

PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND  
REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Commission Meeting  
Saturday January 21, 2023  
Remote meeting by Zoom

Attending:

By Zoom conference call

Jan Breyer, Tim Larson, Jim McCarthy, Nathalie Lovejoy, Brad Olson, Dan Lowe

Public: Larry Bresina, Dick Hollar, Carol Vantine, Ron Vantine, Mike Pieck, John Hartman, Jeff Luikhart, Patgrice P {ieck, Tom Schmidt, Tim Bresina, Karl Thomforde, David H.

Meeting:

The meeting was convened by Zoom video conference call at 9:05 am. A quorum being present, the meeting was convened.

Minutes

The minutes of the 10/29/2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with an amendment to correct the statement about distribution of the 2022 landing and monitor report.

Town Report:

Dan Lowe reported that the Town Board at its November meeting turned down the District's request to redo the concrete pad at the boat landing.

County Report

Brad Olson reported that there is discussion at the committee level about the tourist rooming house regulations and a possible change in the enforcement procedures.

Brad Olson also reported that an application for Conditional Use Permit had been filed by Pipe Dream Properties on 210<sup>th</sup> Ave in Johnstown Township. The application seeks a variance to permit a tourist rooming house rental for up to 12 people for 21 days per month year round. The application will come up for hearing before the county committee on Feb 15, 2023. There was extended discussion

about the rules concerning tourist rentals of houses on the lake and the applicable state and county regulations.

Brad Olson also reported that there is a new rule regarding Viewing Corridors. Currently a viewing corridor is limited to 35'. The new rule permits 35% of the lot, i.e a 200' lot could have a 70' viewing corridor.

Brad also pointed out that there would be a Zebra Mussel presentation on Feb 2, 2023.

### Treasurer's Report

Gene Schultz presented the 2022 annual financial statement for the year ending 12/30/2022 (attached below).

The business checking and savings accounts had a combined balance of \$88,790. There was \$26,447 in 2022 income and \$31,716 in expenses. There was only an \$18 variance from the projected budget deficit.

There was an unexpected \$3,318 in income, but an unexpected expense of \$3,360. The District should also receive \$4,000 from the DNR for last year monitor costs. Going forward, the DNR will offer flat grants for monitoring.

### 2022 Landing and Monitor Report

Matt Berg's annual report was attached to the notice of this meeting and to these minutes. He did not identify any presence of any invasive species in the lakes.

Matt Berg is due to conduct a full point intercept survey as well as his monthly inspections. The cost will be just under \$5,000. Jan Breyer noted that funding has been requested in the District's Clean Waters Clean Boats application to the DNR.

### Water Quality Committee

There are three main activities of the Water Quality committee.

1. Lake Management Plan. The current Plan is for the 5 year period 2018 – 2023. The update process has been started. An application was filed with the DNR in November asking for \$21,000 to update the lake management plan. The DNR will rank and award grants in late February/early March. If the grant is awarded, the Water Quality Committee will need 10 volunteers to work on the new lake management plan.

2. Additional Lake Management study. Tim noted that many lake residents requested this past spring that something be done now to address the lake algae bloom in North Pipe which in 2021 had been particularly bad. In connection with the work on the lake management plan update, the Committee has asked Prof James to study the feasibility of an alum treatment on North Pipe with the goal to get the lake delisted by the DNR. The DNR places a priority on getting lakes delisted.
3. Evaluation of mixing from boats. What effect do large motorboats have on North Pipe?

### Healthy Lakes

Two participants completed projects in 2022. There are no participants in the current cycle. It was suggested that before/after photos of the healthy lakes projects be posted on the District website.

### RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Jim McCarthy to approve a resolution that the District inform the county land committee that it opposes any conditional use permit on Pipe or North Pipe Lake to increase the number of renters to 12 persons and to increase the number of permitted rental days to 21 days per month. The motion was seconded. Brad Olson abstained from voting. The remaining commissioners voted unanimously to approve the resolution. (The CUP application was subsequently withdrawn by the owner and was not considered by the county committee.)

