

PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Commission Meeting

Saturday May 29, 2021

Remote meeting by Zoom Attending:

By Zoom conference call

Jan Breyer, Cindy Manwarren, Tim Larson, Jim McCarthy, Gene Schultz

Absent: Joe Zaspel

Public attendees: over 10 lake residents participated in the meeting by Zoom.

Meeting:

The meeting was convened by Zoom video conference call at 9:30 am. There were some difficulties in the Zoom access. The minutes of the prior meeting (April 10, 2021) were reviewed and approved. It was agreed that it would be useful to post unapproved, draft version minutes to the district website after a meeting and not wait until formal approval at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The most current financials through May 25, 2021 were presented and approved. There was \$ 11,132.12 in income from DNR grants and tax receipts and there were expenses of \$3,022.93 leaving a Balance of \$75,624.09 in the bank account. The Rapid Response Savings account had a balance through April 31 of \$425,448.99.

Township Update: The town replaced the wood posts at the boat landing with large boulders. The township agreed that a porta-potty could be installed at the landing , but is not in favor a dumpster at the site. Olson Septic has installed a handicap size porta potty at the landing at a cost of \$145 per month. It includes weekly cleaning and refreshing of hand sanitizer. The district will ask the town to share the cost as it has in the past.

Buoys

The new warning buoys on the lake were noted. The commission thanked Andi Dickson for volunteering to source and install the new buoys. They are a great addition to the lake and should assist in safe boating.

Water Quality Study Updates:

Tim Larson discussed the field data collection undertaken so far this year. The attached sheets summarizing the water quality studies were displayed on the Zoom screen.

There was discussion of needed repairs to the outlet structure on the retention pond on the north east side of North Pipe Lake. Tim Larson will contact Erickson Construction did the original construction.

Healthy Lakes

Currently, there are no new projects in the pipeline. It was agreed that the Commission will undertake additional marketing of the program this summer to try to increase participation in the program since Healthy Lakes provides an immediate benefit to water quality. A lake resident can obtain a \$1,000 landscape project for only a \$125 personal contribution. It takes minimal planning (a hand drawn sketch depicting the 10 x 35 site along the shoreline with description of proposed plantings), but the process spans the two years. The project description needs to be developed this summer and submitted to the DNR for approval by December 1. Once approved, the projects are installed and reimbursed in 2022.

Website

Cindy Manwarren provided a summary of materials currently available on the District website. She also provided usage statistics. She asked that people submit photo and article contributions. She solicited suggestions for other ideas to increase usage and improve usefulness of the site. The commission members thanked Cindy for her excellent work in developing and maintaining the website.

Future meeting formats

There was a short discussion about the format of future meetings. Zoom has afforded a large increase in resident participation in commission meetings. The social benefits of meeting in person were acknowledged and there are certain legal requirements about in-person attendance at the Annual Meeting. There was consensus that going forward the district will plan to hold in-person meetings on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends and hold the quarterly commission meetings by Zoom. In-person meetings will be subject to the then prevailing public health restrictions.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim McCarthy, Secretary