

Pretty Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting Minutes
9:00 am on Saturday, July 27, 2019

Thirty-One (31) electors attended the meeting.

Agenda Items and Minutes

1. Call meeting to order and opening remarks

Pete Kraeger, President of the PLPRD called the meeting to order at 9:02a.m. and the attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Pete then opened the meeting by thanking the many residents who expended significant time in supporting and enhancing the Pretty Lake Community. The efforts specifically identified by Pete included:

- Structurally and cosmetically improving the Pavilion.
- Securing, repairing, outfitting and deploying the DASH boat.
- Implementing the Clean Boats, Clean Water program on Pretty Lake.
- Mowing and maintaining the common grounds.
- Continuing the fish stocking initiative.
- Serving on the PLPRD Board of Commissioners

2. Secretary's Report – Review and approve 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Bill Sowinski, Secretary presented the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes.

Diane Bretl made a motion to approve the 2018 minutes and Dan Bartels seconded the motion. The 2018 Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report - Audited 2018 and Current 2019 thru May 31st

Wes Jones, Treasurer, presented the Financials at the meeting. Dan Bartels, Jim Nevermann and Cherie Nevermann. audited and approved the 2018 financials this year – Actual Expenses for Calendar year 2018 of \$31,450.48 were \$10,549.52 under budget. Savings against the budget were significantly driven by use of our new lawn mower and by the limited use of the deep well due to favorable weather. Capital Investment exceeded budget largely due to the purchase of our lawn mower, which is proving to be a very good long-term investment. The PLPRD ended the year with \$38,502.93 in the operating fund, \$4,500 in the Well Fund and \$26,000 in the Land Acquisition Fund.

Anne Bretl made a motion to approve the 2018 financial report and Jenny and Thom Casper seconded the motion. The 2018 financial report was approved.

Wes Jones presented the 2019 finances through May 31. – Through May we have spent \$17,071.78 out of the \$59,700 budget. Our favorable results against the budget are largely due to lower lawn maintenance costs, lower than expected costs associated with equipping the DASH boat and limited use of the deep well due to favorable weather.

Maureen Cavaiani made a motion to approve the 2019 financial report and Anne Bretl seconded

the motion. The 2019 financial report was approved.

4. High Capacity Well report

Pete reported that we have not needed to run the well very much this year. Recently, however, the pump ran for five days and then stopped for some unknown reason. After having the pump examined, we believe the problem is in the electric control panel. If that is the problem, we most likely will replace it as the control panel is quite old. We do not have repair/replacement cost estimates. Nor do we have confirmation that the problem is the control panel.

5. Fish Management Report (Maureen Cavaiani)

Maureen reported that the fish stocking program is having the desired effects of reducing the stunted panfish population and increasing the Walleye size and population.

In 2018, we stocked 650 six to eight-inch walleyes from community funding (supported by the PLAA winter Fishing Jamboree proceeds). The DNR donated 400 Northern. We plan to stock the same number of Walleyes this year and anticipate the same level of support by the DNR in providing us Northern. Maureen noted that the cost per fish fingerling is about \$2.00 per Walleye and \$12 per Northern.

YTD we are \$300 short of our fish stocking fundraising goal. Bobbin Kraeger noted that receipts from the donation box placed for off-lake fishermen is over \$190 for the year.

Maureen provided information showing the Pretty Lake fish stocking history from 1978 to the present. That history includes

1978 – 20,000 largemouth bass
1979 - 1,240 walleye
2012 – 650 walleye
2013 - 925 walleye
2014 – 450 northern and 650 walleye
2015 – 925 walleye and 400 northern
2016 - 650 walleye and 400 northern
2017 – 650 walleye and 400 northern
2018 – 650 walleye and 400 northern
2019 – Planned: 650 walleye and 400 northern

6. Pretty Lakes Advancement Association (PLAA)

Dan Bartels, President of the PLAA addressed the attendees. He noted that the annual PLAA Picnic and Corn Roast is scheduled for next Saturday, August 3rd. He asked that the community provide gift baskets for the “Silent Auctions” and that individuals volunteer to help roast corn, serve food and monitor games and events.

