



Board	Joe Gargano	-	Vice President
Members	Joe Olliges	-	Secretary
Present:	Fred Stegbauer	-	Personnel
	Herb Hill	-	TBA
	Carl Piper	-	TBA

Guests:	Bob Bortman	Frank Durkin
	Ron Mangini	John Mulholland
	Daniel Nicolini	Ralph Petersen
	Vivian Schings	Sonja Valdivieso

Employees: Mike Schiltz
Present

I. Called To Order: Joe Gargano called The May 6th RCD meeting to order at 7:07PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Introduction of New Board Members and Employees: Joe G. introduced and welcomed Bill Piper and Herb Hill to the board. Bill was originally on the board in the 1970's when it was first founded. Herb is a member of the fishing club and his wife, Sue is actively involved with Senior Focus.

Joe also added that they appreciated the efforts of the two previous board members, Tina O'Malley and Amy Spelde, adding that their contributions were wonderful and it was amazing all that they did and the time and effort that they put into the RCD.

Sara Kersten was hired as an employee for mowing and Doug Meyers was hired as an employee for maintenance of the RCD properties. Mike Schiltz will continue as an employee for mowing. Ralph asked if money was paid out from the employees' paychecks to go toward Federal and State Taxes and Social Security. Fred said that yes, they do take the taxes out. Joe G. said that maybe Becky could respond better to that question.

IV. Agenda: Fred motioned to approve the May 6, 2004 agenda as written. Joe O. seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-04-01]

V. Minutes: Approval of April 1st minutes tabled until the June 3rd meeting.

VI. Treasurer's Report: Joe explained the various monthly reports for the new board member's benefit. Fred noted that the carp fisherman wasn't paid yet. The dredging contractors, Nordman and Benesch, will be paid next month which will be on next year's budget. Ralph asked if the locksmith was paid and Joe G. said yes, \$628 was paid out to the locksmith.

Adjustment of the Budget for Fish Purchase: Joe O's \$225.00 fish purchase put the RCD over budget on their Fish line item for last year. Joe O. explained that last month some of the board members felt that the original proposal that he wanted to spend on fish was well over the allotted amount of \$3,000 a year. Logon Hollow Farms had an overstock on small-mouth bass, which was recommended by Al Pulley for stocking this year. They were offering

.25 per fish so he bought 900 fish for \$225, because Gollon bait and fish farm wanted \$1.35 per fish for small-mouth bass. Actually, they got 1,100 fish which works out to be .20 a fish (so Joe got the fish for \$1,035 cheaper than what they would have spent). He was trying to save money on fish for the 2004 budget.

Joe O. said that he could ask the fishing club to reimburse the \$225 until the RCD can make the budget right. Fred suggested that they could juggle some things around to make it fit in. Joe G. said that he appreciated Joe O.'s effort to try to save the RCD money. Joe G. added that board members are allowed to spend up to \$500 without board approval, however, in the past, like when Tina planned on purchasing the computer, board members customarily would contact the other board members for feedback on the purchase. Joe O. apologized. Joe G. said that Joe O.'s explanation (was a valid one), it just put them in the position of going over budget on that line item (even though they had agreed last month to stay within the \$3,000 fish stocking budget until they had numbers from the county to plan the 2004 budget). In the future, Joe G. would like the board members to continue the unwritten policy of letting other board members know about purchases ahead of time.

Bill asked if it was his or her own personal choice as to what each board member is allowed to do? Joe G. responded that he personally always contacted someone, whether it was Tina, or Fred, or especially Amy to ensure that there was money in the budget for what he was proposing to spend and it was just good communication. Bill said that a budget is meant to be flexible and Joe G. agreed, saying that Tina always said that, especially if it an unexpected expense, however, the fish stocking is a scheduled, non-emergency item that always was budgeted \$3,000. Bill asked if they always maxed it out and Joe G. and Fred replied yes.

Joe G. asked Joe O. to ask if the fishing club would be willing to pay for the fish and if so, he would even be willing to pay some of the cost out of his own pocket. Otherwise, they would try to adjust the budget numbers next month. Tom asked if the money was taken out of the old budget and Joe said yes. Tom asked if it could come out of the \$3,000 that is budgeted for FY2004-2005, then they wouldn't have to ask the fishing club. Joe G. said that it doesn't have to happen (the fishing club paying for the fish) - it was just a thought. Fred motioned to table the treasurer's and the fish purchase to next meeting. Herb Hill seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. [05-04-02]

VII. Board Member Reports:

A. Joe Gargano

1. Dredging / Restoration – About 8,000 was spent for the removal of the remaining material on the 4 lots and the placing of the rip-rap stone. He thinks they have spent about \$183,000 out of \$190,000 budgeted for dredging. By Memorial Day, Nordman should be back in to grade and seed those lots and Henry Cachel's lot as well. Tom Clarey mentioned a depression by ?????'s driveway as being caused by Nordman. Joe G. said he didn't think it was. Tom disagreed, saying that the depression was made significantly worse due to the truck traffic pulling off on that shoulder. Joe G. said that whenever the Lost Nation appoints a new board member to be in charge of roads, he'd like to go over it with them, most likely coordinating the meeting with Nordman and Benesch too so that they can see what they would be responsible for.

