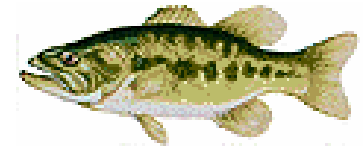




**Lakes Commission Meeting
July 13, 2010
7:30 p.m.**



Jim Cousineau	Lake Linden	Allen Severance	Village at Large
Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Tony Skwerski	Village at Large
Tom Heinrich	Lake Springledge	Scott Tanneberger	Village at Large
Joe Warren	Lake Potomac	Matt Formica	Village Administrator
Alina Duran	Village at Large	Renee Metzelaar	Village Trustee
Jim O'Neal	Village at Large	Jim Stout	LPD Liaison

bold = present

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 16th meeting were reviewed. Jim O made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. It was seconded by Tom. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes for the May 18th meeting were not reviewed because they are unofficial and no actions could be taken. Ken will post them on the web.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

1. The committee welcomed new commissioners, Alina Duran, Scott Tanneberger, Joe Warren and Allen Severance
2. An email was received from Ofc Eric Gugel asking about pontoon boat launching and 24v batteries.
3. Swimmer's Itch – A call was received from a resident on Lake Linden. Ken encouraged the village office staff and commissioners to go to our web site. Jim Stout described it as a common matter and it would be cleared by washing off at the shower provided at Linden Beach.
4. Bloomingdale Fish Kill – Ken shared the Daily Herald news article <http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=393453> about the fish kill.
5. North Mill Creek / Dutch Gap Canal Watershed meeting July 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Antioch Township Building, 1625 Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa, IL 60046. Commissioners and public participants were encouraged to attend.
6. 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 7, 2010 in Libertyville. No time has been publicized yet.

7. Angling in the Lakes of Northern Illinois – New commissioners were encouraged to visit this historical book about fishing in our area in 1896. There is a link to it on our Fishing page.

V. Old Business

1. Lake Potomac: Matt F. has been asked to have the Village Board evaluate the OSRS proposal and advise the LLC about a direction to proceed. The LLC is not aware of any *ad hoc* committee activity by Lake Potomac residents. Ken expressed that Village needs to provide a resolution for removal of sediments from the lake. Renee reminded everyone that due to budget constraints and the economy many programs have been put on hold. Renee expressed that the budget of \$350,000 for removal of sediments will be reviewed around February 2011. Ken suggested to the public participants that more involvement from the residents would be helpful to move the issue forward.
2. Non-resident lake usage –
 - a. IDNR fines & LPD investigation – Residents have reported IDNR activity on Lake Linden and at the Teal Access point. Fines have been given by the Conservation Officer for not having life preservers, state registrations stickers, and battery boxes. Fines of \$75 and \$225 have been reported.
 - b. Ken reported that overall complaints about and use of non-residents is down on Lake Waterford.

VI. New Business

1. Northern Illinois Crankin' Bass Club – On the evening of June 25th, Allen Severance and 11 members of the club volunteers came out to remove undesirable vegetation from our High Point buffer strip. Ken circulated a prepared thank you letter to Allen and the club which we mailed to them. Photos have been posted on our web site.
2. Resident lake usage:
 - a. Resident watercraft sticker compliance – Ken encouraged improved compliance of the resident watercraft sticker program which is a free sticker which help us identify people who do not belong on our lakes.
 - b. Boat launch ordinance question – The issue of trailer launching of pontoon boats on Lake Waterford was discussed. A resident recently purchased and launched a new pontoon boat. No ordinance changes were considered. Residents needing to launch or remove a large boat or pontoon boat need to contact the LPD to obtain permission to use the ramp and to avoid being ticketed.
 - c. Trolling motor ordinance question – Ken shared that our trolling motor ordinance states one 12 volt trolling motor. Some of the “pontoon” boats on our lakes are 24 volt systems. Discussion followed on whether we should make an ordinance change to make the “pontoon” boats legal. It was pointed out by a resident that the current plastic prowler fishing craft carried in by many of the fisherman are called “pontoon” boats. Alternate wording needs to be investigated before an ordinance is drafted so as not to allow 24 volt trolling motors of these small fishing craft. More information is needed about pontoon boats. The matter is under discussion and it will be on the agenda for the LLC meeting.

3. Commissioner assignments – Ken reviewed the activities of the commission and passed around a sign up sheet for commissioners to indicate their areas of interest.
4. Lindenfest booth & Parade – For the last couple of years LLC has not participated in Lindenfest. We have been in the parade. During the meeting, it was suggested that participating again in Lindenfest would be beneficial for residents. Jim Cousineau and other members of LLC will set up the booth and volunteer their time if booth space is still available. The LLC boat will be used again as a float in the Lindenfest Parade and will include kids, candy and handouts about the LLC.
5. Algae blooms – Ken reported that on Lake Linden in the spring and Lake Waterford recently there has been excessive algae build up. The uses of lawn fertilizers and the heavy spring rains have washed the nutrients into the lakes. The use of increasing amounts of copper sulfate will affect the health of our lakes long term. Also, it was noted that water stargrass is not affected by Sonar, and McCloud indicated that Reward would be needed to control it. There are pros and cons for both methods. Usage of Sonar does not require public notice. Reward is a chlorinated herbicide similar to the 2,4,-D in Weed-b-Gone which requires public notification. Lyle indicated that he will treat the boating waterways with Reward on his next trip and that it would be done within the contract at no additional charge. This is a short term solution. Extensive treatment of the water stargrass would create a budget issue for Village.
6. Cyprinus carpio trap report – Jim C. reported that he has not trapped any carp, catfish or muskie. He has caught many bluegill, bass and crappie.
7. LCHD LMU Survey – Kelly Deem and Sarah Bradbury from the LCHD LMU sampled our lakes for plants on July 7th and again on July 12th to do water quality sampling. They reported water stargrass, sego pond weed and chara in Lake Waterford.
8. Commissioner lake reports
 - a. Waterford – Filamentous algae blooms have been bad due to the extra rains and nutrient loading. Water clarity has been very good at times. The lake reached 87°F degrees this week. It is back to about 83.5°F. Chara is impacted at about 85°F. Lyle made a visit yesterday and reported a lot of water stargrass and sego pond weed as did the LCHD LMU. He also noted some broad leaf pond weed in Thunder Bay. The pH was normal, but D.O. is low below the thermocline (1°F drop within 1 foot). Bullfrog population is up and Leopard frogs have been reported on Whispering Pine. The turtle population has not made itself very visible. A 50" muskie and 24" largemouth bass have been caught. There is an abundance of 1, 2 and 3 year class fish with a high condition factor. This is probably a result of the increase in macrophytes.
 - b. Linden – Jim reported that health of the lake is in good condition. The lake is clear, and there are not a lot of weeds compare to last year. There have been issues with presence of boats with out stickers. Also, no complaints from neighbors have been reported.
 - c. Springledge – Tom reported that there are some algae blooms in the lake. Bullfrogs and many turtles have been spotted also.

d. Potomac – Joe reported there was no evidence of dead fish on the shore.

VII. Staff Reports and Future Agenda Items
None

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

IX. Adjournment
There was a motion for adjournment and the meeting ended at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alina Duran, Recording Secretary

LLC Public Participants

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Donna Bjorkquist	514 Whispering Pines Rd.
Laura Warycr	2913 Falling Waters Ln.
Will Searle	2913 Falling Waters Ln.
Dan Patch	747 Federal Pkwy
Terry Patch	747 Federal Pkwy
Marilynn Diehl	510 Whispering Pines Rd.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 21, 2010