Dan noted that several Cedar Trees were recently removed from the South Access. Those trees had been trimmed by the electric Company in the past but partially blocked the exit path from the access area to the road. We need to tow and store the barge at the concrete pads near the yard waste recycling site., The trees prevented us from moving the barge from the lake to the parking site. Parking the barge at the refuse site will make the South Access more open and attractive.

The Electric Company cut down the top portion of the trees. Community volunteers then cut the remaining tree trunks to the ground and removed the limbs to a burn site near the yard waste area. We will grind the stumps below ground level in the future, but those stumps have been cut low enough such that vehicles can safely ride over them.

Dan also reported that he and community volunteers have added wheels to the South Access pier, which will make it much easier to roll the pier into the lake in spring and out of the lake in fall.

Several community volunteers have assisted Dan in improving the Pavilion, by enclosing areas adjacent to the restrooms. The enclosures restrict wind gusts and improve the appearance of the structure. The PLAA has spent about \$1,500 for materials to date. Additional enhancements to the Pavilion are being discussed and planned. The PLAA will do some painting and staining before year end.

The fireworks this year were very well done. Donations significantly increased over past years, amounting to over \$6,000 this year. While the cost of the fireworks exceeds that amount, the PLAA fundraising activities should cover the shortfall. If we continue to receive this level of financial support, we will continue hosting our fireworks display. Plans for next year's display are in discussion.

7. Land Use Report (Including Pavilion, Athletic Field and Maintenance)

The PLAA is significantly enhancing the appearance and utility of the Pavilion, at virtually no cost to the PLPRD. (See Section 6 PLAA, Above)

David Hoefgen, the farmer who is renting our farmland, is doing a very good job of spreading our compost and tilling it into the crop area. He is very aggressive in removing our compost, making the compost area look much cleaner and tidier.

Mark Newkirk mows the grassy areas around the pavilion and does a terrific job of cutting the lawn prior to functions, such as pavilion rentals, PLAA and PLPRD meetings, and so on. We are saving over \$3,000 annually by cutting the lawn with our purchased mower, which cost \$6,200. It was bought at a deep discount and should last many years, inasmuch as we put very few hours on the mower, and it is a commercial quality mower designed to run 40 hours weekly. Our use averages out to an hour or two a week. We are considering rolling the grassy area as it is quite uneven and bumpy, making grass cutting somewhat adventuresome.

Pete reminded the community that no yard waste should be dumped on the concrete slabs as we will be parking the barge on those slabs, and compost material decomposes much better when dumped on the ground. Pete also noted that he will add some decomposition materials to the "brown" (i.e. leaf) refuse in fall, to enhance decomposition.

8. DASH Boat Update and Report

Pete started the discussion by explaining that we failed to secure a grant from the DNR for the DASH boat. We were one of more than 65 applications. Our lake only has five trailer spots and the DNR prioritizes lakes that accommodate more boat traffic. Nonetheless, we now have an operable DASH boat, secured and equipped at very low cost. The pontoon boat itself was donated Ron and Jo Hinzpeter. Roger Carlson repaired the boat and Riese Aquatics equipped it at very reasonable cost.

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

Laura reported that we've already conducted four weed pulls using the new DASH boat. We pull and suction the weeds, minimizing breaking of the weeds and creation of weed segments that can migrate and re-grow

Mark Bretl, a master diver is heading up the weed harvesting, using the DASH equipment and a hookah breathing system. Mark dives with Mike Wittlieff. The vacuum system uses a pump and six-inch diameter hose. The suction system draws the weeds from the lake and deposits them into mesh bags within the boat. The weeds are harvested quite quickly. Over 2,800 pounds of

weeds were removed in just an hour and a half from a very densely infested area. To date, we've removed over 5 tons of weeds. The gross weight of the pulled weeds is measured by counting the number of filled bags. Laura estimated that, with the DASH boat we will be capable of removing ten times as much milfoil as in the past years, at lower annual cost. Pete stated that we will never fully eliminate milfoil, but that we want to reach a "low detect" level in three to five years. Our near-term plans are to concentrate on the well area and other areas of heaviest growth. Fortunately, recent testing suggests that no new exotic weeds have taken a foothold in the lake.