B. Joe Olliges – No Report

C. Fred Stegbauer

1. Carp Removal – The professional fisherman got about 400 carp out on the first day and about 75 carp the second day. The fish had an average weight of about 2-3 pounds. The fisherman recommends that in the future they will only need to go out one day because he feels that they are making a dent in the carp population. Ron Mangini asked about the time of year that the fisherman came out and whether that

had any bearing on the amount that he got out. Joe O. said that he asked the fisherman about that and he said that this time of year (April) is just as effective as the time of year that they went out before (May) and the reason that he likes this time of year too is because when they start spawning, they get up real close to shore and he can't get to them in his boat. Ron said that he remembered the first year that the fisherman got a lot more out than last year and this year. Fred responded that it would be expected for the fisherman to do much better the first year than consecutive years because it was the first time it had ever been done, moreover, Tony (the fisherman) feels that they don't have a real problem. Ron asked if it was possible to get him to come out in May next year and Fred said that the fisherman does our lake at the same time that he does Lake Holiday so it would have to be a coordinated effort. Joe O. suggested that they could talk to Lake Holiday next year to see if they would want to have their lake done in May.

VIII. Employees

A. Mike Schiltz – Mike has started mowing for the year and also got the mowing repaired.

VIII. Old Business

A. Proposed Repairs/Updates to Lake Court Center – Joe O. passed out copies of proposals to update the kitchen that he obtained from Piper Construction, Classic Home Improvements, and Signature Homes. Classic Homes proposed an 8' by 36' countertop, while the other two are larger per the board's decision at the last meeting. If they decided to go with Classic, Joe would need to ask them to quote the job with a 50" countertop to match the other two quotes. Joe O. also met briefly with Sandy Lewis' brother once to discuss what had been done at the Lake Court Center and was supposed to meet with him again. Joe G. asked what he had said about the roof and since Joe O. was unable to talk to him about that, Joe G. said he'll try to talk to him. Piper bid the job with contracting some parts of it, like having a company come in to do the existing tile floor and the kitchen tile professionally, with three coats of wax. Said that he cannot get a cabinet to fit under there unless he moves one of the existing larger cabinets, however, Classic Homes and Signature Homes can get a 54" cabinet. Joe O. told them they can get the Armstrong Excelon commercial vinyl based tile from Menards.

Joe G. commented on the differences in the quotes, with Piper Construction being pretty detailed, Classic Homes needing to be rebid with the right size counter top, and Signature Homes not detailing their quote as much. Joe G. prefers a more detailed quote and suggested that they could take Mark's quote and copy it, whiting out the prices and then they could ask the other two companies to quote it so that they are quoting the same job. Bill Piper will abstain from voting, due to vested interest. Herb asked what the track record has been on the companies and Joe G. said that all three of them have done good work out here. Issue tabled until Joe gets more detailed quotes.

B. Animal Control: Geese – Frank said that there were 103 lakeshore property owners that they sent the RCD endorsed survey to. So far there has been 56 replies in favor of the program and 3 replies against it. The three that answered no all would like the RCD to consider buying swans as a goose deterrent for the lake. Frank did some research on swans and found that the only time swans are effective as a goose deterrent is during nesting season; the rest of the time they become compatible.

So far, results from the east side indicate that the goose patrol had shaken 26 eggs and that predators destroyed 6 nests. Frank doesn't have the information from Bill Hulbert results from the west side yet. Now that the goose islands are gone, the natural predators can more easily access the nests and so are assisting in the goose control efforts.

Joe G. said that he has gotten several calls by people who were concerned about Frank's open letter in the Ripple. The actual proposal that was approved by the RCD was amended and had some verbiage change from Frank's original letter. *(If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of the approved proposal, they can contact the office.)*

Animal Control: Beaver – Four beaver (largest was 42 pounds) were captured by the trapper at a total cost of \$400. Two were captured in the Flagg Road basin and two in the campground. Mr. Dranter, who owns property on White Pine Drive, observed two more beaver in the bay behind his house. Joe G. goes down and walks the North Beach shoreline 3-4 days a week and he hasn't observed any more activity. Tom Clarey said that after the trapper left, he saw some new gnawing on a tree between Zack's point and the North Beach's point.

C. Budget Review – The county doesn't have the 2003 tax computation report yet that tells us what the RCD will be getting this year so they cannot do a budget review until then. Joe recommended that they have a special meeting for the budget as soon as they get that number. Bill asked how big the budget was and Joe G said that they will probably get \$115,000-\$120,000 from the county this year. They have a loan out right now, from the dredging and property purchase, for around \$114,000 with the next \$28,000 due in October. Joe G. said that where he used to work they would assign numbers to the different line items and that they may want to consider doing that in the future. Joe O. said that they would have to find out if the software would support that.

