

DELAVAN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

February 11, 2017

9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER.

President Surinak, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Delavan Lake Sanitary District located at 2990 County Rd F South, Delavan, Wisconsin.

ROLL CALL.

Present: John Surinak, President
Thomas Miller, Commissioner
Kim O'Keefe, Commissioner
Thomas Johnson, Commissioner
Richard Beers, Commissioner

Visitors: Numerous

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM.

President Surinak declared a quorum present for doing business.

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS PRESENT.

Richard B – Talked about the mission statement and the issues that the sanitary districts deals with concerning lake quality. Talked briefly about the lake draw down. Talked about spraying vs harvesting the weeds. Informed citizens of current process for weed harvesting on Delavan Lake. Talked about the benefits of weed harvesting and the phosphorus levels. Discussed yearly budget for repair and maintaining equipment. Talked about for every 500lbs of weeds is 1lbs. of phosphorus; about 900lbs of phosphorus in lake and we removed about 546lbs last year. Talked about current problem with lack of property at the west end of the lake.

Talked about specifics of weed harvester and how long it would take if we had no drop off point at west end of lake. Wouldn't be able to maintain lake if we didn't have a location at west end. Talked about cost of additional barges and trucks. States that they want to understand the concerns of the community.

Diane Beletti – Is concerned about declined property value, unsightly equipment, private road conditions worsening, safety of children around trucks, amount of truck traffic.

Richard B – *Acknowledged complaints*

Mary Knipper – Concerned about lack of transparency and not informing citizens earlier. Concerned with the process in which the sanitary district has gone about this problem. Concerned about community involvement, wants to know what is going on throughout the process, and to have a say in the decision.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

Mary Knipper – Comments about process. Biggest revenue should be involved, lake community engagement for education, and problem solving.

Richard B- *Acknowledged complaints*

Karen Morris – Concerned with lack of knowledge that there was even a problem. Concerned with property purchase and when the property was actually purchased.

Richard B - The 7th is when it was purchased.

Mary Knipper- States that the situation feels twisted. Doesn't think her question was answered.

Richard B – *Acknowledged citizen*

Cindy Clifford- Concerned with lack of transparency.

Kim O'Keefe - Lake involvement.

Cindy Clifford – Makes comment about what should and could be done.

?? – Concerned about noise for full time residents and the precedent it will set for rezoning.

Richard B - How many our full time residents?

About half of the audience raised their hands

Jim Freund- Concerned about location of property, wants it more off in the fringes. Also questions why we aren't working with businesses?

Jim Freund- Made example with the inlet property that was for sale at low price, and much more affordable property.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

Jim Freund - Business off load opportunities.

Cindy Clifford – Concerned about where this is coming from and why nothings been done, where is nutrients coming from?

Mary Knipper- We have the largest watershed, Lake Geneva only has 2.5 to 1 and we are 15 to 1 and that's because 75% is agricultural.

Kim O'Keefe - Lake Committee meeting in March on a Wednesday, Dale will be in there for some of the options.

Ryan Simons - Town share.

?? on Orchard - So there is more run off from farms than in Lake Geneva?

Richard B - Lake Geneva is lower and has less run off then Delevan goes almost to Williams Bay.

Charlie - Every time Lake Geneva's water turned over is 21 days Delavan is 1 year.

Bob Charland - 2312 Lake Shore Dr. – Wants to hear all other options, believes everyone has a right in the decision process.

Richard B – Makes comment about removing vs spraying, talks about weed harvest cycles.

Lori Fohrman 2518 Manor Ln – Concerned with the effectiveness of weed harvester. Weed accumulation by the pier, is a mess and it smells.

Kim O’Keefe – Makes comments about amount of weeds and says it’s usually on Saturday and Sunday when there is heavy boat traffic.

Richard B – Makes comment about the need to be able to keep up weeds and maintain lake while using the latest technology.

Gary DiGrazia 2407 Manor Lane – Questions concerning time to off load material onto trucks. Concerns about whether there is a site plan for the property?

Gary DiGrazia 2407 Manor Lane – Concerned about property value.

