

Pretty Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting Minutes

Approved

9:00 am on Saturday, August 11, 2018.

The number of registered voters at the meeting was 36.

1. Call meeting to order and opening remarks

Pete called the meeting to order at 9:02a.m. and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Pete said thank you to Marie Andreucci, as outgoing Secretary, and to Mark Newkirk and Jeff Kaphengst for getting lawn mowed and ready for meeting

2. Secretary's Report – Review and approve 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

Marie Andreucci, Secretary presented the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes at the meeting.

Dan Bartels made motion to approve and Laura Harvey seconded- The minutes were approved as published.

3. Treasurer's Report - Audited 2017 & Current 2018 thru July 31st

Wes Jones, Treasurer, presented the Financials at the meeting. Jim Nevermann and Paul and Diane Bretl reviewed the 2017 financials this year – Actual Expenses for Calendar year 2017 of \$28,092 were \$16,907.82 under budget. The Operations account was over budget by \$1,200 due to lawn service. All other expenses were in line. Well was way under budget. PLPRD ended the year with 27,797.22 in operating fund, \$3,000 in the Well Fund and \$22,000 in the Land Acquisition Fund.

There was a motion made by Steve Farchmin to approve the 2017 Financials and Bobbin Kraeger seconded. Unanimously passed.

2018 results through July 31st – Fiscal YTD have spent \$21,892.55 out of the \$42,000 budget. Under budget in operations due to savings on lawn mowing because of purchasing the lawn mower. Spent \$6,200 on purchase of lawn mower. Through July not much cost running the well, only \$984.61 out of budget of \$15,000.

There was a question raised if we now should start to add money annually to the capital expense account to cover a new lawn mower when it is time to replace the lawn mower.

4. Endowment Fund update and vote

John reiterated that we need \$15,000 to start the fund and the PLPRD board is willing to match \$7,500. Pete indicated that there is one lake resident who is willing to put in \$2,500. Then it would be up to the residents to come up to \$5,000.

Action: John will check with the Fund manager to see how easy it is to liquidate funds and get cash.

5. High Capacity Well report

Had to run the well very little this year. A question was asked about why the pump is running now when water is high. The water level is managed by a water mark calibrated on a pole that the

DNR helped us establish.

Concern was expressed that the water level is higher than it has ever been and that shorelines are eroding. Paul Bretl reiterated why and how the gauge was installed so that we can eliminate the arbitration of different views on how high the water level is.

Action: The Board will look into the prior minutes regarding the water level and then discuss what to do at the September PLPRD meeting

6. Fish Management Report (Maureen Cavaiani)

Maureen gave a brief update as not much has changed since the last update.

A reminder that we did a Shocking system in 2016 and full survey was last done in 2011.

DNR will come out again and do a full survey in Fall of 2018 or Spring of 2019.

It would appear that Blue Gill population is down so the walleye stocking program is working. Will again stock the lake with 650 walleye. DNR will continue to donate 400 Northern in PL this year.

Walleye limit is 18" and 3 walleye per day. Noted on the DNR website and likely be in next hard copy publication.

Thom Casper indicated that the Town of Ottawa will make sure that all signs at lake access will be redone and will be uniform.

7. Faulty Septic Systems

Eagle Lake now has a follow up system that if second notice is ignored, then a letter with fine notice and then ultimately fines.

Now the program is broader and there are some "teeth" in the system with respect to making sure people keep their septic systems maintained and working correctly.

A question was raised with respect to PL building our own Septic system. Pete indicated the cost of our own private system would be prohibitive and if the District ever went defunct then the Town of Ottawa would need to take it over.

Next step – Jim Nevermann and John Fetzer to look further into the feasibility of a private septic system

8. Pretty Lake Advancement Association (PLAA) Report – Dan Bartels

Address for PLAA has changed. Have a mailbox now at the Pavilion.

Ice-cream social on September 1st from 2:00-4:00 same day as the fireworks that will happen at dusk. This is the Saturday night of Labor Day weekend at dusk.

Dan explained why we can no longer have fireworks exactly on the 4th of July – Minimum \$20,000 if we want them exactly on the 4th.

Our fireworks cost \$7,000 per year. Donations the last 2 years have not been big enough to cover the cost of the fireworks. There is a question on whether the PLAA should continue to have fireworks.

9. Aquatic Weed Management Report & Discussion (Laura Harvey)

The PLPRD was awarded a grant to do the plant point intercept survey.

