

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS and PUBLIC  
On AUGUST 30, 2013**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
MAY 25, 2013  
CHRIST LUTHERN CHURCH**

**ATTENDING:**

Curt Deering, Stephanie Boysen, Brooke Thill, Greg Warner, Joe Zaspel (Johnstown Board Representative), and Herschel Brown (Polk County Representative).

**ABSENT: Tom O'Hern**

**MEETING:**

Forty-one owners plus 6 commissioners signed the attendance sheet.

Chair, Curt Deering called the Meeting to order, at 9:15 AM.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Each Commissioner introduced him/herself.

**Minutes Approved:**

Motion made, seconded and approved to dispense with the reading of the Annual Meeting minutes of September 1, 2012. Minutes approved as submitted.

**Audit and Treasurer Report:**

In Mr. O'Hern's absence, Mr. Warner reviewed the year end 2012 financial report and the status of the 2013 budget. He also reviewed the process and results for the 2012 audit. Three individuals, as allowed by our by-laws, reviewed revenue and expenses for 2012. No discrepancies were found and each person signed off on the audit. Those completing the audit for 2012 include: Ms. Kay McDonough, Messrs. Gerry Ganske and Greg Warner.

**Polk County Update:**

Mr. Brown highlighted financial issues the County is addressing. These include health care costs including home health. He was asked if the County had an ordinance requiring septic tank inspections when a property is sold. Also, he was questioned regarding ordinances requiring or allowing "quiet times" on lakes. He responded that all ordinances are being reviewed for applicability and re-organization. He was not aware of quiet time ordinances but interested individuals could search on the County web site.

**Township Update:**

Mr. Zaspel reported that re-surfacing of roads would commence shortly. Pipe Lake Road SW to 220<sup>th</sup> Street will be included and potentially 220<sup>th</sup> to 235<sup>th</sup>. No road

inspections have been conducted as yet due to late frost and wet spring. He stressed the importance of obtaining burning permits. Call the Township and contact the Sheriff if burning, not including recreational pit fires.

He also alerted attendees that bears are becoming more active and increasing in numbers. They are searching for food. Consequently, secure garbage and isolate bird feeders. To scare bears off, "violently" harass them such as safely discharging a firearm in the air.

The Township has again contract with the USDA for beaver removal.

Owners of property on North Pipe were recently sent a survey asking if they were in favor of a no wake time from 6PM to 10 AM. The results and any consequent actions will occur at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Township meeting. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Deering acknowledged and thanked Mr. Larry Bresina and Ms. Karen Englebretson for arranging and facilitating Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers Lake Management Workshops. Messrs. Deering and Warner are attending.

Mr. Bresina asked that Commissioner draft meeting minutes be published on the Pipe Lake web-site. This will increase the communications to owners. This will be arranged.

It was suggested that a porta-potty be placed at the boat landing. This will be arranged.

**Old Business:**

- **Shoreland Protection Grant Status**

Mr. Deering noted that this grants ends in 2014. Lake property owners who have not completed the shoreland assessment are encouraged to do this. There is no obligation and times are available. Please contact Ms. Carol Vantine to arrange an appointment at, 612-750-8785.

It was suggested that the Pipe Lake web site be updated and kept current reflecting the progress with this grant. It was also suggested to repeat previous educational programs to refresh memories and provide information for new lake owners.

- **Clean Boats/ Clean Water**

Mr. Warner reported on the need to identify another individual to assist Mr. Art Ringsven with greeting boaters at the public landing to prevent the introduction of Aquatic Invasive Species. This is a paid position. Any interested person or persons should contact Mr. Dick Hollar or Mr. Tom O'Hern.

The issues of boat inspections during Bass Tournaments was asked as was the need for a "permit" to hold a tournament on a lake. We are usually notified of a

tournament and inspections are conducted. The need for a permit will need to be researched.

- Mr. Warner reported that the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant has been approved for an additional 4 years. This grant subsidizes the expense for staffing the boat landing and an underwater inspection for invasive species. He acknowledged Mr. Hollar for all his time and commitment to securing this grant renewal for Pipe Lakes.
- Rapid Response Plan  
A Rapid Response Plan is a new requirement for the AIS grants. Mr. Warner reviewed the initial steps to be taken should a suspected invasive species be identified. If you spot a suspicious plant, please contact Mr. Hollar or Mr. O'Hern as soon as possible so a rapid response plan can be initiated. Mr. Warner provided instructional materials for additional reference.
- Fish Sticks Project and Fish Stocking.  
Two fish sticks projects have been completed. They are located on the southern and eastern areas off Maple Island. These projects provide shelter for fingerlings. Two or three more projects will be initiated.  
Mr. Dick Braun reported that Pipe Lakes are included with 8 other areas lakes in a fish-stocking program. The Wisconsin DNR is stocking fingerlings (5-7 inches long) in odd years.  
Many lakes are experiencing a decline in walleye and Small Mouth Bass populations due to Large Mouth Bass. The limit for Large Mouth Bass (LMB) is 5, any size. It was suggested that recipes for LMB be placed on the web site. Anyone with recipes should send them to [gjwjas@gmail.com](mailto:gjwjas@gmail.com). These will be posted.

#### **New Business:**

- Communications Plan  
Ms. Boysen reviewed goals associated with enhanced communications that include presenting water quality data and information and keeping lake members informed as to current actions and participants.
- New Lake Residents  
Ms. Boysen reviewed efforts to identify and welcome to members of the lake community.
- Volunteers Needed  
Volunteers are required to assist with the boat parade and picnic. Sign up by contacting any Commissioner.
- Thank You  
Mr. Deering recognized and thanked Ms. Lisa Lynch for managing and sending emails through the Pipe Lakes database. A new individual will be identified to coordinate this very important activity.

- Lake maps were available to all attendees. Individuals not in attendance can contact any Commissioner to obtain a map. Special thanks to Mr. Hollar for coordinating the update of the lake map.

**Adjournment:**

Respectfully

Greg Warner, Secretary

**Reminder:**

Boat Parade	July 6, 2013 @ 1:00 PM	Rain Date July 7, 2013
Annual Picnic	August 17, 2012 @ Noon	County Line Tavern
Annual District Mtg.	August 31, 2013, 9:00–11:00 AM	Christ Lutheran Church