Laura circulated a picture sheet describing milfoil and noted how important it is to keep milfoil under control. Fish cannot live among dense milfoil. If milfoil is unchecked, it can completely take over a lake in just two years. Some lakes are so overwhelmed with milfoil, it can't be pulled and lakes resort to cutting it. However, simply cutting milfoil is analogous to cutting a lawn. The effort does not remove the problem and the weeds quickly grow back.

Rick Bjodstrup has been testing our water quality routinely for several years. He commented that our water quality has gradually improved. The phosphorous levels and chlorophyll A has decreased. Rick noted that there has been a significant drop in phosphorous levels since it stopped being used in lawn care fertilizer in 2010.

Laura asked that folks volunteer to work alongside of the DASH boat and net any milfoil fragments that surface as a result of the underwater pulling. She also asked lake property owners to remove any milfoil that can be pulled from shallow water around their shorelines and that they rake up any milfoil pieces that might reach their shores. Finally, Laura asked that any resident who is a certified diver volunteer to assist with our underwater weed pulling.

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

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

In addition to managing the web site, Bobbin sends out email "blasts", advising folks who have provided her with their email addresses of Pretty Lake activities as well as significant current events. We encourage all Pretty Lake residents to provide Bobbin with email contact information. We do not share addresses or use them for spamming or advertising.

Bobbin also reported on information she learned at the Wisconsin Lakes Conference and urged attendees to become familiar with the "Healthy Lakes Initiative" and consider developing gardens of natural grasses and flowers along their shorelines. Bobbin explained that grants of up to \$1,000 are available to residents to implement this program in their yards.

11. Wastewater Feasibility Study and Discussion

Pete then announced the desire of the PLPRD Board to undertake a study regarding future options for disposal of wastewater around Pretty Lake. The Board believes that we need to better understand septic system, holding tank and other waste removal system replacement risks to homeowners as well as any pollution risks to the lake. We want to determine whether homeowners will be allowed to replace current systems as they fail, whether there is a risk that system replacement might not be permitted and what alternative waste removal options we should consider. However, before committing to the study, Pete and the Board want to determine whether such a study is supported by the Lake residents.

Jeff Kaphengst then addressed the meeting. Jeff has researched several engineering firms that conduct such studies. We plan to evaluate three or more bids. To date, Jeff's secured a proposal from Applied Technologies to conduct the analyses for about \$20,000. Jeff is also pursuing McMahon Engineering and Ruekert Mielke for proposals.

Jeff and Pete stressed that the feasibility study is informational only. We are not proposing

implementing any disposal system. We have assembled a long list of questions about which we need information. We are only exploring options, risks, possible costs, impact on property owners, possible land use or acquisition requirements and the like.

Pete and Jeff then opened the session up to questions and comments. Those questions and comments included:

- Is useful to conduct a feasibility study when it is very unlikely residents would agree to building any kind of sewer system?
- Should a study be conducted now, when another study would be necessary if we ever consider building any kind of community-wide waste disposal system?
- If a second study is ever conducted, might it provide invaluable information about lake changes between the dates of those two studies.
- For how many septic systems are inspection results absent?
- How many and what types of systems are used around the lake?
- Why is there no available information about several dozen resident owned systems around the lake?
- What types of information should we know, but do not know?
- What grant or assistance money might be available to implement a system?
- What types of systems are available and what might different systems cost homeowners and over what time period would those payments be made?

After discussion ceased, Pete suggested we consider the following resolution; "Whether the PLPRD should contract with an engineering firm for \$20,000 or less, to conduct a wastewater feasibility study for the Pretty Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District? Jim Nevermann made a motion to vote on the resolution. Maureen Cavaiani seconded the motion.

