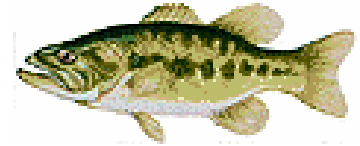




**Lakes Commission Meeting
November 21, 2017
7:00 p.m.**



Ken Funk	Lake Waterford	Kevin Lowry	Village at Large
Tom Heinrich	Lake Springledge	Open	Village at Large
Brad Winter	Lake Potomac	Open	Village at Large
Open	Lake Linden	Clay Johnson	Village Administrator
P.J. Hilbert	Village at Large	Jim Stout	Park District Liaison
Caly Winter	Village at Large	Kevin Klahs	Director of Operations
			bold = present

- I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- II. Roll Call - Members of the Lakes Commission were present as indicated in **bold** above.
- III. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by P.J. and seconded by Kevin L. to approve the minutes of the meetings of September 19, 2017. The motion carried.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

- Ken said that while on a recent vacation, he came across a product that he thought might be practical for the newly planted area along Grass Lake Road adjacent to Lake Potomac that has been frequented by fishermen. The product mentioned by Ken was Geopave by Presto GeoSystems out of Appleton, Wisconsin. Ken described the product as a plastic grid type of material that might alleviate footing/safety concerns for fisherman who frequent the area. In addition, it was suggested that the product might be looked into because it might alleviate the trampling of native plants that has occurred in the past. Ken shared the following website with Village representatives and the meeting.

<https://www.prestogeo.com/products/porous-pavement/geopave-aggregate-porous-pavement/>

V. Old Business

1. Grass Lake Road shoreline restoration update – Kevin K. informed the LLC that representatives of the Village have spoken to ILM about reseeding the area. He said that that there will be additional discussions as budget planning discussion continue to take place. In addition, Kevin K. said that Village representatives have had discussions with ILM about increasing flexibility with respect to treating the lakes in the future.
2. Coal tar sealants update – Kevin K. informed the LLC that Village building permits will not allow the use of coal tar sealants.
3. Fall Stocking – P.J. reported that on October 16, Keystone Hatcheries delivered 400 pounds of channel catfish and released them over the Village’s 4 lakes. Photographs of the channels cats being released have been posted on the LLC website by Ken.
4. Canada geese management – Brad distributed a summary sheet of information pertaining to the feasibility of adding swans to our Village lakes for the purpose of clearing

Canada geese from properties surrounding the lakeshore. The information indicated that the addition of swans supports a favorable ecological environment in that swans love to eat algae, and that mute swans can keep a one acre pond free from algae. In addition, the information reported that the goal of introducing swans was to get and keep property free from geese whose waste adds algae producing nutrients to the lakes. A \$2,600 proposal from Knox Swan and Dog, LLC called for swans to be rented from April through October. The price included feeding the swans and a nesting site for the swans.

Brad added that Knox Swan and Dog, LLC has about 300 clients and references are available. A representative of the company will be asked to attend the January LLC meeting.

5. Communication proposal – Tom distributed a summary sheet of information outlining a communication proposal intended to communicate lake related ordinances and best practices to shoreline property owners. The proposal called for sending a cover letter to lakeshore property owners with attachments summarizing lake related ordinances and best practices. The proposal suggested that the cover letter would invite these property owners to provide their email addresses so that they would receive periodic informational updates relevant to Village lake issues. Tom volunteered to provide a draft of the proposed cover letter.

Ken added that it would be helpful to send some information to everyone (not just lakeshore residents) every so often (perhaps every two months). Clay Johnson suggested that a designated content person is needed to provide information for the *Village Voice*.

VI. New Business

1. Presentation – Ken made a comprehensive and historical presentation for members of the LLC, new Village officials, and guests in attendance titled, *The Restoration of Lindenhurst Lakes*. The presentation included historical information about the development of the lakes; the initiation of the Lakes Commission; and how various Village lakes were revitalized through carp removal initiatives.
2. Fish Survey Proposal – P.J. submitted and explained a proposal from E.A. Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. PBC., which is an organization in which he is employed. P.J. explained that in order to make future recommendations and decisions about fish stocking for our Village lakes, it would be beneficial to know more about our existing fish population. Therefore, in order to assess our existing fish population, he recommended that the Village consider a survey that would use electrofishing, trapnetting and seining to identify and count fish populations as well as to identify the general health of the population. The submitted proposal for conducting such a survey for Lake Waterford included a cost of \$3,225. The cost would be \$9,250 if the Village decided to survey Lake Waterford, Lake Linden and Lake Potomac.

Following a discussion, Ken added that the Village would need to justify paying for a survey when the DNR has done it free of charge in the past. Clay Johnson suggested that P.J. bring a sample report as to the additional information that would be included in this comprehensive survey proposed by E.A.

VII. Commissioner Report & VLMP Report

1. Waterford – Ken reported that migrating Hooded Mergansers, Coots, Grebs and Canada Geese have been seen.
2. Linden – No report
3. Springledge – Tom reported that the Canada goose population on Springledge was not problematic. In fact, he reported there were more mallards than Canda geese on the lake.
4. Potomac– Brad reported that the great numbers of Canada geese on Potomac continued to pose a problem.

VIII. Public Participation: One lakeshore resident expressed her support for a communication program for lakeshore residents. Another lakeshore resident reported that the lakes were looking good.

IX. Adjournment:

There was a motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by P.J. The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Heinrich - VP
Recording Secretary

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