

The Buffalo Lake P&R Regular Meeting

Time 9:00 a.m.

Date: October 18th, 2008

Location: Packwaukee Town Hall

Commissioners Present:

Tom Bowman-not present, Frank Breitenbach—Marquette County Rep., Colleen Huber—

Assistant Commissioner, Bill Lewis—Commissioner, Roger Naniot—Special Projects

Coordinator, Al Rosenthal—Treasurer, Wendy Cordes —Secretary.

1. Meeting came to order at 9:01 AM, All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Minutes of the July 5th meeting were read and approved
3. Treasurer's Report for August and September were reviewed. Largest cost was fuel. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Harvesting-looking into purchasing a new harvester, a portion of the money from a grant through the DNR which has been applied for. Harvesting pattern and plans are being looked into.
 - b. Water Quality - some water quality testing has been done. Additional volunteers needed for East side of lake. Procedures were shared with audience (Start in May and stop in September between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.)
 - c. Water Level – met with attorney, all documents have been copies from the DNR that need to be reviewed. Models of lake from 1978 are also being reviewed for data to be taken to the DNR.
 - d. County Lake Group - currently has 18 lakes as part of the group. Planning a Lake Fair to be held in Montello City Park (this location has 2 pavilions). Possible date is June of 2009. Planned demonstrations may include cleaning boats, boat safety, booths on zoning and possible representatives from the DNR on quality of lakes and food booths. Looking for added sponsors. The Montello Lake Association has a large grant that has to do with the Montello Water Shed. This grants includes the pollution points on the lake.
 - e. Harvesting Patterns – Held a Sept meeting with a low turnout. Communication with committee members via e-mail decided at this time not to submit a plan for changing cutting patterns. Explanation for why the possible change was explained to the members. Committee feels that they need more information before bringing to the commissioners. A discussion followed. Lotus beds and their importance to a healthy lake were discussed. Location of current beds and possible new locations with the DNR need to be further discussed. Looking for possible grant to cover cost of new beds.
 - f. Boundary Reconciliation Study – Committee met in August and on 10/18. Problem is not all information on towns has been computerized. Will meet on November 6th, 2008. Plans to start to set boundaries for the District. Jerry Smart indicates the County is working to computerize the Packwaukee boundaries. Will take about a year to complete this.
 - g. New Business - Gypsy Months - planning on going door to door and handing out information from Pat Kilby. On Sept. 30th, they walked around the lake and found: South side of lake –1 hot spot (Cotter Bay area). Information on aerial spraying will be sent out in the November Newsletter. Slide show was presented to members.
5. Buffalo Lake Newsletter – Information will be placed in the newsletter on Gypsy Moths. Alternate treatments for the moths will also be included. Clarifications of the cost of aerial spraying will also be included.
6. Next regular meeting is February 21st, 2009 9:00 a.m. at the Packwaukee Town Hall
7. Adjournment at 10:32 AM