



# LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

## September 17, 2014 Time: 7:00PM

### I. Call to order – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

#### Board Members Present

Marty Portner – Vice President  
 Tim Spelde – Member at Large  
 Steve Larry – Member at Large

#### Board Members Absent

Glenn Baldwin – President  
 John Harris – Secretary

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Motion to Approve the Agenda – Steve motioned to approve the agenda and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-14-01]

### IV. Motions to Approve the 6/19/2014 & 7/8/14 & 8/12/14 Minutes

**6/19/14 & 8/12/14 Minutes** – Tim motioned to approve the 6/19/14 and 8/12/14 minutes and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-14-02]

**7/8/14 Minutes** – Tabled

### V. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report

Becky reviewed the treasurer's report and stated that next month would show a number of large payouts for the grant funded work on Babbling Brook. Steve motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Tim Seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-14-03]

### VI. Director Reports

**A. Marty Portner LCC Trim Work Painted** - Marty asked Shawn Parish to paint the trim of the LCC to accent the new roof. **Burn Pile** – both Shawn & Jeff Winterland handled maintaining and burning the temporary burn-pile that the RCD installed. George Kersten had a pumper truck on hand in case they needed to contain the fire. Marty had Becky write a letter of thanks to the Franklin Grove Fire Chief to recognize George's volunteer efforts.

**B. Tim Spelde – Fish Stocking-** Gollon Fish Farm stocked the lake with 1000 perch, 880 Walleye, 500 Sm. Mouth Bass, 250 Lg. Mouth Bass, and 500 Striped Bass. **Silt Depth Survey** - Tom Clarey and Tim finished performing the silt readings at the Flagg Rd Silt Basin - along the curves around there 3-4 feet of silt has settled in. The area in front of Oak Lane that they dredged in 2003 is still in pretty good shape.

**C. Steve Larry – Upper Babbling Brook** – They are reaching the final stages of the Upper Babbling Brook project and the weather has been fantastic. They've been able to stay \$51,000 under budget and so they added some extra work into the budget to cover other expenses like an extra \$5,000 for Joe Rush whose job overseeing the project is vital to ensuring that the contractor carries it out properly. They also added \$6,400 to riprap a section of the dam per Dick Baumann's recommendation, and finally, they are going to stockpile some material on meander 3. So they have about \$30,000 of the budgeted money in reserve that they will save and see if they need to do anything next spring after the spring rains. Marty asked if there was a maintenance schedule associated with the work on Babbling Brook and Steve said that Ed is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the work that was done on his property for 10 years. Tim asked if there would be a video of this project done and Steve said that it wasn't a part of this grant plan; however, while Joe is there, he is taking a lot pictures that they can use. Tim suggested that they could use the grant funding to create a video documentation of the work so that other groups could use it as a model for their projects. Steve said that if they have enough money in the budget, they could do that, but first he'd like to see what the pictorial that Joe is putting together will look like. **UBB Presentation & Breakfast – Oct 4** – the RCD is going to host a free breakfast and presentation about the UBB project to the community on October 4th, the breakfast to be coordinated by Pennies for Parks. Dewayne Fellows called the office and said that he was interested in possibly doing something to his property which lies contiguous with Ed's and runs along Babbling Brook. She will get that contact info to Steve. Once they complete this project, Rebecca is going to look into potential grant funding for the dredging that they plan to do. Steve said that even though he is moving soon, he'll stay in charge of this project until it's completion in May.

Dave Stewart asked if the piles of silt that he saw were properly covered and Steve said that if he's talking about the soil that they used to fill in the areas of the project on Babbling Brook, then yes, the proper precautions have been made and the area is to be reseeded and the cattle taken off of the areas to keep silt from entering the waterways there. Dave asked about the pond and the groundwater that is coming in – are they feeding any water to that pond. Steve said that it is 14' deep and besides the natural ground water coming in, it is also fed by the runoff coming through there the equal pressure created by the water coming in and the water that is there keeps it at a constant level during normal rain events Glenn said that they are doing an amazing job on the project with their small yet expert project team.

## VII. New Business

**A. Rip Rap Repair – North Shore and Lake Court Center** – Tim hired Winterland to add more RR5 rock to the shorelines of the LCC and North Beach.

## VIII. Old Business

**A. Tennis Court Fencing** – There is temporary fencing along there now. Becky obtained a quote from Sterling Fencing for over \$2,500 to replace the fence there. She has been in contact with the insurance company and needs to submit all of the invoices for the repair of the damage that the storm did to RCD property. Steve suggested that Glenn could research the fencing and Glenn said that he would take a look at it and work with the insurance company and Becky on it. Steve said that there is no rush on that as it will be ice hockey season soon enough.

**B. Jeff Winterland – LCC Playground Potential Baseball Diamond** - Marty asked if Jeff and Shawn had anymore planning to present to the board in terms of placement, protection from foul balls, etc. Steve asked if there was any feedback from the letters that they sent to the neighbors and B J Miller was present to speak about her concerns about the field. She was concerned that it would take away from the open space that the field allows now for activities such as kite flying. She also said that the field on the east side is used very little so she's not sure why they would need a second one. Steve said that there are a lot of kids on this side who aren't going to ride their bikes or walk down Flagg Rd to access the field on the other side – it would be more convenient for them to have the field on this side. Marty questioned whether there was enough room to have it there. He'd like Jeff and Shawn to develop the idea a little more but he's wondering how they would address the liability associated with having the field there and the potential for baseballs to hit parked cars. Steve suggested that they could approach the POA about installing it on Lakeside Park, which doesn't have anything around it and could be a good site for it. Jeff said that he just wanted to put in something nice for the kids and Steve said that Lakeside Park may be a better venue for it and would address their concerns about liability. Glenn wondered if the fencing could be reused at the tennis court and Shawn said that maybe after he rerolls it, it could be reused, but it was pretty warped. Marty added that another reason that Lakeside Park would be a better area is that although the RCD's statute's allow them to own and maintain parks, it is not their main reason for being formed as a river conservancy district – they are charged more with maintaining the lake and watershed and don't know what it would take to maintain a ball field. It is; however, one of the POA's main responsibilities to maintain the parks and recreation, as noted in their by-laws,

## Guest Comments

**Gene Elliott** – Gene said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> landowner from the north, a homeowner along Schings Park, that is mowing Schings Park right up to 10' from the shore. Steve said that they put stakes 40' from the shoreline in to indicate where people shouldn't mow past and Gene said that the homeowner is ignoring the stakes. Marty said that he can talk to the homeowner as he has a relationship with him.

**Becky Breckenfelder** – Responding to suggestions that came from various property owners in the community, Pennies for Parks bought a \$700 merry-go-round and a baby swing to potentially put at POA owned Friendship Park; however, Jerry Sellers informed her that they did not want the merry-go-round due to safety reasons and that he didn't feel that there was enough room there. Consequently, PFP has an extra merry-go-round and was wondering if the RCD would like it for one of their parks. Steve said that the North Beach would be a good spot as it doesn't have anything and Becky said that Barb Lundeen thought the N. Beach would be a good spot too and eventually PFP could install other equipment there. Marty thought it was the best place for it as well. Steve motioned to allow Pennies for Parks to install the merry-go-round at the N. Beach and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [09-14-04]

**IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-14-05]

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