipment to drive onto to pull the silt from that basin and that maybe makes the finger at Schings Park maybe more sense to keep (*in there to do the same thing*). Andy added that there is a part of the shoreline of Schings Park that runs south near Tom Clarey's land that needs armoring and they have the piles of silt that need to be removed. Rather than rushing in to approve the proposals that he received from Wendler and Willett & Hofman to remove silt and stabilize the shoreline, Andy feels that he needs to spend more time with the engineers and the team here to figure out what they want to do. In the meantime, he'd like to clean out the Flagg Rd silt basin and he'd like to extend the shoreline stabilization at Schings Park so that work is done. Becky said that in terms of them cleaning out the Flagg Rd Silt Basin, (*since the cost would be over \$1,000*) it needs to be an agenda item for them to vote on to do that, so if he doesn't mind waiting until next month, they could add it to the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda; otherwise, he could request that Jim call for a special meeting so that they could motion to get it approved sooner. Andy said that he'd like to get Nordman's piece of equipment removed too and Becky said that he wouldn't need a motion for that – he could just ask Nordman to remove his equipment. Andy asked Joe Rush if he had any comments on that and Joe said that they usually had Nordman do the work for under \$2,500 and if Nordman is busy right now, next month might be better for him to do the work, especially with the cooler weather, it might not be as muddy but they'd have to talk to him.
  - B. **Tentative Town Hall Meeting October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Joe can meet in the morning but not in the afternoon while for Rebecca the afternoon is better. Andy said that they'd be better off to have the meeting in the morning for a greater turnout. Jim said that Joe and he could probably handle talking about the CCWP without Rebecca if she can't make the morning. They are looking to have it at 9:00AM.
  - C. **Security** – Bill talked to Sue 1 ½ weeks ago and there was no news since last month for security. The last info that he had from Sue was that she was waiting to back from either the POA insurance or the security officers on providing personal insurance on themselves.
  - D. **Boat / Boat Motor** – Bill called four places and looked at Craig's list in the area to find a boat motor but he couldn't find one because they are out of season. Andy found a 4 stroke 9M motor for around \$1,800 with a five year warranty on it. Don Finn said that they should get a Mercury or Yamaha brand and that they probably don't need anything more than an 8hp motor – Joe saw a 4 stroke 8hp motor at Cabela's for \$1,999. Andy motioned to purchase a 4 stroke boat motor, around 8HP NTE \$2,100 and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-16-05]

**E. Turn Around at N. Beach** – Jim said that the POA has chip sealed down to where they drew a line, which Jim says does not accurately represent where the POA and RCD properties meet. Jim directed Herbig to fill the pot holes that were at the N. Beach turn around. The chip/seal quote that Jim received from Civil was way over the \$2,500 that the board has to publicly request bids on so Jim suggests that they wait until next spring and then advertise for bids then. Jim wants to get ahold of Republic and ask that they don't use the loop to turn their trucks around since they won't have a can down there. Shawn said that he asked Ken Oltmanns last year not to use the loop to turn around as well because his plow was damaging the road and he stopped. Andy asked if they looked at the LCC parking lot and Jim said that he and Herbig looked at it and determined that it was put down in 4 layers and that it needs to all be plowed out and a new base put in.

## **VI. New Business**

**A. Motion to Approve Contract w/ Attorney** – Jim motioned to approve the written contract with the attorney Tim Zollinger for \$185 an hour for general services with specialized services to be at \$235-250 an hour and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-16-06]

**B. Motion to Approve Annual Insurance Premium** – Jim motioned to approve the annual insurance premium w/ Rochelle Insurance for \$5,048 and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-16-07] Andy said that he'd like to sit down and talk to the insurance agent.