### New resident communications

Ron Vantine contacted the assessor and got a list of lake residents. Jan Breyer compared the assessor list with the Pipe Lakes Messenger email list.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim McCarthy, Secretary

### **2022 LANDING & LAKE MONITORING FINAL REPORT**

Our CBCW Program landing monitors accumulated 401.5 hours this year talking to people about AIS and inspecting their boats and trailers for any plants. Our monitors are present at the landing every weekday from 7 to 10 a.m. to catch most local fisherman. Also, they are present every Friday afternoon from 2 -7 p.m. for arriving weekenders, plus Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. During this time 366 boats entered our waters (a 30% decrease over last year) and 117 were inspected while leaving. Accompanying these boats were 751 people (a 35% decrease over last year) who all heard the message regarding AIS that our monitors were passing along.

Of the boats that entered, 58 were used in another water body within the past 5 days. This time frame is important for two reasons. First, 5 days is the limit which most types of AIS can survive out of water. And secondly, most other lakes in our area contain one or more types of invasive species. This triggers our monitors to take a closer look.

Most everyone who entered our waters were very cooperative with our monitors. In fact, only 3 out of those 751 entering did not want to talk with our monitors or answer any of our questions.

For the fifth straight year, we have found **NO** significant amount of any aquatic plants on any boats/ trailers entering our waters. I'm sure that this is a result of our many years of effort to ensure boats that enter our waters are clean.

Lake monitoring was done this year again by Doug Stevens (Pipe) and Dan Woll (North Pipe). This year has seen the best Secchi readings (clarity measure) in North Pipe for a number of years. Average Secchi depth this year was 7.9 feet. Last year we saw an average reading of 3.25 feet. I am not exactly sure why the Secchi reading increased so much over last year. Subjectively I have noticed a significant reduction in boat traffic this year and the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was the quietest I have ever seen. Perhaps this partially reflects the 30% reduction in boat traffic noted above.

This year the average reading in Pipe Lake decreased slightly to 12.0 feet. However just 7 years ago, in 2015, the average Secchi reading was 15.625 feet. When I started taking data in 1999, seeing a Secchi reading of 20+ feet was common. I have not seen a Secchi over 20 feet on Pipe Lake since 2012.

Reported by Dick Hollar on 09/16/2022.

PIPE NORTH PIPE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

YTD Account Balances - As of 12/31/2022		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
BUSINESS CHECKING XX0282	\$	63,190.25
RAPID RESPONSE SAVINGS FUND XX5632	\$	25,600.02
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	\$	<b>88,790.27</b>

YTD Checking Summary - Year to Date		
Category	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Lake Grant Reimbursement		
Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention-AAEP 61120	\$	4,567.00
Healthy Lakes LPT76122-Grant LPT76122	\$	500.00
North Pipe Internal Load Study-LPL 170619	\$	3,318.17
<b>TOTAL Lake Grant Reimbursement</b>	\$	<b>8,385.17</b>
Lottery Credit	\$	290.00
Picnic Inc-Picnic Income	\$	772.00
Tax Levy-Tax Levy	\$	17,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$	<b>26,447.17</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Constituent Development		
Boat Parade-Boat Parade	\$	336.63
Picnic-Picnic	\$	1,595.42
Printing-Printing Expenses	\$	351.32
Website-Website	\$	761.76
<b>TOTAL Constituent Development</b>	\$	<b>3,045.13</b>
Lake Grant Expenses		
AIS ERS Report-AAEP 61120 Expense	\$	500.00
AIS Landing Monitors-AAEP 61120 Expense	\$	6,487.50
North Pipe Internal Load Study-LPL 170619	\$	3,360.00
Pipe & North Pipe Geochemistry Study-LPL 170719	\$	12,168.87
<b>TOTAL Lake Grant Expenses</b>	\$	<b>22,516.37</b>
Lake Quality		
Beach Port-a-Potty-Public Beach Porta Potty	\$	580.00
Lake & Stream Sampling-WEAL	\$	4,248.66
<b>TOTAL Lake Quality</b>	\$	<b>4,828.66</b>
Misc.-Miscellaneous Expenses		
Insurance-Insurance	\$	762.00
Meeting-Commission Meetings	\$	64.15
Organization Dues-Organization Dues	\$	500.00
<b>TOTAL Misc.-Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	\$	<b>1,326.15</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b>31,716.31</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>(5,269.14)</b>