Twenty-two (22) electors voted in favor of conducting the study, six(6) electors voted against the study and three (3) electors abstained. The motion passed.

12. Presentation, Discussion and Approval of 2020 budget

Wes Jones presented the proposed budget for 2020. The budget for 2020 is \$59,900, nearly the same as the 2019 budget. The tax assessment of \$40,000 will remain the same as last year. Wes discussed what type of expense is include in each category and commented on some of the budget areas.

The Operations budget will remain at last year's figure even though we were under budget last year. Cost of operations vary yearly, and we feel most comfortable adopting our traditional figure.

The Convention budget is slightly increased as expenses for rooms, travel and seminar costs are up a bit.

The Insurance budget anticipates some additional premium for the DASH boat but remains at last year's figure. Last year we were under budget.

The Special Projects budget is up \$20,000, which reflects the anticipated cost of the Wastewater Feasibility study.

The Capital Investment budget is down by more than \$20,000 as last year's figure reflects purchase of the DASH boat.

All other budget areas remained the same.

Jenny Casper moved to accept the budget as proposed. Anne Bretl seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13. 2020 Annual Meeting Date and Time

Next year’s Annual Meeting will be held on August 8, 2020, at 9:00 A.M.

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

The term of the BOC seats held by Pete Kraeger and John Fetzer are up for election this year. John, unfortunately, has chosen not to run for re-election. Pete Kraeger and Andy Memmel have expressed a desire to serve as commissioners. The BOC nominated both individuals. No other nominations were received from the floor. Both Pete and Andy were unanimously elected to the Board of Commissioners.

15. Old Business - Open Forum and Discussion (None raised)

16. New Business – Open Forum and Discussion

Dan Bartels reported on the successful build and placement of a fish crib over the winter. It was built by his grandson, Jon, which resulted in him acquiring Eagle Scout status. Dan asked that anyone interested in undertaking a similar project this fall and winter contact him.

Laura Harvey again asked for volunteers to capture milfoil weed fragments that can result from weed pulls undertaken by the DASH boat divers.

Pete requested volunteers to check on the Deep Well Pump from time to time. Pete will coordinate monitoring times.

The attendees were reminded that the Lagoon is a “no wake zone” at all times.

Pete advised the attendees that WE Energies is nearing the end of its replacement of overhead lines. The electric company will be closing the Dousman sub-station, which houses very old equipment and will replace it with state-of-the-art equipment.

17. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 A.M.

Pretty-Lake-Protection-and-Rehabilitation-District¶
Proposed-Budget-for-2020-¶

.....Special-Holding-Funds → → → →Expenses¶
•...Land-Acquisition-Fund-Goal+ → \$50,000¶	1000---Operating---(Website-&Shelter-Maint.) → \$-3,500¶
o → Est.-Total-thru-2020 → \$34,000¶	2000---Compensation → → → \$-1,700¶
•...Well-Replacement-Fund-Goal → \$15,000¶	3000---Conventions-and-meetings→ → \$-1,200¶
o → Est.-Total-thru-2020 → \$ 7,500¶	4000---Insurance+ → → → \$-4,000¶
•→ Mower-Replacement-Fund-Goal → \$-6,000¶	5000---Capital-Investments → → → \$-2,500¶
o→Est.-Total-thru-2020 → \$-2,000¶	6000---Special-Projects-→ → → \$25,000¶
Revenue-:Income¶	(Wastewater-Feasibility-Study-\$20,000---Weed-Control-and-Shelter-\$5,000)¶
•→ Suggested-Tax-Assessment+ → \$40,000¶	7000---Major-Projects-(Land-Acquisition → → → \$-4,000¶
•→ Total-Proposed-Budget → → \$59,900¶	8000---Well-Operations-(Maint-&Equip) → → → \$15,000¶
•→ Balance-Forward → → → \$19,900¶	900---Contingency → → → \$-3,000¶
	Total-Estimated-2020-Budget → → → \$59,900¶

A-detailed-budget-may-be-inspected-at-W37755173-West-Pretty-Lake-Road.-(Treasurer’s-Home)¶