

Minutes of the a Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, May 4, 2002 at Town Hall, Town of East Troy, Wisconsin.

Elected Commissioners - Karen Winkelman, Tom Jordens, and Jeff Beiriger.
Appointed Commissioners – Roy Lightfoot.

Also Present: 35 Electors

Chairperson Karen Winkelman noted that the Special Meeting was being held in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law. The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

The Commissioners reported that:

PUBLIC LAUNCH

The ramp at the public launch will be replaced after Labor Day. The DNR held an informational meeting in April to review the project with residents and others affected by the project. The ramp will be unavailable for a period of time when the construction begins. Residents will be notified of the project schedule as that information becomes available.

The parking lot will be striped as part of this project, with a total of eight parking spots, one of which will be reserved for disabled parking. In addition, a wheelchair accessible bathroom facility will be constructed, as will a boarding pier for those launching boats.

Signs have been placed at the public launch reminding boaters coming onto and leaving Potter's Lake to remove aquatic vegetation from their boats and trailers.

WATERSHED ISSUES

The 31-acre marsh area on the south/west side of the lake has still not been surveyed. Once the survey is completed, the District can approach the County regarding the fencing of the area and can begin conducting work weekends to remove a duck blind and some of the garbage from the area.

A plant survey of the marsh area has been conducted to determine which plants and trees should be kept and which should be removed, most notably purple loosestrife.

The District attempted to purchase the Sokol Camp property but was unsuccessful. The plans for the property are to develop it into a small subdivision. Water quality concerns regarding run-off from the subdivision appear to have been met. The District will continue to monitor the project.

The District is still pursuing the triangle-shaped property along Miramar and Stone School Roads. The District is interested in the property to control run-off from the fields. The run-off presently flows under Miramar and into the Lake. The Commissioner, in addition to looking at the purchase of the property, will also look at ways to work with the DNR and others to slow down or eliminate the run-off in accordance with regulations on non-point source pollution.

A property at the end of Spleas Skoney Road, adjacent to the marsh area, has become available and might also be beneficial for the District to own. A MOTION was made, seconded and approved to authorize the Commissioners to pursue the purchase of the property, including the use of District funds to conduct an approved appraisal of the property.

In thanking the residents for their support, the Commissioners noted the generally small (432 acres) watershed of the Lake and noted that all opportunities to positively affect the watershed should, at a minimum, be given full consideration.

WATER QUALITY ISSUES

A survey of the aquatic plants will be conducted again. It appears as though weed harvesting will not be necessary again this year. If that turns out to be the case, it will be five seasons since the District last launched the weed harvester. Spot treatment using chemicals may be necessary. Residents were reminded that both harvesting and chemical treatments to control aquatic plants are done with the approval and under the direction of the DNR. DNR will soon adopt a revised aquatic plant management program requiring lake districts and others to develop a plan, submit an application fee, and obtain a permit before addressing aquatic plant issues.

Buoys will be placed later this month. The cables have been replaced with a higher quality material, so there should be fewer breaking free this year. Residents were asked to contact a Commissioner if they see a stray buoy.

Information about nitrate-free fertilizers for use in the watershed and shoreland buffer plantings will be made available on the District's website. A "field trip" and/or guest speaker on buffer plantings will be arranged.

The Lake is not scheduled to be shocked this year. The Lake was not been stocked last year but has been stocked two times in the past few years with Northern Pike.

The District's web page is almost completed. The web page will feature information about Potter's Lake and useful links to sites covering a wide array of lake-related issues.

The District currently has more than \$126,000 in an interest-bearing money market account and more than \$1,400 in checking. The balance accumulated by the District this year in excess of disbursements is being saved in anticipation of several lake projects.

SAFETY/ORDINANCES

A proper **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved to recommend to the Town of East Troy that the boating and skiing regulations on the Lake be modified as follows:

Skiing (and similar activities) from 8:00 a.m. to sunset Monday through Friday, excepting holidays.
Skiing from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. *Additionally, a speed limit of 10 miles per hour shall apply for all boats operating before and after skiing hours on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.*

Modified language is *italicized*.

The noise from ice augers and snowmobiles was discussed. The Commissioners will determine whether there is a local noise ordinance, and if there is, whether it would be of help in dealing with the concern.

MEETINGS/EVENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Annual Meeting of the District will be held the last Saturday in August. A picnic for District residents will follow.

The Boat Parade will be held Thursday, July 4 in the late afternoon or early evening. The Parade will be followed by the Lighting of the Lake.

District residents were reminded to visit the District's website at www.potterslake.org. The site, it was noted, has been very well received, and contains a great deal of useful information about the Lake and for living near the water.

At 10:04 a.m., a proper **MOTION** was made and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Beiriger
Secretary