



July 12, 2018 6 p.m.

LNNLRCD Meeting

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance** – Bill called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
Board Members Present – Bill Winebaugh – President Andy Warcaba – VP Joan Bonnamy – Secretary
Board Members Absent – Anthony O'Brien and Ernie Richards – Members at Large

- II. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Joan motioned to approve the agenda and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-18-01]

- III. **Motion to Approve 6/14/2018 Minutes** – Joan motioned to approve the 6/14/2018 minutes and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-18-02]

- IV. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Joan motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-18-03]

- V. **Board Member Reports and New Business**
 - A. **Bill Winebaugh**
 1. **Carp Removal** – Shawn Price, a professional fisherman, came out on June 17th to remove carp from the lake. With the assistance of Shawn Parish, he caught 355 carp that were between 7-8 lbs. each. He fished for one day this year due to a prior commitment and last year he did it for 2 day and netted about 454 fish. Due to the consistent size of the fish Bill asked Mr. Price if there was anything they could do differently or were they doing a good job and he said he thought they were doing okay. When they shocked the lake last year it was cooler and they obtained more fish so ideally, they should try to do this in the cooler months, especially when the fish are spawning. The process for carp removal involves an IDNR permit and it's a bit of a process and so Bill will start that process in February next year and worked with Shawn's calendar so that they can net the carp earlier in the year when they are spawning and the water is shallower. Frank asked if they could only do it once a year and Bill said that their lake biologist recommended doing it during spawning because when a female fish gets caught in the net, she gives off pheromones that attract male fish to the nets. Their permit is good for the entire year and they have the money budgeted so if they feel the need to they can hire him to net more carp in the fall. Frank said that he saw a lot of carp jumping during the spawning season and thinks that they should do it twice a year if they can. Bill said that normally, he has Shawn come out for two consecutive days to net carp at \$500 a day but this year he could only come for one day so they would have the opportunity to do it again this fall. Bill asked Joan if she knew whether the IDNR or a local college has a tagging program where they could tag the fish as their caught and monitor them to see how old they are. Joan said she would ask them.

 2. **Follow Up on Joe Rush Presentation** – Andy and Bill have scheduled a follow-up meeting with Joe on July 27th to talk about the bathymetric survey. Andy said that they want to ask Joe about hiring him to oversee the project - whether he would be available and what the cost would be.

 - B. **Andy Warcaba – No Report**

 - C. **Joan Bonnamy – 1. Beaches Closed** – The beaches opened today after being closed for the past 3 weeks. The reason they stayed closed a week longer than usual was because they couldn't test the water last week due to the 4th of July holiday being on a Wednesday because there wouldn't have been anyone at the lab to perform the tests. Bill asked what it costs to sample the water and Becky said that the samples cost about \$27 to mail overnight. Andy asked if they know where the E.coli contamination is coming from and Joan said that it is considered non-point source pollution, which means that it is coming from somewhere in our entire 10,000 acre watershed. Bill said that the majority of Ogle and Winnebago counties were all testing high for E.coli due to the excessive rains that we had in June and the high heat and humidity. Joan said that the testing is getting more advanced to the point now where they can test for bad E.coli vs. good E.coli so it should be coming once that testing gets cheaper. Andy asked what the procedures were for water testing and Joan said that Shawn takes the samples on Monday morning (one shallow and one deep at each beach) and mails them overnight to the IDPH's

lab in Chicago. The Chicago lab lets the Rockford IDPH office know, who in turn usually give the results to us by Thursday or Friday of that week.

D. Ernie Richards - 1. Beaver Control Status – Ernie's contact, Mark Eden, called the office yesterday and gave Becky his contact information and she added him to their liability policy. He will contact the office in August to trap until he catches the beaver so that Becky can put up signage warning the community to stay away from the traps and that there will be a gas boat on the water. She will also coordinate w/ him to use the RCD's boat to do a survey of the area to see where he notices beaver activity. If he needs to put traps up on property that is not owned by the RCD, Becky would contact the owners first to get their permission.

F. Schings Park - Shawn said that he talked with Andy about having Chana Excavating stabilize the point at Schings Park and install riprap along the ditch that drains from the roadside to keep the soil from eroding there.