D. New Signage For RCD Property – Still looking into alternatives for signage on the RCD property that abuts private properties to help deter people from trespassing onto private property. The board had also agreed at the last meeting to have signs posted that ask people not to feed the geese. Joe G. would like to see some over at Schings Park asking the owners that mow there to leave a buffer zone and not to mow down to the waters edge. Tom asked if they are going to add some more grass seed at Schings Park and Joe G. said he still needed to look into that. Joe G. said he would talk to Dan Martin and find out the costs of signage that is similar to what politicians use to post in yards. Ron Mangini was concerned that posting the signs along the private property would take away from the aesthetics of the area. Joe said that he understands his concern, however, the signs would be quite small. Tom mentioned that the RCD had said previously that they would only put up the signs if property owners wanted them. Fred feels that if a property owner has a problem with people coming onto their land then they would be the ones to post signs on their own property. Tabled till next meeting.

IX. New Business

A1. Campground Incident – A couple of the PVC pipe structures, that the fishing club made last year and which were stored at the campground, were intentionally burned by persons unknown. Joe G. did a brief investigation, however, he was unable to find out who was responsible. There will be a mention in the Ripple if anyone wants to come forward with information on it.

A2. Policy Regarding Camping Times – Although there is no ordinance that outlines particular camping times, there has kind of been an unwritten policy that they don't want people camping in the campground until there is a port-a-potty down there and the water is turned on. Joe G. thinks that it would benefit the board to prevent people from camping there in the off-season, when the port-a-potty isn't there and the water isn't turned on. Bill said that those criteria don't necessarily have to be met for someone to camp there, because people could use the facilities at the Lake Court Center or they may have their own little port-a-potties or may bring their own water in. Fred said that they need to find out what the state's policy is regarding camping all year round. Herb recommended that they table it until they find out more information.

B. Treadmill – Clyde Lytel wants to donate a \$2500 treadmill to the RCD for use at the Lake Court Center. Joe O. said that if they did take the treadmill, it would only be accessible during certain times, like during the morning exercise class. Joe G. suggested that they table it until Joe O. talks to the gentleman. Sonja mentioned that they may want to look into the liability of having it too. Tabled till next month.

C. Appointment of Board Positions – Bill Piper motioned Joe Gargano for President. Fred seconded the motion. Joe G. said he would prefer to offer the position to Fred first since he is the senior man on the board. Fred said that, due to his busy personal and work life, that he wouldn't have the time to commit to that. Joe accepted the nomination. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. [05-04-03]

Joe G. motioned Fred Stegbauer for Vice President. Herb Hill seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. [05-04-04]

Joe G. thinks that Joe O. would do well continuing as secretary. Joe G. motioned Joe O. for Secretary. Fred seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. [05-04-05]

Bill has had past experience with being a treasurer on the Lost Nation Board and budget officer for the highway patrol. Herb Hill motioned Bill Piper for Treasurer. Joe G. seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. [05-04-06]

Joe O. motioned Herb Hill for Personnel. Fred seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. [05-04-07]

Joe G. said that he'd like Herb to handle all of the part-time employees and Don as his personnel duties and he would also like to see him oversee the building renovations since he has a background in construction.

X. Guests:

John Mulholland – John asked if the boat rack that was at the North Beach would be brought back there. Joe G. said hopefully they would reinstall it this summer with a little bit of work by the board members. John offered to help too. To recap, Joe G. said that last year they had the racks there but there were some complaints as to the unsightliness of it so they had them removed until they can decide a different section of the North Beach to put them.

Vivian Schings: Vivian said that someone parked over by the boat launch last year causing people to have to pull up all the way to the woods to get the boat into the water. Joe G. said that they would probably have to put up a No Parking sign there.

The board briefly discussed the mechanics of installing the boat racks.

Mike Schiltz – Mike asked who was going to mow the campground because the Schulze's were under the impression that they weren't supposed to do it anymore. Joe O. will talk to Don about it to let him know that the RCD would still like him to mow it.

Incident at East Boat Launch – Some gentlemen have been observed urinating in the bushes at the East Boat Landing on more than one occasion. If anyone has any information on who is doing it, Joe would like to talk to him or her.

Possibility of a Boat Launch to be installed on West Side – Joe O. asked if there has ever been any plans to put in a boat launch on the west side. Joe G. said yes and that he has talked to the Lost Nation Board who had plans drawn up for boat storage and a boat launch at Lakeside Park (which Lost Nation owns). It would either have to be an agreement where the RCD would maintain the land with Lost Nation still owning it or if Lost Nation would deed it over to the RCD.

XI. Adjourn: Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Joe O. seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M. [05-06-08]

Next Regular Meeting: June 3, 2004

May 6th Motion List

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