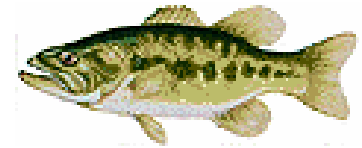




**Lakes Commission Meeting  
July 21, 2009  
7:30 p.m.**



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

**bold** = present

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Jim O. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. It was seconded by Bob B. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Communications and Correspondence**

- Highland Lake trial verdict went in favor of those wishing to continue using trolling motors.
- Lake Linden – cercarial dermatitis, better know as “swimmers itch” has been reported by several residents to the village, the LCHD and to Ken. Information about it has been on our web site for several years. Jim S. commented that signs are posted at Linden Landing and the showers were provided specifically to allow bathers to rinse off to minimize the effects of swimmer’s itch. The LPD beaches are operated by permit and the water monitored by the LCHD. Resident Art Tully shared that years ago Crystal Lake treated that lake for snails to reduce the impact of swimmer’s itch. Chemical molluscicides are available to treat snails.

**V. Old Business**

- High Point shoreline maintenance – Glenn G. reported on two evening team efforts removing targeted undesirable weeds. More support is needed. Commissioners are welcome anytime to help. Fisherman have created a path through the area to reach the bank and adding some wood chips to the created trail would be good. Purple loosestrife was removed. Shoreline loosestrife plants showed active damage by the desirable loosestrife beetle.
- Guest Usage Policy – Discussed at length were ways to deal with the increasing reports and complaints about non-resident abuse of our “guest” policy mainly on and at public access points of lakes Linden and Waterford. Verbal and written complaints have been received by residents and made by commissioners. Many fisherman confronted by residents claim they are “guests” with no resident present because the “know someone

or are related to someone who lives in the village". Boats with Wisconsin registration containing non-residents have been observed and confronted. The spirit of the ordinance and watercraft sticker program was intended for resident boats and residents should accompany guests.

Suggestions discussed included increasing efforts to get resident compliance to our sticker programs which is generally poor on some of our lakes; clarify that watercraft on our lakes are to be resident owned; that guests be identified and/or identifiable by the resident that invited them either by their presence or via some form of guest pass available to the resident to give to their guest. Continuing education of residents via the Village Voice and upcoming parade will be used to pass out flyers with key information. It was suggested that we make stickers available at our Earth Day booth. A charge for non-resident fishing passes was mentioned as a possibility.

## VI. New Business

- Teal shoreline – Glenn G. continues to do an excellent job of maintaining this shoreline. Resident Alan Severance, Northern Illinois Crankin' Bass Club has again offered his fishing club to do volunteer work for our Lakes Commission. Glenn will coordinate a best time and location with the club. Reed canary grass removed last time will best be handled by herbicide treatment according to LCFP biologist Ken Klick. Removal of buckthorn from Teal, improving the west end of High Point and wood chipping, cleaning up at Whispering Pines and Linden Dam were suggested areas for volunteer work effort.
- Commissioner for Springledge – Resident Tom Heinrich who lives on Springledge is considering becoming a commissioner to serve in this open position.
- Lindenfest Parade – Jim C. emailed commissioners soliciting assistance with our plans to use the Village Boat in the annual parade to pass out candy, brochures and information. Commissioners willing to help are to contact Jim.
- Lakes Management – Lyle Erickson, McCloud Aquatic Services has been doing an excellent job this year. Two week FasTest data on Sonar levels in Lake Waterford were shared and are at anticipated levels. Some plant life is returning.
- Commissioner Lake Reports:
  - Waterford – Ken reported significant water temperature fluctuations this year because of the unusual weather pattern. The current temperature is at 72°F which is low and good for this time of year. The chara beds remain healthy and green. What appears to be water stargrass and narrowleaf pond weed are growing in small patches around the lake apparently as a result of our reduction in the Sonar application rate. The fishing pressure remains high, but the CPUE is low and large bass are difficult to find as reported by most fisherman questioned. One large channel catfish floater was removed at the Teal access point and a large dead Muskie near High Point access. Water clarity is very good to the eye and a Secchi disk could probably be seen to the bottom.

Linden – Jim C. is on vacation but has reported anglers are catching fish.

Potomac – Bob B. not significant algae mats at this time and there is moderate water clarity.

Springledge – No commissioner available for a report, but resident Tom Heinrich reports that the water clarity is better, but there has been significant shoreline debris that he and his son have helped to clean up.

Janega Park – Jim S. shared that a dedication is planned for late August. There is a significant potential of carp being introduced to the pond there because of its direct connect with Lake Hastings which contains a large carp population in any flood event.

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA?

- 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 will share what he learned in a presentation to us at the September 15th meeting.

#### VII. Staff Reports and Future Agenda Items

- None

#### VIII. Public Participation

Residents present: Tony Skwerski, 515 Beck, Tom Heinrich, 395 Teal, and Art Tully, 378 Northgate. Art requested that crappies caught in our carp traps not be release back into the lake.

#### IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim O. to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Glenn G. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Funk for  
Kathy Georgen, Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