Larry Fohrman 2518 Manor Lane – Disagrees respectfully that the weeds are coming up exclusively after the weekends and the boats are done. Believes that it is after a weed harvester comes. Concerned about the give and take; doesn’t see a benefit for the community, appears to only be a detriment to them.

Jim Freund 4325 East Dr.- Concerned about which days the harvester will be used and wants more details for offloading.

Kevin Lynch 2510 Manor Lane – Concerned with exhaust and noise around his expensive summer home.

Denise Royalty 4402 Orchard – Concerned about what roads will be used and if we will use the private roads.

Kevin Lynch – Concerned about whether this has already been pushed through and if the sanitary district has talked to government agencies yet.

Ryan Simons – States that it hasn’t come to town yet.

Mary Knipper – Concerned with the future of the property if it gets determined not to be used by sanitary district. Wants to know how the purchase was funded, what amount was paid for the property, and if the property comes off the tax rolls.

David Lloyd 4409 Orchard – Makes comment about the woods to the west of 2502. States that it is a lot of money but it is away from residential homes and that the sanitary district could buy that and use what is needed then sell the unnecessary land.

John Surinak - Benson Wood Cottages.

Florian C. Dziejczak 4324 Orchard – Makes comment about location of the wooded property.

Jim Freund 4325 East Dr – Question regarding alternatives to weed harvesting.

Richard B - Cut and remove or treat and recycle them.

Jim Deluca - DNR regulates all that.

?? - What about barging?

Jim Deluca - Talked about on PowerPoint.

David Lloyd – Makes comment about buying a couple more barges and have a couple cycling throughout the lake. Questions how many harvesting loads fit in truck.

Richard B – 1.5 loads fit on harvesting load.

Bob Charland - 2312 Lake Shore Dr. – Wants to know frequency of trucks and time of day.

David Lloyd – Questions weather and if the sanitary district would ever have to harvest during the weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday).

Jim Deluca- Never on weekend.

Richard B - Never happen, would we ever under any circumstance would we cut on weekend.

Michael Ludowise 4209 Pleasant St – Questions what kind of driveway will be used. Concerned about active spring on property and if the DNR has to be involved.

Inez Dziedzic 4324 Orchard – Concerned that the property is right next door to a small muddy area. Concerned that the property already had a water problem that was corrected and doesn't want that to jeopardize what was already fixed.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

Jim Deluca - Sanitary force main and it has utilities.

Joan Nunziato 2407 Manor Lane – Wants time frame to complete project.

?? - Are you trying to meet the cutting for the season 2017?

Richard B – *Acknowledged complaints*

Kim O'Keefe - Rezoning road deterioration, clarify inland process, logistics, operational guidelines, additional water impact, time frame.

Richard B - One about property and acquisition and history I guess.

Jim Deluca - Underline history. Thank you.

Roger Jensen 2310 Lake Shore Dr. – Confused because alternatives are being provided but it seems a decision was already made. Concerned about moving forward and process at this time. Concerned that we are collecting points on an already made issue; doesn't understand where we are taking this.

Kim O'Keefe - Taking all the concerns from citizens, these are concerns that have not been laid out yet.

Roger Jensen 2310 Lake Shore Dr – Wants timeline that the sanitary district will be getting back to citizens.

Kim O'Keefe- Makes comment about trying to be as efficient and prudent as possible. A tremendous amount of concerns were brought to their attention and they will take the concerns and address them and then will have a plan after that.

?? – Concerned about good faith and feel as though the sanitary district has jumped the gun on this issue when there are other options available.

Kim O'Keefe – Makes comment about doing nothing and efficiency going down.

?? – Wants good faith that the sanitary district comes back and lets the citizens know what is going on.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

Larry Fohrman 2518 Manor Lane – Concerned that the sanitary district is trying to get biggest bang for buck and not concerns about the community. Wants to know the benefit for the community and that it may not be the biggest bang for the buck.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

Larry Fohrman 2518 Manor Lane – Want the sanitary district to take into consideration community, and explore, and choose.

Richard B - Balance of consequences.

Larry Fohrman 2518 Manor Lane - Our response is show us.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

Mary Knipper – Wants to know if this problem will be put on monthly sessions, and if citizens can go to these meeting. Can sanitary district go into open session?

