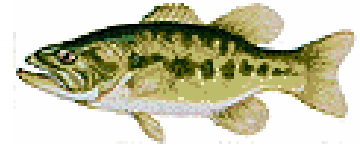




LAKES COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 15, 2008
7:30 P.M.



Bob Blameuser	<i>Lake Potomac</i>	Glenn Green	<i>Village at Large</i>
Chris Carlson	<i>Lake Linden</i>	Greg Koenig	<i>Village at Large</i>
Bill Ellefson	<i>Lake Springledge</i>	Jim Stout	<i>Village at Large/LPD Liaison</i>
Ken Funk	<i>Lake Waterford</i>	TBD	<i>Village Administrator</i>
Jim Cousineau	<i>Village at Large</i>	Renee Metzelaar	<i>Village Trustee</i>
Kathy Georgen	<i>Village at Large</i>	Dominic Marturano	<i>Village Trustee</i>

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 May 20th meeting were reviewed. *Chris made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. It was seconded by Glenn. The motion carried unanimously.*

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Norb Pischke showed Ken part of the book Angling in the Lakes of Northern Illinois by Charles F. Johnson, 1896. The book is very interesting and has a lot of information about our area lakes from the late 1890's.
- Chad Anderson voiced his concerns about Lake Waterford weeds and the lake conditions. Ken explained that the lake has been treated.
- John Lindberg reported dead muskie on Lake Waterford.
- Tom McGann (www.hardhatinc.com) and Sherry Garthway have moved into a house on the east shore of Lake Waterford. Tom plans to improve the shoreline and obtained some advice from Ken.
- Art Tully reported carp in Lake Linden – see later item.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Catfish stocking update: Ken read Greg's proposal that we order catfish from Richmond Hatcheries instead of Keystone Hatcheries. Prices are less expensive and we can buy more with our budget. They also do lake management, and we should keep them in mind when we ask for bids next year. We asked Renee to verify that our budget for stocking was revised per our request.
2. No-phosphorus ordinance: Jim S. reported that the Village Board passed the no-phosphorus ordinance at the board meeting last evening, effective Jan 1, 2009. Some of our comments were incorporated into the final version. The Board requested yearly phosphorous testing to monitor progress, but Commissioners noted that it usually takes a long time to reduce phosphorous levels and testing may be costly. Ken will talk to Wes about how to budget for the testing.
3. Participation in Lindenfest: Ken notified the Village that the LLC was withdrawing from Lindenfest until such time that a venue more conducive to communication and public education could be provided.
4. Ordinance education & enforcement: We discussed the challenges of enforcing our ordinances. In general, if anyone sees a violation, the best action is to call the police and report it. Some of the common violations are: "bait fish fishing", watercraft sticker compliance, and dock length. The latest *Village Voice* did not accurately print one of the ordinances and some confusion may result. Ken has asked the Village to take care of the confusion in some way.

Last months discussion included:

- *Bullet point list of ordinance highlights to distribute to the officers for their reference.* Tonight Ken distributed sample cards with pictures of common fish in our lakes on one side and the ordinances on the other. All agreed that it would be helpful to give these to our officers for their reference.
- *Send residents a letter or notification flyer from the Village reminding them that they must have stickers on all their watercraft.* There was a paragraph in the *Village Voice* reminding residents of this ordinance.
- *Shoreline property owners list for reference.* Jim Stout will work on gathering information, now that the fertilizer ordinance has passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lakes Commission charter and ordinance – Village Trustee Pat Dunham asked us to review Ordinance 32.85 concerning the Lakes Commission and answer 4 questions:
 - *What does your commission do as a part of its duties?*
The ordinance clearly describes our roles and responsibilities.
 - *Are these activities in line with what the ordinance states your commission's responsibilities are?*
Yes
 - *What, if any, modifications to the ordinance regarding your commission would you recommend to the Village Board?*
1) 32.86 (C): Clarify term end date (April 30) and add verbiage concerning notification from the Mayor concerning the end of a term and an additional notification that re-appointment was granted. 2) 32.88 (A): Second sentence, replace "needs" with "interests".
 - *What do you see as the roles for your commission 10 years from now?*
Activities will probably not change much in 10 years. It was noted that with the carp in Lake Linden, we should start planning to restore the lake at some point.

Ken asked Commissioners that if anyone shows an interest in becoming a Lakes Commissioner, tell them to send a letter of intent to the mayor.

2. Lindenhurst Park District Shorelines and Development: Lake Waterford east shoreline ownership seems to be in question. The owner has a plat that shows her property/shoreline overlaps with the Park District land. The county plat shows the Park District owning the land. This discrepancy should be resolved before the owner begins shoreline improvements.
 - John Janega Park: Permits are all in place and development will begin within the next few weeks. We will not stock with fish until next year.
 - Springledge: The Park District has not discussed this project yet.
 - High Point site: A split rail fence will be installed this week to provide a border between the grass and the buffer strip. Yard waste should be piled up near the garbage can to identify it as waste for pick-up.
 - Teal Road site: An angling club has volunteered to help with shoreline maintenance (see below). Again, pile weeds, etc near the garbage can for pick-up.
3. Volunteer Activities: Ken was contacted by Allen Severance, a local resident and member of a Bass Angling club. They have an annual requirement to perform environmental/shoreline restoration work. The volunteer request was deferred to Glenn. Glenn identified Reed Canary grass removal as a good project for them. They will help on Saturday, July 19, time TBD.
4. Carp in Lake Linden: Ken had a conversation with a resident who has observed a carp when feeding fish from his shoreline and wanted to know what the LLC was going to do about it. We have some options:
 - Set up fish traps – Jim C offered to build traps and set them in the lake
 - Organize a tournament - very time-consuming, no one has time to organize one

- Put a bounty on the fish - not a good option – how do we know fish are from Lake Linden?
- Put together a plan for a restoration of Lake Linden – we will work on this in the future if it is required.

5. Commissioner Lake Reports:

- Lake Waterford – Water clarity remains unusually good this spring/summer. Healthy chara beds are visible and there are some sparse indications of other species beginning to return. Fishing traffic is heavy. Watercraft sticker compliance is good for fishing boats, but poor for other resident watercraft. Some large Large Mouth Bass and two muskies have been seen floating. Trailer launching has stopped but bait fish use has been reported. There is a definite increase in the bullfrog population and a decrease in arrowhead and purple loosestrife. There is one good stand of pickerel weed.
- Potomac – The algae cleared up quickly this spring. Bob told us he watched a catfish drag a bobber around a small area for 2 hours before it was finally caught in a net – interesting behavior!
- Springledge – This past spring, this lake had a severe algae bloom, but looks much better now.
- Lake Linden – The lake is a bit murkier than in past years, maybe due to the increased in carp. There is more in plant diversity since Lyle decreased the concentration of Sonar in his applications.

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bob to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Kathy. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Georgen, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16th 2008