**C. Motion to Approve Annual Comptroller's Report** – Jim motioned to approve the annual comptroller's report that Becky filed and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-16-08]

## **VII. Director Reports**

**A. Jim Brown – 1. RCD Reference on POA Ballot** – Jim said that the POA did not receive a POA directors' ballot or budget ballot – the mail never got it to the RCD office. Jim asked Dave Stewart why the POA Election Committee felt it needed to be brought up that two of the candidates for the POA board, Anthony O'Brien and Dave Shaw, are related to president of the RCD (Jim Brown). Jim said that it alludes that it could be a negative if either of those two gentlemen are elected. Dave said that it was meant to be a disclosure that they were related to a member on another board. Jim said that it's not even a disclosure that they have to make to be a candidate so he's asking why the election committee feel it needed to be brought up and Dave said it was to make sure that one family doesn't try to take over all the boards and Jim said that one person on this board of 5 and 2 people on that board of 9 is far from a majority; they are trying to get new people on the POA board just as there are new people on the RCD board and out of 750 possible people they've got three here that are willing to come forward and work. Dave said that there is no negative connotation and Jim said that the fact that it is there as a disclosure that they didn't make tells him that it is but he hopes not. Dave said that the POA has a rule that a person can't serve on another board at the same time that they serve on the POA board and it's to prevent a conflict of interest or nepotism and it wasn't put in there as a negative, it was meant as information only just to show that yes, they are related. Dave said that Jim could attend the POA board and ask that it be rescinded and Jim said it would be a little late as it would be after the ballot and Dave said that it could be applied to the next elections. Jim asked if there would be any comments allowed at the POA meeting because he would like to hear either Dave or Mike (Huber) state that it wasn't intended as a negative because he thinks that the neighborhood should hear about it and Dave said that he'd be glad to make that statement in his report.

**2. Distribution of Dummy POA Ballots to RCD Board Members** – Jim distributed dummy POA ballots to the RCD board members for them to make their individual choices on POA candidates and the POA's annual budget and turn them in to Becky. *(She will then compile the results for the board to vote on in an open meeting.)*

**B. Bill Winebaugh – 1. Carp Removal** – Bill has called the professional fisherman that they have used in the past to remove carp and left a message and he is waiting to hear back from him. If he does get ahold of him, he also wants to talk about shad removal as they have a problem with oversized shad in the lake. Bill also wondered whether lowering the lake would be advantageous to the fisherman to net the fish or not. One problem that Bill could foresee is whether he would have trouble getting his boat in if the lake is lowered while an advantage would be that the fish would be more concentrated in the lake if it is lowered. Bill asked Joe if he had any comments and he asked if they did any carp removal this past spring when they were spawning and Bill said no. Joe said that it might be better for the fisherman to net them in the spring because when a female gets caught up in the gill net, she attracts a lot of male fish

with her pheromones because it is spawning season. Bill said that the last time that carp was removed was in 2013 – Joe agreed and said that along with net fishing they electro-fished the lake at the time. Joe said that regarding the shad it would be good for them to get rid of the excess shad that is too large for their predator fish to eat. The smaller shad is good bait for the predator fish like bass and walleye. Jim asked if they can net the bigger ones and Joe said that, depending on the size of the diagonal mesh in the gill nets that they use, they should be able to. Andy asked if Joe had any additional names of commercial fishermen and Joe said that it can be tough to get a hold of the commercial fishermen depending on their schedule. Discussion ensued regarding the schedule of professional fishermen and Shawn said that the one that the RCD used was also going after Asian Carp and Joe said that would take him away in a heartbeat because it is very profitable and the good fishermen are on those carp jobs. Joe is going to follow up to see if he can find any more commercial fishermen. Dave Stewart said that he recalled that the last time they caught carp, they sent some samples to be analyzed to determine if they are more viable for commercial use and Joe agreed that they would have to be approved for consumption instead of fertilizer. Jim said that Tim gave a report on the amount of fish that was removed but he doesn't recall those numbers. *(Note: – in 2013 they paid Joe Rush \$543.75 to remove carp and in 2014, Tim's reported that commercial fisherman Shawn Price removed 3,000 lbs. of carp at a cost of \$1,000 for 2 days w/ Shawn Parish being paid an extra \$230 to assist him).* Joe said that removal of the excess carp is very important because it opens space and food for native game fish and it minimalizes the rooting up of aquatic vegetation and turbidity of the water from rooting in the mud that carp are known for. Bill asked if lowering the lake would help with shad kill off in the spring and Joe said that he didn't know if it would help with the shad kill off but it would help to concentrate the shad forage base closer to the predator fish to help them forage and grow for winter.

