



Mission: "To promote the protection and enhancement of Detroit Lake."

Lake Detroiters Association

Board of Directors Meeting Notes

4:00 PM November 9, 2017

Essentia Health St. Mary's

North Campus Conference Room

Present: Laurie Olson, Barb Halbakken Fischburg, Linda Wiedmann, Judie Cherry, Sandy Sprafka, Sue Disse, Paul Bursik, Brad Wimmer, (via Lync), Dick Hecock, DeWayne Streyle, Lois Solheim,

Absent: Lief Rogstad

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by President, Barb Halbakken Fischburg
- Quorum established- Agenda approved and motion passed.
- LDA BOD List Correction: Sandy Sprafka updated her contact info

Secretary Report

- September 2017 Minutes approved – Motion Passed

Treasurer Report

- Balances: Bremer Checking \$18,028,75, Bremer PayPal Account: \$3,582.71, CD (Matures 7/2018) \$4,104.17
- Audit committee Summary:
 - Combine Square and PayPal Accounts
 - Square should go to regular account vs PayPal account
 - Use Square for logo wear only (not memberships)
 - Transfer PayPal account monthly
 - Close CD in July 2018
 - Auditor impressed with spreadsheet and records

Annual Meeting 2018

- Focus options discussed – Water Levels
 - Water Levels – Topic of Interest – Residential watering impact on lake level is miniscule – compared to ½" of rain annually, History of Lakes levels discussed, No control over water levels, Dunton Lock designed to replicate previous process with natural drainage.

Beach Captain Program

- No report available

Sucker Creek Education Project

- 180 students participated in education
- Sally Hausken will provide summary – to be posted on LDA website
- Good student engagement reported

BCSW Tree and Shrub Program

- BCSW if offering for sale, trees and shrubs at discounted prices.
- Species to be ordering in specific quantities (ie: 25 each)
- President will post on Facebook page.

LDA Board Christmas Party

- Host volunteer needed – let Barb know if interested
- Usually on 2nd Thursday of December – replacing the monthly meeting.

Overlook Update

- Judie and Linda met with Tom Gulon for an update
- Judie Cherry reported on a recap from City of DL and Pelican River Water Shed on the Overlook Project (See attached)
- LDA contributed \$3,500 contingent on receiving updates on success of revitalization project
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Access Updates

- DNR updated shoreline on South Shore
- LDA to consider signage at South Shore Access -- citing the shoreline restoration as an example
- North Shore project on hold

Public Meeting Notices

- If you are not receiving the meeting notices, please contact the city to get on the group email list
- Review materials and attend meetings as possible
- Judie and Linda have been attending when able

Polar Fest – Ice Castle

- LDA interested in participating
- More details to follow as available
- LDA “Hand warmer” give aways were suggested

Social Media

- Currently 2,100 followers
- Some Topics of interest:
 - Long Bridge Jumpers
 - Loon Tracking
 - Docks going in
 - Fairyland Cabins
 - Sunsets
 - Stay off the ice
 - Ice Castle Project – Polar Fest

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM Next Meeting: LDA BOD Christmas Party in December

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Olson, Secretary

CONTINUED ITEMS: Mystery Snails Treatment, website, Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP), Fisheries Study, Muskies population; Member Volunteers; Welcome Packet; Business Memberships; LDA History Documentation; Website & Membership Data Management; Curly Leafed Pondweed Treatment Plan Update, Overlook, 2018 Annual Meeting @ Pavilion; LDA Minutes Project; 2018 Beach Captain Program Restructure, Aerial Lake Photo, Articles of Incorporation, Public Access, tax preparation, ZM treatment options, Facebook, Upcoming Meetings, Sewage Treatment/Stormwater, Variance Position/Policy, Becker County Water Management Plan

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Attn: Lake Detroiters Association

The following is a recap and update of the maintenance activities that have been completed at the Highway 10 Overlook the past three years.

2015

The City of Detroit Lakes partnered with the Pelican River Watershed District staff to revitalize the natural planting area along the Highway 10 overlook and repair erosion caused by runoff, wave action, and ice damage. A total of \$10,700 was spent on the project, which included the labor for the installation, contracted by Becker Soil and Water Conservation District. PRWD and LDA both contributed \$3,500 each (\$7,000 total), while the City covered the remaining \$3,700. Nearly 900 plants, trees, and shrubs were planted, along with the placement of erosion control materials and mulch. PRWD provided labor for watering the site, amounting to 14 staff hours per week throughout the summer. The City contributed additional time and expense to purchase and place rip-rap along the shoreline.

2016

The City of Detroit Lakes hired Becker SWCD to replace vegetation that did not survive the first winter at a cost of \$2,957. A total of 186 shrubs, 96 grass plugs, and native grass seed mix were installed. The City completed the annual mowing in the fall and assessed the site with PRWD staff for 2017 maintenance needs.

2017

The Pelican River Watershed assisted the City in receiving a Grant from the Clean Water Fund to provide maintenance (invasive plant removal) on the overlook from the Conservation Corp. The Conservation Corp (5 crew member) worked at the overlook site for two ten-hour days (100 labor hours total) removing invasive vegetation such as thistle and spotted knapweed. The City also completed, a prescribed burn in the two water retention basins on each side of the project area, chemically treated reed canary grass along the shoreline, and contracted the planter boxes to be planted and maintained with annual flowers.

Future

The City of Detroit Lakes has taken the lead on this site and will continue with annual mowing, prescribed burns (when needed), and continued maintenance (removal) of invasive plants. PRWD will only be involved if and when their help is requested.