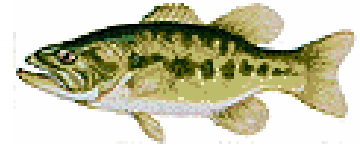




**Lakes Commission Meeting
May 18, 2010
7:30 p.m.**



Open	Lake Potomac	Open	Village at Large
Jim Cousineau	Lake Linden	Jim O'Neal	Village at Large
Tom Heinrich	Lake Springledge	Tony Skwerski	Village at Large
Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Matt Formica	Village Administrator
Open	Village at Large	Renee Metzelaar	Village Trustee
Open	Village at Large	Jim Stout	LPD Liaison

bold = present

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm

II. Roll Call

Members of the Lakes Commission were present as indicated in **bold** above. There were not enough members present for a quorum.

III. Approval of Minutes

Since a quorum of commissioners was not present, the minutes from the March 16 meeting could not be approved.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

1. Ken explained that since an insufficient number of commissioners were present to constitute a quorum, the meeting would be informational in nature, and no business could be transacted. Ken informed the public and the commissioners in attendance that he has recently received the resignations of three commissioners. These resignations contributed to the fact that there was not a quorum for the May 18 meeting. He noted that several individuals had expressed an interest in serving on the commission, but none of these individuals were in attendance this evening.

Ken acknowledged that several members of the public were in attendance to either hear about or discuss conditions associated with Lake Linden. Ken initiated the discussion by referencing an April 15, 2010 News Sun article pertaining to the presence of algae in Lake Linden. He began by correcting a statement in the article indicating that McCloud Services has been used to treat Village lakes for 30 years. In fact, McCloud Services has had a contract with the Village to treat its lakes since 1995.

Ken communicated to the public in attendance that the Lakes Commission is advisory in nature and has no authority to enact policy or procedure. In addition, he indicated that one of the functions of the Lakes Commission is to educate the public as to what village residents can do to encourage healthy lakes. He reminded the public that the Village lakes are essentially large retention ponds in that they are not spring fed. Since they are "run-off" lakes, it is all the more important that residents in the watershed take precautions not to add phosphorous and other such nutrients into the lake through fertilization.

Nutrients such as phosphorous run off into the lake causing algae blooms to proliferate. In addition, Ken suggested that residents consider stabilizing shorelines and adding buffer strips. Buffer strips consisting of plants such as arrowhead and blue flag iris ease shoreline erosion and absorb some of the run-off nutrients to help prevent the proliferation of algae.

Also, Ken explained that what some people refer to as “weeds” are actually emerging macrophytes that are essential to a healthy lake. Another type of algae, known as chara, is also beneficial to the health of a lake because it oxygenates the water. Spraying too much copper sulfate to control weed and algae growth can destroy the delicate balance of a lake.

2. Ken shared that Mike Adams, of the Lake County Health Department's Lake Management Unit and current president of ILMA indicated that SMC has received a grant from IEPA to complete a watershed plan for N. Mill Creek and will be conducting water quality studies on 12 lakes and three stream sites within the watershed. Our lakes will be sampled on 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17 and 9/21 by Kelly Deem and Sarah Bradbury weather permitting.
3. Ken informed the Commission that an aquatic plant identification workshop sponsored by the Lake County Health Department and presented by Ben Dolbeare of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be held on August 17, 2010 in Libertyville.
4. Ken announced that there will be a meeting regarding the watershed management project for Mill Creek on June 3, 2010 at Village Hall.
5. Jim Stout stated that the Lindenhurst Park District will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the re-development of John Janega Memorial Park on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Jim added that the Lindenhurst Park District received a Storm Water Management Award for Best Practices of the Year.

V. Old Business

1. Lake Potomac: Ken indicated that Kathy Georgen was unable to identify promising grant application possibilities that might be used to assist with possible sediment removal for Lake Potomac.
2. Non-resident lake usage – Per Ken’s recommendation to Matt the village office staff made changes to the watercraft sticker application information form as follows:

*** I understand that these village resident watercraft stickers are for use on my watercraft(s) listed below and will not be given to or used on non-resident watercraft and that IDNR registration and all watercraft regulations still apply.**

Resident Name	Resident Address	Resident Telephone	Resident Watercraft Type	Watercraft Sticker No.	Resident Initials *

The sign indicating no trailer launching at the Teal Rd. access point was taken down and put in the bushes by someone. There was a report of a boat being launched from a trailer. Ken asked Matt to have the Street & San crew put in back up and in a way that it

could not easily be vandalized. The work has been completed.

3. SpringFest – Ken thanked the commissioners who volunteered to work the Lakes Commission’s informational booth during this year’s SpringFest held at Lakes High School in March.
4. Earth Day – Ken thanked the commissioners who volunteered to work the Lakes Commission’s informational booth during this year’s Earth Day held at the Village in April. A special thank you was communicated to Commissioner Cousineau who set up and supervised his “fishing pond” once again this year. Commissioner Cousineau reported that he gave away approximately 200 prizes to participating kids this year.
5. McCloud application rates – Ken talked to Lyle about the levels of Sonar application for all the lakes. He strongly recommended and will continue this year with the planned application rate of the 6ppb bump for Lake Waterford and 10/10ppb for the other three lakes. He did express some concern about the level of water stargrass that is beginning to proliferate in Lake Linden and in some areas of Lake Waterford. Water stargrass is not adequately controlled by Sonar. Some Reward spot or area applications may become necessary during the season which will add to cost.

VI. New Business

1. Commissioner openings – there are currently three openings for Lakes Commissioners. Appointments will be made at the June village board meeting.
2. Lake Linden – Jim Cousineau will set up his carp traps very soon.
3. LLC budget status – the approved budget was included with the agenda.
4. Commissioner lake reports
 - a. Waterford – The lake reached largemouth bass spawning temperature of 65°F in April but returned to the upper 50’s in May and is currently at 60°F today. Fishing has been slow, but watercraft sticker compliance has been good. Filamentous algae clouds are beginning to form. Ken reported that he recently caught a 46” tiger muskie in Lake Waterford.
 - b. Linden – Jim reported that the clarity level of Lake Linden was good.
 - c. Springledge – Tom reported that approximately one week ago the water clarity was the best he has ever seen it. Although the water is still fairly clear, there are some algae blooms.
 - d. Potomac – No report.

VII. Staff Reports and Future Agenda Items
None

VIII. Public Participation
Several residents (indicated below) attended the meeting and joined in the questioning and discussions.

IX. Adjournment

There was no motion for adjournment as a quorum was not present. The meeting ended at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich, Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
John Pecci	212 Lake Shore Dr.
Claudia Davidson	426 Beck Rd.
Terry Patch	747 Federal Pkwy
Rich Maede	208 Lake Shore Dr.
Arlene Maede	208 Lake Shore Dr.
Marianne Smith	2118 Lake Shore Dr.
David Smith	2118 Lake Shore Dr.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 20, 2010