**2. Stocking of Fish** – Bill contacted Gollon Bait and Richmond Fisheries, two companies that the RCD has used in the past to stock fish, and is waiting to hear back from them. Joe suggested that they contact Logan Hollow and Bill said that he contacted them too and they replied immediately with sizes and prices of fish that he was looking for and suggested that the walleye and perch should be stocked in November when the weather is a little cooler but cautioned that if they are going to order fish then they need to get it done as soon as possible for them to fill the order. Bill sent the quote to the board members and asked for feedback. Joe said that that they shouldn't stock more than 10 walleye per acre. Bill said that he has the recommendation from Karen Rivera w/ the IDNR from the survey that they did last year. Joe also asked for a list of what the RCD has stocked over the years – Becky said that it is on the RCD website and she will also get that information to him. Bill summarized the IDNR survey report that they got last year and in that, they recommended that they limit the amount of small mouth bass that are caught. The crappie and walleye seem to be doing well. There were some concerns with the quantity of the smaller fish that were caught that were caused by the lack of vegetation in the lake and the predation that occurs. Joe is going to look at the report along with what they have stocked in the past and give his recommendation on what to stock by next week. Don Finn said that in the past they had spent \$3,500 on stocking fish. They discussed stocking of fish in the past and the quality of the fish supplied by vendors. The budget for fish stocking and carp removal for this year is \$3,500 and carp removal costs around \$1,000; however, Joe said that they would normally stock that in the spring so it could be carried over into next year's budget cycle so he recommended that they spend up to the full \$3,500 on stocking this year. Andy motioned to stock fish at a cost NTE \$3,500 based on the findings from Joe Rush and Bill Winebaugh and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [09-16-04] Jim said that he has heard concerns from people stating that fishermen are taking more than the creel limit out of the lake and how could they police that better and Joe said that he hears that on every single lake that he works on. Joe said that they could possibly talk to the IDNR about policing state creel limits but the IDNR may not have the personnel to follow up on that because they are very understaffed for the amount of resources that they have to take care of.

**C. Andy Warcaba – 1. Lowering of Lake in Winter** - Discussion ensued about the benefits of lowering the lake to help shoreline stabilization efforts and dock repairs. Jim said that the Wash' are having some issues with the work being done on their property that would be benefited by lowering the lake but he doesn't think it'll be lowered in time to help them. Joe asked when they last lowered the lake and Shawn said that they lowered it last fall for the Schings Park project and brought it back up this past spring. Mid-November was a suggested time to lower the lake to allow the fish to fatten up and give the ground time to solidify to help contractors that are doing shoreline work. Keeping it down until the spring thaw was best to minimize ice heave and flooding due to spring rains and ice melt. Jim asked if there was any work to be done on the dam and Shawn said that there was nothing left to do on the dam. Joe asked if anyone ever complained about the RCD lowering the lake and Becky said that people don't want it lowered too soon because

they want to enjoy the full boating season and find it aesthetically unappealing when it's lowered. Joe said that they may want to develop a policy of lowering the lake and why so that when people do call they have a policy in place.

#### **VIII. Guest Comments**

**Bill Winebaugh** – Bill asked if there were any new applicants for the RCD board and Becky said the deadline is tomorrow so she will be calling the county clerk's office to find out if anyone submitted an application. Bill suggested that the RCD could talk to potential candidates and have them introduce themselves to the board so the board could have some input on who is appointed. Jim said that the RCD board doesn't have any input on who is appointed and Bill asked if they have ever tried and Jim said yes, he's been in touch with the county board chairman and the county clerk and the most that they can do is tell them who has applied and Jim can sit in on their interviews as a non-participant. Andy said that they could also mention that they are looking for board members at the town-hall meeting.

**Dan Nicolini** – Dan asked if he was on the LLUD board could he also be on the RCD board and Jim said he didn't know. Becky said that the RCD board doesn't have any restrictions in their ordinance but she doesn't know if the county board has any restrictions.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn:** Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44PM and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-16-09]

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