G. Flagg Rd. Silt Basin – Andy said that the Flagg Rd. Silt Basin looks really good and he recalls that they had silt removed from there last year and wondered if Shawn could take a look at it. Shawn said that he had Shawn Price take him up to the inlet and he probed it with a 10' long pole – he found that on the Lost Lake side he barely hit anything while on the upland side the depth was about 6-8' before he hit silt. Becky asked Andy if he wanted her to hire Nordman to remove the silt from there again and Andy said that he'd rather wait to see if Shawn take a look first since they did it last year. Becky said that it's important to do it every year to keep the silt from moving into the lake. In the past, they hire a contractor like Nordman to pull the silt out of the basin to dewater and then they have them come back and haul it away.

H. Tree Limb Stuck on Top of the Dam/ Illegal Dumping in Can at Turn-around – Bill noticed a broken limb stuck on top of the dam. He asked Shawn to take a look because he'd like him to tie a rope to it and remove it and that he'd give him a hand if he needs it. Bill asked if there had been anymore illegal dumping in the can by the turnaround at the dam and Shawn said no; however, the campground trashcan was full and he took pictures of some mail that was in some of the bags and gave it to Becky to follow up with them. She sent them a letter warning them that disposing of household waste was not allowed and would incur a fine if it happens again.

VI. Old Business – Response from Private Dock Assessment and Notification – Shawn asked what the response has been from the private dock owners that the RCD contacted about fixing their docks and Becky said that most of the dock owners have responded (*she has had 7 responses out of the 10 dock owners that she contacted with three of those seven who fixed their docks, one who removed his dock, and three of them who said that they would fix their docks*).

VII. Guest Comments –

Frank Durkin – Kids Fishing Derby – Frank said that he was disappointed that there were no RCD board members at the fishing derby because they had many new faces and potential volunteers that could get involved in stewardship of the lake and he felt that they missed that opportunity. He suggested that an RCD board member attend the fishing derby next year if they have one. Bill agreed.

Parking Lot and RCD Roads – Frank said that everyone knows that the LCC parking lot and RCD roads are in need of repair and he asked if the RCD has had the opportunity to sit down with the POA and try to coordinate having work done on their roads at the same time the POA is doing their work to save work. Bill said not that he was aware of. Andy said that when the RCD contracts work to be done they have to pay prevailing wages, a restriction that the POA doesn't have. Bill added that because they are a government entity, paid for by taxes, they have to go out to bid and the POA doesn't and he doesn't think that they have to pay prevailing wages either. Andy said that it would make absolute sense (*that the RCD tries to work together with the POA to save money on roadwork*) and Bill said that he would check into it as it was a good idea.

Newsletter Redesign – Frank told a backstory of how the RCD's old newsletter format was a poor design that was didn't get the message out property owners until he approached Jim Brown when he was president with an updated format. The RCD has been following that format for over a year now and Frank commended the RCD on the latest 2-page RCD newsletter article and asked that the RCD continue putting out pertinent information like that.

Becky Miller – PFP Donations of Park Equipment - Becky said that Pennies for Parks donated two new steering wheels for the play car at the West Beach Park and a new tether ball and rope for the LCC Park valued at \$272.

Andy Warcaba – Andy asked Becky where she is at with the snack machine and Becky said she has it in her possession so now she needs to clean it up, learn how to operate it, and have her husband help her built a cabinet to mount it on so it'll be awhile. Andy received a call from a resident who observed a group of boys hanging out at the tennis court, yelling and slamming their bikes on the court before going into the LCC foyer. Andy told them he would go down and check it out and by the time he got there they were gone; however he knows that they have had issues in the past with kids climbing on the Coke machine and he was wondering if they still want to keep it open 24 hours a day. Becky said that if they start noticing that there is vandalism going on, they can lock the foyer at night for a while. Becky said that the foyer and outside of the LCC are also monitored with security cameras so they can go back and review the footage if someone does something. Joan asked if they could put up signage that says that they have cameras and Becky said yes.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn – Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 and Joan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-18-04]

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