

May 2, 2017 PLCC Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Barb Butler. Board members present were Cathy Kantorak, Bill Morr, Barb Butler, Ken Butler, Sue Mertz, John Hensch, Gary Metzger, Karen Metzger, and Peggy Jones. Cynthia Rockwell was present by phone.

Guests welcomed were: Jim Mertz, Rod Bergstedt, George and Amanda DeWald and Denny Rorick. They were here to talk about the weeds and how the lake has been treated.

The meeting was started with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rod stated that there are a dozen or so native species and the DNR is only interested in treating the invasive species, specifically the Eurasian milfoil. He talked about the milfoil spreading and having no “enemies”. It grows faster and before the native plants so it overtakes the native growth and takes the oxygen from the lake. It was originally brought in the U.S. for aquariums and has gotten out of hand in lakes. In 2013 we treated 30 acres. The first couple of years with the DNR we treated early in the year before the native plants started to grow, using a specific treatment. A different treatment is used that targets the milfoil later in the season. It is a growth that can’t be eradicated – just treated. Rod talked about the past treatments and future plans. For 2017, there is a grant to treat 29 acres after a visual survey was completed. It’s possible that only a small number of acres will actually need to be treated. AWC – Aquatic Weed Control is the group that does the survey. Denny asked if we didn’t have some endangered species vegetation on the lake and that we need to be careful not to kill them. He suggested we see the DNR rule regarding its preservation. George has requested we look into a milfoil-specific herbicide since we are treating a smaller area than we are funded for. Gary Metzger asked if we had a contract with DNR and what does it cover. It covers the funding and we have to find the organization to do the spraying. Denny asked if we could look at our organization’s purpose and justify protecting the endangered species, while also getting rid of the milfoil. A motion was made by Sue Mertz/seconded by Gary Metzger for Rod to talk to the DNR to recommend using chemicals specific to milfoil eradication and to pass this on to the applicator. The motion included having George, Jim and Denny to work with Rod. Board is asking for this group to report back to the board. Motion carried. Peggy requested someone write an article for the newsletter regarding process.

Jim has put together some reports dating back to 2005 with previous studies regarding the lake and provided some copies for the board.

Barb welcomed Gary, Karen, and John as new board members.

Minutes from April 4 were ready and approved. Motion/second: Cathy and Ken.

Minutes from April 29 special meeting were reviewed for clarity. They are to be written in final form and then approved.

Treasurer’s report: We took \$12,420 and spent \$1,685. Balance today is \$31,506.

So far we have received \$2,420 for lake improvements; \$2332.50 for clubhouse improvements; extra \$590; Raffle \$569 from people paying dues for a total of \$8,586.50. So far we have received due from 51% of the lake residents. Gary Metzger made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Sue Mertz seconded the motion. Approved.

Donna Lampke’s resignation sent by email and Peggy’s response were read. Motion made by Cynthia Rockwell to accept Donna’s resignation; John Hensch seconded. Motion carried.

Since Brian was Vice President Barb asked if we needed to nominate a new one. Cynthia stated that, because we will have a new election in July she’s wondering about the need for this. Barb suggested we need to have someone available in case she is unable to preside. Each member was asked about their willingness to serve

until the election. Cynthia Rockwell agreed to as vice president in the interim. Cathy Kantorak made a motion to accept Cynthia as acting Vice President until the new board takes over. Sue Mertz seconded the motion. There was a secret ballot and the motion was approved unanimously.

Barb explained the tree removal and an explanation of the quote. The board approved \$2000 for removal of 8 trees. They were to be removed so the building wasn't harmed by them. Barb stated that they used due diligence, that the lowest bidder was Andy Rasler Tree service. When she met with him he said he would take them out for \$1850 including the stumps, clean up and eleven other dead trees. Cathy and Barb reconfirmed with him the amount of money and the scope of the work. In the last meeting, Ted made the motion to plant 2 trees for each of the 8 to be removed. The committee included Ted, John, and Peggy. Jon and Peggy will confer and bring back suggestions and budget. There was one suggestion: create a windbreak to protect the building and existing trees – do a windbreak next to the fence. It was recommended to use Arbor Vitae.

