

PRETTY LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT (PLPRD)
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2024

Board Members Attending: Rick Bjodstrup, Randy Cavaiani, Pete Kraeger, and Andy Memmel.
Attendance by Electorate/Public: Mark Bretl, Maureen Cavaiani, Wes Jones, Melissa Matz, Tony Pecoraro, and Steve & Mary Poster,

1. Call the meeting to order [Pete Kraeger]

Pete called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

2. Review and approve the Secretary's minutes from June 12, 2024 [Randy Cavaiani]

Randy asked for comments, clarifications, or edits. No changes were made so Andy moved to approve the September minutes and Rick seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Review and approve the Treasurer's report, including payment of bills [Al Mauermann]

Al was unable to attend the meeting, so Pete commented on his behalf. Based on the electorate's approval at the annual meeting, the PLPRD has purchased a 25HP, 4 stroke Yamaha engine for the DASH boat. Mark will break the engine in this fall (10 hours) so it's ready for the spring.

Wes said that Al also wrote a check out of the equipment fund for the new lawnmower. The equipment fund, temporarily negative, will be back in the black in January when we make our annual allocation.

4. Clean Boats, Clean Waters wrap up [Pete Kraeger]

We had very good volunteer turnout this year. 80 boats were inspected, and inspectors interacted with 150 boaters. There has been concern about aquatic invasive species (AIS) transfer by companies that launch commercial barges on the lake, for jobs like riprap and pier install/removal. Pete called a couple of the barge companies to understand the precautions they take. Typically, the barges and trailers are pressure washed after use to minimize any possibility of AIS transfer.

The CBCW grant has been approved for 2025.

5. DASH boat wrap up [Mark Bretl]

Mark informed us that approximately 8,800 pounds of milfoil was removed this season with the DASH boat. There was a good amount of downtime due to maintenance issues with the 40-year-old engine, which necessitated the purchase of the new Yamaha 25HP engine. For the year, the DASH boat operation was nearly \$3,000 under budget.

6. Update on new mower; new area of District land to mow. [Jeff Kaphengst]

Jeff was unable to be at the meeting. Andy noted that the new mower is much better, a "world of difference". Mowing is also considerably faster now. He suggested that we buy a string trimmer and blower to complete the job as personal equipment is currently used. Pete noted that Home Depot has

a Ryobi battery-operated string trimmer + blower for approximately \$500. The board authorized Pete to purchase the equipment.

7. Burn pile and grounds update, including leveling of athletic field [BOC]

Pete noted that we need to burn the existing pile. He has offered to volunteer a couple hours on a Saturday to check people in and ensure that acceptable materials are being deposited in the burn pile. If this experiment is successful, we could consider opening it up at some regular frequency like once per month, with a schedule of volunteers.

The PLPRD may consider rolling the pavilion property and athletic field in the future to level the grounds for more even mowing and a more comfortable experience for the mowing volunteers. An offer of a \$2,000 donation has surfaced for the project and is under consideration.

8. Rock wall installation at deep well [BOC]

Mark and Ann Bretl acquired and moved a huge pile of rocks onto the well property in preparation for the installation of a rock wall to mitigate erosion. Pete, Randy, Maureen, and Mark will meet with Jacob Binder to discuss the details of the rock wall installation. Once the rock wall is in place, the PLPRD will work on the next step which is the installation of a walleye reef. The reef will serve as a spawning area for walleye and help to reduce milfoil growth in the area. Mark and Maureen discussed spawning bed options with several people at the Lakes Convention this spring.

9. Update on sign installation at Turtle Rock [Pete Kraeger]

Pete will send a draft of the sign out to the PLPRD board for comment prior to moving forward.

10. Discuss wake-enhancement regulations on Town of Ottawa lakes [BOC]

The Town of Ottawa monthly meeting was held on September 9th. Pete, Randy, Ann & Mark Bretl, and Melissa Matz attended the meeting. Wake-enhancement was not on the agenda, but we took the opportunity to express our opinions during public comment. Michael Jones has been in touch with several Wisconsin state legislators and learned that it is unlikely any action will be taken for a year or two. Michael informed us that the Town attorney will be writing up an ordinance for wake enhancement for the Town board's review. The ordinance will be presented at the December 9th Town of Ottawa meeting with a goal to enact it in time for the 2025 season.

11. Lake endowment fund update [Randy Cavaiani]

Randy reiterated the plans approved at the annual meeting, including the transfer of \$25,000 from the land acquisition fund when the CD matures next spring. He and Pete explained that the PLPRD has verbal commitments for \$5,500 in donations, which is a significant chunk of the \$10,000 minimum to establish the endowment.

12. Old business [BOC]

Randy mentioned that the PLPRD By-Laws have been updated based on the two changes authorized at the annual meeting, including (1) meeting notices distributed by email (estimated savings of \$700 per year), and (2) district check dual signature by the Treasurer and either the Chairman or Secretary. The new by-laws are posted on the PL website.

13. New business [BOC]

Pete suggested we arrange a 'Volunteer Appreciation' BBQ and Packers game at the pavilion on October 20th. It was agreed, so he will move forward to plan the event.

Rick reviewed the discussion we had at the annual meeting about the Aquatic Plant Seminar. He was interested in learning about preferences for days and times. Ideal time is late August/early September 2025. The PLPRD will send out a survey in spring to determine the best date and time along with potential attendance.

Rick informed that the Pretty Lake water level is 2 inches above the 25-year average on this date.

14. Invite public comments* [Pete Kraeger] N/A

15. Schedule the next board meeting - suggest December 9, 2024 [BOC]

The Town of Ottawa meeting to discuss wake enhancement is on December 9th, so the next PLPRD quarterly meeting will be held on December 2nd.

16. Adjourn meeting [Pete Kraeger]

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

Randy Cavaiani
Secretary