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

Mary Knipper – Makes comment about importance of the already purchased property.

?? – Questioning if the county zoning said no.

Tom Johnson – Talks about the importance of getting the weeds off the lake and the best ways to do so. And that the problem became urgent as soon as district became aware that they are losing that spot on the side of the lake. States that they bought the property knowing we might be able to work with community and make property work. Didn't want to miss opportunity.

Much commotion

?? – Concerned that everything has been one sided, meeting almost over and they won't get much information. Wants time line and process for the project. Concerned that the

meeting on the 22nd of February is on a Wednesday and not many people will be able to attend, wants it moved to Saturday.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

John Surinak - Next meeting can't be scheduled yet.

Kim Jedlicka 2824 S County Rd O – Wants this problem put on the agenda for 2017 harvesting. Wants everyone's concerns addressed and to know whether the sanitary district will pursue going to town or using Shodeen's place.

Richard B - Making a promise but need the promise clear.

Kim Jedlicka 2824 S County Rd O – Wants harvester concerns answered.

Richard B - Only commissioners vote.

Kim Jedlicka 2824 S County Rd O – Wants the concerns answered prior to going to the county for Shodeen's place.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

John Surinak - Possible change can put it in agenda.

Kim O'Keefe - Need agreement with Schodeen maybe proceed with 2017 so maybe time can be given to address concerns.

Tom Johnson - Plenty of time to deal with issues.

Kim O'Keefe – Acknowledges the 28 concerns, wants everyone to be happy.

Richard B - *Comment about Flutes*

Anthony Greco 2626 Manor Lane – Wants to know how much of an impact will the harvester and truck actually be?

Jim Freund 4325 East Dr. – Wants to start a subcommittee to help come up with ideas and take pressure off everyone.

Inez Dziedzic 4324 S Shore Manor – Concerned with communications, wants everyone to start getting email updates and thinks that's a good way of communication.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

Inez Dziedzic 4324 S Shore Manor – Comment about good communication.

John Munizzi 4317 Meadowlark – Makes comment about size of property, thinks the sanitary district is sticking a lot of things in a small space. States that the community comes alive in the summer it's a fun place to be and that puts a lot of traffic in that area. Very concerned about safety.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints* Talks about adding the hoc committee.

Kim O'Keefe – Comment about addressing concerns.

Gary DiGrazia 2407 Manor Lane – Wants to make sure the property gets cleaned up no matter what.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints*

Gary DiGrazia 2407 Manor Lane - Abandoned house.

Richard B - Same set of concerns for smell/safety.

Cindy Clifford 2514 Manor Lane – Makes a statement about deception and feels like the citizens are being lied to.

Much Commotion

Charlie – Makes statements about duration of weed harvesting. Operates four days every other week, usually work Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, in at 6:30AM out about 3:00PM. July the sanitary district makes about 8 loads a day with small truck.

?? - How many harvesters?

Charlie – Makes statements about weed harvester and varying amounts of weeds each year. Concerned with not getting to certain parts of lake and talks about amount of loads they are able to do depending on the month.

?? – Doesn't think that's a good option.

??- Let's look at ideas.

Charlie – Makes a comment about where we put the weeds.

Anthony Greco 2626 Manor Lane – Questioning equipment and if there are faster weed harvesters.

Charlie - *Acknowledged complaints* Uses best equipment, never would harvest over the weekend.

Jim Deluca - *Acknowledged complaints*

Charlie - *Acknowledged complaints* Talks about how many loads fit in the truck.

Jim Freund – Makes comment about the meeting on the 22nd of February, wants it moved to the following Saturday so more people can show up.

Richard B - *Acknowledged complaints* States that meetings will be held on Saturdays when necessary.

Jim Deluca - Need a motion.

Cindy Clifford 2514 Manor Lane – Stands up and states that if anyone wants to join her with legal action to see her after meeting.

John Surinak – Makes comment about committee.

Mary Knipper – Wants to bring in someone from another county that has had similar issues and see what they came up with.

John Surinak - *Acknowledged complaints*

Mary Knipper – States that this must be a common issue and it's a good opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss, President Surinak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Keefe seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.



Thomas Miller, Secretary

Date Approved: _____