A point intercept survey method was used to complete a vegetation survey on Pretty Lake on July 10th of 2018. A total of 203 points were generated with GPS coordinates, covering the entire water body of Pretty Lake. The total number of species of aquatic plants identified during this survey was 13. The total number of sites sampled was 182, of which 147 contained vegetation. The remaining sites were either too deep for rooted plant growth (>25'), or on land. The most dominate species are muskgrass (Chara sp.), Eurasian water-milfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum), sago pondweed (Stuckenia pectinata), Illinois pondweed (Potamogeton illinoensis), slender naiad (Najas flexis), eel grass (Vallisneria americana), and flat-stem pondweed (Potamogeton zosteriformis)..

(For more about the result of the Survey, please contact a member of the PLPRD.

Next steps would be to apply for a grant to help fund the building of our own DASH system. PLPRD has been given an old pontoon boat to use for our own DASH system boat. We could potentially hire "Reese" company who did our pulling this year to help us build our own boat.

10. Pretty Lake Web Site Report & Discussion (www.PrettyLakeWi.com)

Bobbin Kraeger gave an update of the work she has done to update the PLPRD/PLAA web site.

Software on sight was updated and a security certificate was obtained. Easier to navigate. Also added a feature for PLAA members to pay dues and make donations. Also, a digital whiteboard for current news as well as meeting minutes.

The PLPRD is very grateful for Bobbin's time and effort getting the website update and usable again.

11. Presentation, Discussion and Approval of 2019 budget

Wes went through the detail of what is included in each account.

Capital Investment – \$1,500 each year is put aside well pump maintenance and the other \$20,000 is in budget for the boat even though we are hoping to get a grant for 75% of the cost.

There was also discussion and agreement to add a lawn mower replacement fund of \$1,000 per year.

The total budget would be changed to \$59,700 for 2018/19.

Mark Bretl made a motion to approve the budget as amended with the additional \$1,000 added for the Lawn Mower replacement fund and Bobbin Kraeger seconded. – Unanimously passed

12. Nomination and Election of Commissioner(s) for Board

Marie Andreucci's 3-year term expires August, 2018

There was no interest in anyone taking on a Board role. Marie agreed to stay on until a new Board member can be identified.

13. Old Business – Open Forum and Discussion

Dan Bartels brought up enclosing the Pavilion. PLPRD will discuss at our next meeting

14. New Business – Open Forum and Discussion

Jeff publicly thanked Mark Newkirk for mowing the lawn at the Pavilion.

Thom Casper asked if PLPRD has checked into buying the land east of our property that is for sale. Jeff agreed to check into the cost of the land. Put on September PLPRD agenda

Thom also asked about how to best use the 5 acres that we do already own

15. Clean Boats, Clean Water Training - This agenda item was moved to the beginning of the meeting so that Brad did not have to stay the entire meeting.

Brad Steckart – Waukesha and Washington Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator came to talk to us about Clean Boats and Clean Water (CBCW)

Brad went through why CBCW is important and what will happen when we go to the training. He announced the training schedule and encouraged people to sign up to take the training.

He stopped at the access and grabbed samples of snails and EWM that we have in PL. He went through different kinds of weeds and what the impacts are.

A question was asked about how to enforce CBCW’s stipulations. Can take boat numbers and license plates numbers and the warden will come out.

16. Adjourn Bobbin Kraeger made a motion to adjourn, Laura Harvey seconded - Adjourned at 11:15.

Pretty Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Approved Budget for 2019

Special Holding Funds		Expenses	
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Land Acquisition Fund Goal	\$50,000.00	1000 - Operating (Website & Shelter Maint)	\$ 3,500.00
- Est. Total thru 2019	\$30,000.00	2000 - Compensation	\$ 1,700.00
Well Replacement Fund Goal	\$15,000.00	3000 - Convention & Meeting	\$ 1,000.00
- Est. Total thru 2019	\$ 6,000.00	4000 - Insurance	\$ 4,000.00
		5000 - Capital Investments	\$22,500.00
		(DASH Boat \$20k, Well \$1.5k, Mower \$1k)	
		6000 - Special Projects	\$ 5,000.00
		7000 - Major Projects (Land Acquisition)	\$ 4,000.00
		8000 - Well Operations (Maint & Equip)	\$15,000.00
		9000 - Contingency	\$ 3,000.00
		Total Estimated Budget for 2019:	<u>\$59,700.00</u>
Revenue: Income			
Suggested Tax Assessment	\$40,000.00		
Anticipated Grant DASH unit	<u>\$15,000.00</u>		
Total Proposed Budget	\$58,700.00		
Balance Forward	\$ 3,700.00		

A detailed budget may be inspected at W377S5173 W. Pretty Lake Road (Treasurer’s House)