

## **LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

January 16, 2023 – Following the Regular Board Meeting  
Village Hall, 105 E. Main Street, Twin Lakes, WI

### **CALL TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM BY PRESIDENT HOWARD SKINNER/PLEDGE OF**

**ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL:** Present: Trustees Barb Andres, Sharon Bower, Kevin Fitzgerald, Aaron Karow, Bill Kaskin, Ken Perl, President Howard Skinner. Also Present: Administrator Laura Roesslein, Village Engineer Greg Droessler, Clerk Sabrina Waswo.

Skinner/Andres Motion to approve minutes from the August 15, 2022 Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Commissioners' Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding the channel between Lake Mary and Lake Elizabeth**

Tony Migon explained there are issues causing a backup on Lake Elizabeth. There is a cement structure that has been there for many years. Pictures from the 1920's and 30's show it as a water wheel. The Steering Committee recommended using funds to have an attorney research who actually owns the property and have the Village Engineer see if it is feasible to remove it or not.

Discussion followed on if it can be removed and possible ramifications such as sand and seaweed building up. Tony noted a lot of sand backs up on that structure, and someone needs to clean it out on a regular basis. Board questioned why this is being discussed as a lot of money has already been put into this channel. here is a picture from 1945, with the dam showing boarders on either side so the sand would not flow in. The two walls are now gone and there are boulders replacing them. The boulders should not be there and were added at a later date. Vegetation has built up around them and is impeding the flow and navigable use.

Trustee Fitzgerald stated the whole premise is wrong. To keep water moving and keep channel open, they build wing dams to narrow water to move it faster and keep it cleaner. Fitzgerald was not in agreeance with this as it does create a possibility that Lake Mary would be at a lower level than ever. He does not have a problem looking into it but feels we should look into different channels.

Trustee Karow recommended putting effort into figuring out an economical way to remove the concrete. The Steering Committee was hesitant as they don't want to remove anything they shouldn't be moving. Karow asked if they can contact the DNR to get them to put in writing that this is an impediment. Discussed digging out the sand and pieces of concrete but DNR will not allow a mini or regular excavator on the water. President Skinner noted the vegetation was required to be put in per our ordinance. Board consensus was to deny funding.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding funding for the East Lakeshore Drive project**

Skinner/Andres motion to use any funds available to use for the storm water project. The 2023 Lake District storm water budget is \$50,000. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURN**

Skinner/Bower motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/Sabrina Waswo, Village Clerk