

**PRETTY LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT (PLPRD)**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 19, 2022**

**Board Members Attending:** Pete Kraeger, Wes Jones, Randy Cavaiani, Jeff Kaphengst, Andy Memmel, and Chris Mommaerts (County Representative)

**1. Call the meeting to order [Pete Kraeger]**

This BOC meeting was held at the Pretty Lake Pavilion. Pete called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

**2. Review and approve the Secretary's minutes from June 13, 2022 [Randy Cavaiani]**

- Voted to move forward with rezoning
- Agreed to order the new well pump controller at a cost of ~\$10,500
- Discussed the plan for pavilion lawn care
- Voted on sharing the new smoker/roaster cost with the PLAA

Wes moved to approve the minutes; Randy seconded. The minutes were approved.

**3. Review the Secretary's annual meeting minutes from August 6, 2022 [Randy Cavaiani]**

- Agreed to move forward with a reduced assessment of \$30,000 for 2023 (2022 = \$35,000)
- Well pump controller ordered and expected delivery in October
- Compost and brush pile discussions and actions
- Fish stocking and Weed management reports (we are winning in water quality and weed reduction!)
- Significant discussion regarding pavilion improvements. Motions were tweaked until we arrived at a final version for voting. The motion passed 24-17-1 and authorizes the allocation of \$11,000 from PLAA plus \$11,000 from PLPRD for an enclosure not to exceed 50% per the concept presented, with the caveat that if construction estimates exceed the \$22,000 total, the PLPRD will call a special meeting to discuss next steps.
- Pete and Andy were re-elected to the BOC for new terms

There were no edits or additional discussion. BOC will vote on approval at the 2023 annual meeting.

**4. Review and approve the Treasurer's report, including the payment of bills [Wes Jones]**

Wes noted that we will likely come in under budget for the year by a few thousand dollars. The final tax payment was received so the total \$35,000 assessment is now complete. Well operations for the month of August were \$1,274.51, making it likely that we will be under budget in this major category, even though we have run the pump almost the entire year.

End of August balances by category:

- Operating Fund: \$58,529.18
- Fish stocking & Habitat: \$4,598.44

- Equipment: \$15,500 (new well pump controller will be paid out of this account)
- Land Acquisition: \$42,000

The new well pump controller delivery may be delayed to November or later, but there is no rush now as we will install the controller next Spring. Pete verified that the old board can be set aside as a backup replacement should the need arise.

Jeff moved to approve the report; Randy seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

#### **5. Clean Boats, Clean Waters wrap up [Pete Kraeger]**

Pete noted that our intern did a great job this summer. He inspected 80 boats and interacted with about 125 boaters. No invasive species were detected. Most of the boats were from the local area. The PLPRD will file for reimbursement and will apply again for next year.

Tungsten sinkers were handed out.

#### **6. PLAA Report [Pat Deno]**

Pat was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **7. Pavilion improvements status and discussion [BOC]**

Pete had a contractor review the build and discussed having the framing and sheathing done and then use volunteers to install the windows, complete the siding, etc. Some engineering may be required to ensure structural integrity such as garage door headers, etc.

A second contractor will be out on Wednesday to provide an estimate. Pete is working towards acquiring two sets of quotes that include both construction of the shell and completion of the full structure. Quotes are expected by the end of the month.

Randy reiterated that the vote taken at the annual meeting authorized the PLPRD to move forward with the structure as proposed at the annual meeting as long as the budget is not exceeded.

Jeff asked if the contractors were given a copy of the concept presented at the annual meeting and if that was the structure they were bidding on. Pete acknowledged that was the case. He added that he and Dan Bartels had discussed getting medium and large sized enclosure bids as well. Randy cautioned that the vote at the annual meeting authorized a maximum size of roughly 50%, consistent with the concept presented at the annual meeting. Dan noted that he would not work on the project unless the size was expanded from the annual meeting concept. Pete commented that it still made sense to acquire quotes for all three sizes.

Christine noted that the Village of Eagle is building a new police department and that a contractor walked away due to insurance and liability issues since individuals wanted to complete pieces of the construction. She cautioned that this is something we should be aware of.

#### **8. Wake surfing situation on Hunters, School Section, and Pretty Lake [Pete Kraeger]**

Pete was approached by Jill Bedford from the Association at Hunters Lake, regarding issues with wake boats. When in wake surf mode, wave action penetrates down about 16 feet, tearing up the

bottom of the lake, killing native plants, and causing shore erosion. While there have not been any of these boats on Pretty Lake, it may make sense for us to act now given the size, depth, and shoreline of our lake. The Town of Ottawa ordinance will not allow any lake to enforce separate regulation, rather, it must be a consensus amongst Pretty Lake, Hunters Lake, and School Section Lake. As precedent, the state of Michigan is considering banning operation of these boats within 500 feet of the shoreline and similar actions have already take place in the state of Wisconsin.

Pete asked for an advisory vote to work with the other two lakes to draw up proposed language to specifically ban the wake surf mode that causes lake and property damage, while not impacting ownership of a wake boat. This language would then be proposed to the Town of Ottawa on behalf of the three lakes.

Pete made a motion that the PLPRD move forward to collaborate with Hunters Lake and School Section Lake to ban the wake surf feature on wake boats. Andy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Address old business. [BOC]**

Wes noted that our insurance premium is up slightly from last year. For about \$10/yr. he bumped up coverage on the well personal property to ensure that the new pump controller is covered.

**10. Address new business [BOC]**

The brush pile at the compost area is growing. Pete asked for clarification on how this has been handled in the past. Dan mentioned that Mark Bretl normally burns the pile, providing a heads up to the Town Fire Dept.

**11. Invite public comments\* [Pete Kraeger] No comments.**

**12. Schedule the next board meeting and gather items for a preliminary agenda. [BOC]**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00PM at the Pretty Lake Pavilion.

**13. Adjourn Meeting [Pete Kraeger]**

Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Randy seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM.

Randy Cavaiani  
Secretary