

Draft Minutes - Annual Meeting
Pipe & North Pipe Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District
Saturday, September 3, 2022
Christ Lutheran Church

ATTENDING:

Commissioners: Jan Breyer, Tim Larson. Gene Schutz. Natalie Lovejoy, Brad Olson- County Representative.
Absent: Jim McCarthy and the Town Representative

Over 35 District residents attended in person.

MEETING:

The Meeting was called to Order at 9:07 am

MINUTES:

The draft minutes of last year's meeting were moved for approval. There was an objection by Tom Hartman regarding language on the wakeboard discussion. After research by Tom, he withdrew his objection and the Minutes were approved as presented.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

There was one open position on the Commission. Tim Larson had agreed to run for another term. There was a call for additional nominations from the floor. Cindy Barriga nominated herself as a candidate. Both Tim and Cindy spoke about themselves and their interest in serving as a Commissioner.

Larry Bresina raised an issue regarding the lack of a sign in process to insure that all those voting were legitimate residents of the District. A discussion with the Chair ensued and it was decided to ask if anyone attending was not a resident. No one identified themselves.

An updated Map of the District listing all residents was passed around for each resident to initial their cabin location and their attendance. A secret, written vote was taken and Tim Larson won re-election with 20 votes to Cindy's 10 votes. The Chair thanked Cindy for her interest in serving and encouraged her to become involved in Lake activities and run again next year when there would be two open positions on the Commission.

TREASURER'S REORT: 2021 AUDIT, 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET & TAX LEVY

Gene Schultz presented the Treasurer's Report. Cindy Manwarren presented the results of the 2021 Audit.

Gene Schultz then presented the Proposed 2022 Budget. Larry Bresina raised a series of questions as to the line items (lines 35 & 36) for the Lake Management Plan Update and the Lake Modeling Studies. After a discussion with the Commission it was agreed to defer the approval of the Budget until after Tim Larson's update on the activities of the Water Quality Committee and their work with Professor William James regarding his proposals and the guidance from the DNR regarding steps to take towards further Grants to pay a portion of the Update and Modeling expenses. At the conclusion of Tim Larson's presentation the 2022 Proposed Budget (copy attached) was approved, as presented, by the residents.

The Tax Levy (\$17,000.) for the coming year, which is the same as prior years, was approved by the residents as well.

TOWNSHIP & COUNTY UPDATES:

Town: There currently is not a clear representative from the Town on the Commission. No one representing the Town was present. The Chair gave an update on the letter (copy attached) that was sent to the Town Board following the May Commission Meeting, asking for a 50% contribution to the Port-a-Potty and Landing Monitor expenses.

The Town Board has agreed to pay its share of the Port-a-Potty, but not the Landing Monitor expenses.

County: Brad Olson reported that the big issue at the County is with VRBO and AirBnB rentals on the lakes. Many are not licensed and there have been numerous complaints about the noise and disrespect shown by the renters. Short term rentals are covered by the County Shoreline Ordinance and there is active discussion regarding further amendments to the regulations.

Natalie Lovejoy described two instances with renters on North Pipe this Summer. Suggestions were put forward to contact the owner/renters to make sure they are aware of the rules and regulations regarding short term rentals.

Residents asked for Brad Olson's contact information which the Chair agreed to circulate to all on the Lakes email list:

brad_vickyolson@yahoo.com Cell- 715.566.2249

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018-2023 UPDATE NORTH PIPE LAKE MODELING

Tim Larson presented the activities of the Water Quality Committee since the May Meeting. In discussions with Alex Smith of the DNR it has been agreed that the next steps to take would be to update the Lake Management Plan and look at North Pipe's historical limnology and empirical steady state modeling, and perhaps look at the impacts of motorboat activity on temperature stratification and vertical phosphorus transport on North Pipe with a view towards a possible alum treatment for North Pipe in 2024. The work of the Committee continues and anyone who would like to join the efforts are most welcome. Monies were approved in the Proposed Budget to update the Plan and work on the modeling for North Pipe.

HEALTHY LAKES INITIATIVE

The Chair reminded everyone that they can improve the water quality of the lakes by participating in the Program- by creating a native planting buffer zone of 10' X 35' along the lake front, a rain garden, a diversion of run off, or a rock infiltration to capture and clean runoff.

Each year the District has had two or more participants in the Program who have been successfully reimbursed by the DNR and the District for more than 80% of the costs incurred. Residents were encouraged to participate this year in the Program.

It was suggested that the resident properties who have participated in the past be recognized. Tim Bresina volunteered to contact those who have participated to see if they would place a small DNR approved and provided sign to indicate their participation as an encouragement to others to participate in the Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was noted that the new residential map of the lakes was available to all residents at the Annual Picnic and the Annual Meeting along with the Polk County Shoreline Ordinance Booklet.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Breyer - Acting Secretary