

**Spring Lake Management District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 06, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Kevin Milliken. Other board members present were Secretary Pamela Stephens, Treasurer Arnie Wilke, Gary Walejko and Mike Kapp.

Pamela Stephens presented minutes of the 03-24-2018 board meeting. Mike Kapp moved to accept those minutes and Gary Walejko seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Kevin Milliken presented minutes of the 06-23-2018 board meeting. Pamela Stephens moved to accept and Gary Walejko seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Arnie Wilke presented the Treasurer's Report. The budget balance reported at the 06-23-2018 annual meeting was \$4,360.76. Arnie reported an itemized income totaling \$521.00 and expenditures totaling \$1,996.00, ending with a current balance of \$2,885.76.

**Old Business:**

**Carp weir repair/replacement update (Arnie Wilke)**

Gary Walejko was able to locate a mobile welder who was able to build a new carp weir. He also cut out the old one and placed the new one. Arnie Wilke reported on specifics of the project. He stated that it was a difficult and time consuming project, but was successfully completed at the cost of \$1,721.00. Kevin Milliken moved that Gary and Arnie be given a special commendation for their work on replacing the carp weir. Pamela Stephens seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**AIS treatment decisions ( Kevin Milliken)**

Kevin Milliken reported that he hasn't seen much Eurasian Water Milfoil on the lake, but Curly Leaf Pondweed remains on the north-western side of the lake (by the inlet) and in the bay. The amount of Curly Leaf was improved immediately after treatment, but some new growth is now evident. Kevin spoke with the consultant who did the treatment. He was told that this is not uncommon, as new growth comes from the seeds that remain after the plants are treated. That is the reason for treating Curly Leaf two or three years in a row.

The plan is to do another spring survey. Kevin will send out requests for proposals to the vendors. Probably, only the Curly Leaf will need to be treated.

## **New Business:**

### **Healthy Lakes Grants (Kevin Milliken)**

The Wisconsin DNR is offering grants for “healthy lakes practices.” Property owners may choose a project to improve habitat for fish and/or wildlife. They may also choose a project to slow, divert or filter runoff into the lake. Projects include shoreline native plantings, rain gardens, water diversion, water infiltration, and fish sticks. For property owners who complete a qualifying improvement, the DNR will reimburse 75% of expenses up to \$1000.00.

Kevin Milliken moved that we identify property owners who are interested in participating, and submit a grant application through the Spring Lake Management District. Gary Walejko seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The board agreed that all SLMD members will receive an informational brochure, along with a letter from the Board Chair explaining the application process.

### **Support letter for WCLDC/WCWLC Surface Water Grant Application (Kevin Milliken)**

Kevin Milliken wrote a letter of support for the Surface Water Grant Application for these two organizations. He provided a copy for the board to review.

### **Maintenance access easement for carp weir (Kevin Milliken)**

For many years, SLMD has had an informal agreement with Gary Walejko for Spring Lake Farms, Inc. which owns land on both sides of Sucker Creek. That agreement has allowed SLMD access onto Spring Lake Farms property to maintain the carp weir and to clear the inlet of canary grass. Kevin Milliken suggested that we may want a formal agreement in place, as Gary and his family may not always own that property. Gary stated that he would agree to a legal easement contract that is limited in scope. It must be clear that the easement would be purely for the purpose of maintaining the weir and clearing the inlet. Kevin will explore the development of such an easement. He will then report back to the board.

## **Comments/Concerns:**

Arnie Wilke provided an update on the Clean Boats/Clean Water project that he and Marty have been working on. He reported that, in addition to themselves, they had only one volunteer for that project. They did a few two-hour shifts, speaking with people at the Spring Lake landing. Most people were not aware that it is illegal to transport live fish, a law that was enacted to prevent people from dumping water from one lake into another. However, most people were

aware of the importance of keeping their boats clean. A number of people took the brochures that were offered.

Gary Walejko states that he may not be able to attend the January meeting. He will make sure that a key to the building is provided.

Gary Walejko moved to adjourn the meeting and Arnie Wilke seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20. a.m.