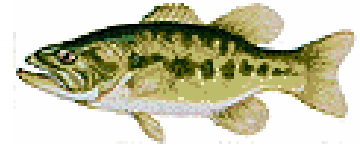




Lakes Commission Meeting
May 19, 2009
7:30 p.m.



Bob Blameuser	Lake Potomac	Greg Koenig	Village at Large
Jim Cousineau	Lake Linden	Jim O'Neal	Village at Large
Open	Lake Springledge	Jim Stout	Village at Large/LPD Liaison
Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Matt Formica	Village Administrator
Kathy Georgen	Village at Large	Renee Metzelaar	Village Trustee
Glenn Green	Village at Large		

bold = present

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm

II. Roll Call

Members of the Lakes Commission were present as indicated in bold above.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 21st meeting were reviewed. Jim O. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. It was seconded by Jim C. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

- Bill Ellefson has resigned from the Lakes Commission and will be replaced soon. Bill represented Springledge and was a commissioner for several years. We will miss him!
- Ken was one of the expert witnesses at the on-going Highland Lake trial concerning their trolling motor usage suit. Mike Adam, President of ILMA and Director of our LCHD LMU and Bob Schieck, President of FOLA also testified.
- FOLA President Bob Schieck and member Lou DePasquali both called and reported a significant yellow bass fish kill 14 days after fluoridone application on Lake Antioch. They are now seeing a bluegill and crappie kill. Ken asked Lyle about it and Lyle did not think it was due to the chemical applications. There are many possible reasons for the kill such as bacterial infections. There is an article in the current county publication "Cattails" concerning fish kills. A link to this publication is on our website.
- Ken received e-mail from resident Chris Eppel concerned about thin muskies from presumed lack of forage fish and early algae bloom. The Commissioners discussed this and recalled that Lake Waterford was found to be in perfect balance when a study was done in 2007. It was concluded that what Chris is seeing may be a normal shape for the muskie.

V. Old Business

- Carp in Lake Linden – Jim C. intends to repeat the trapping efforts and will get the traps out soon.
- High Point Shoreline – Jim S. reported that the Park District trimmed trees and cleaned up the dead plants. There were a lot of weeds in the trail and we should plan to remove them.

- Springledge access – There was discussion over cleaning up one of the access points on Springledge. In the past, once an area is cleaned up, someone dumps grass clippings there. It was concluded not to do any work on Springledge at this time.

VI. New Business

- Lakes Management – Ken is waiting for results of the FasTest Data from testing done on Lake Waterford from Lyle. Lyle said the test results were fine, and Ken will share those results at the next meeting.

- Commissioner Lake Reports:

Waterford – Ken reported significant and persistent filamentous and spirogyra algae along the south shore of Thunder Bay. Fishing has been unusually slow for muskies and the LM Bass have still not become active. A 39” Tiger Muskie floater was removed. There was no obvious reason for its demise. He also brought in some mollusk shells and one live mollusk. He plans to ask the county biologist to identify them.

Linden – Jim C reported that there had been a few algae mats, and once the lake was treated, they were gone. Fishing is slow, but more boats are being launched.

Potomac – Bob reported that there is no alga right now. He has seen few fish so far – just one bluegill and no bass.

Springledge – Resident Tom Heinrich reported that there is not a lot of alga on the lake and fishing has been light.

Janega Park – Jim S reported that the delay due to all the rain is on-going and they are hoping to be able to begin again in a couple of weeks, if the site dries out.

- Review of “guest” usage policy – We started to discuss whether or not we should initiate some kind of usage passes or fees for guests, to gain better control over the use of our lakes by people who say they are a friend of someone who is not fishing with them. FOLA gives residents 2 tags for guest usage and maybe we can adopt something like that. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Future educational focus – We listed our activities for the benefit of potential new commissioners present, which gave us a good perspective on how much we are already doing for the community. See Appendix A.

VII. Staff Reports and Future Agenda Items

- LCFP Forestry Biologist Tim Pruess has done work a lot of work with the Max McGaw Institute on studying and radio tracking coyotes in Lake County before joining the LCFP and is willing to share what he learned in a presentation to us.

VIII. Public Participation

Residents present: Tony Skewrski, 515 Beck, and Tom Heinrich, 395 Teal

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kathy to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jim C. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Georgen, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2009

APPENDIX A

Current activities of the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission:

- Bi-monthly meetings
- Represent the lakes to the Village Board for the residents
- Make recommendations to the Village Board on issues concerning our lakes, such as ordinances that affect the lakes (no phosphorous fertilizers, shoreline protection materials, etc.
- Develop and maintain the Lindenhurst lakes management philosophy
- Herbicide applications
- Shoreline care, development/demonstrations, and advice to residents, other communities as requested
- Coordinate studies for our lakes
- Fish stocking recommendations
- Interact and work with the IDNR, EPA, ILMA, Lake County Lakes, MOM, Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lindenhurst Park District
- Responsible for public education (speakers for meetings, booths at Springfest, Earth Day, give talks to various organizations or schools
- Maintain LLC website



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