Peggy made the motion to eliminate Monte Carlo as event for 2017. 2nd by Karen. Motion carried. It will be put in the newsletter.

Since the resignation of three board members who were involved in upcoming projects current board members volunteered for the projects:

Spaghetti dinner: Sue, Barb, Cynthia
Merchandise: Peggy
Memorial Day Breakfast: Cynthia, with help from Ken Hensch
Rummage Sale: Barb Butler with Barb Werner
Labor Day Breakfast: Karen and Gary Metzger

Barb also contacted a few members of the lake and board members stepped up to be zone directors:

Zone 5: Doug Hufnagle
Zone 6: Ken Hensch
Zone 7: Carrie Schearer
Zone 8: Les/Cynthia Rockwell

It was reported that the price of flares went up and they will be sold: 3/\$10.

Republic services: Barb reported we had a contract in the past for a group rate. That contract was only good for three years and not renewed. Barb called and received a contract that states: they will offer to Pretty Lake residents, both seasonal and permanent, the rate of \$48/qtr. If paid annually the member will receive a 10% discount. Seasonal members can put on seasonal hold, if requested. No annual discount can be applied if put on hold. The three-year contract begins 6/1/17. \$192/annually. Recovery fee that is currently additional we will not have to pay. This rate is for two size 96 containers. All addresses of Pretty Lake were given to Republic. Each member will need to call with their address to get the PLCC rate. There was a rate increase on 3/1/17 so this is a great time.

New business:

We all met Denny Rorick. He expressed an interest in becoming a PLCC member. There was a consensus to not fill the three vacancies. Cynthia stated that we only have three months before the general meeting. We can get the work done. There was unanimous agreement. James Ellsworth is also interested in filling a board

vacancy. Discussion was that this is a busy time of summer to bring in new person. We have everything covered at this time. Recommend we ask them to serve on committees and be placed for nomination for 2018. Motion by Sue/seconded by Ken. Unanimous acceptance of the motion.

Barb mentioned that the Square for taking credit cards for purchases is more expensive than realized. When receiving dues and extra they took the credit card number and it cost quite a bit to charge it. We reiterated that people have to present us with the actual card. Fees are too high if you key in their number without the card. Barb and Ken purchased a tablet to make it work and they had to put the square monthly fee of \$10 on their telephone bill. Ken will keep track of fees and charges to determine if it is feasible to continue.

Open discussion:

- Grand marshal for flotilla, Shirley Wright, has accepted.
- Reader board: John Hensch agreed to take it over.
- Rentals: gutters will be installed on Friday. Cathy will ask about drainage.
- Ramp: no companies have gotten back to Cathy
 - There was a question if we are mandated to be ADA compliant.
 - Because the building is so old we are not required, but if we do it we have to do it by ADA rules.
 - We only have to be totally compliant if we get a building permit for anything.
 - We don't need a permit for the ramp.
 - Cathy mentioned that it was a concern by the companies who came out that the back porch is dangerous.
- Lake council representative.
 - Monthly meetings the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.
 - Gary will follow up with information to confirm details and to consider representing us.
- Bill Morr mentioned that Ted called the sheriff department about Tim Rasler's vehicle with expired plates.
 - He reported that the sheriff's office stated there is nothing they can do – it's on private property.
- Cathy reported that the split rail was broken.
 - Ken Butler stated he will be able to help with that.

Newsletter:

- Conservation tip: Stroh Farm Supply and Schlemmer's Hardware both carry the non-phosphorus weed control.
 - It was recommended to include, "When you purchase from a sponsor tell them you found them in our directory."
- Boater safety class: will set a date in July and set up a sign-up sheet.
 - Bill included that if kids take it they can drive a boat. No law with 10 mph.
- John Hensch reminded that the Cards and Social night is the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 (byob).

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Jones, Secretary

5/9/17 Update. Gutters have been installed.