

# **HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT #1**

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

### **AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Commissioner Dennis Batchelet in the Peterson Room of the Sloan Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.

Present; Chairman Dennis Batchelet, Treasurer Tim Desmond (remote), and Oneida County Representative, Mitchell Ives. Mike Esler and Matt Michalsen were absent/excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted at the post office and the Sloan Community Center and also in the Lakeland Times newspaper. All commissioners were sent notices and copies of the agenda.

Motion was made by Linda Delius and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hallie Moline to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Minutes were read from the August 22nd, 2015 meeting. Motion made by Hallie Moline and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev Fagan to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.  
The next annual meeting will be August 19<sup>th</sup> 2017.

President's Report: Dennis recognized Stuart Utley for updating/streamlining our new website; stated weed harvesting was cancelled for third year due to lack of weeds, but the District had to pay \$900 cancellation fee; we'll need to apply for a new three-year weed-cutting permit in 2017; diver's had not made their EWM report, yet; new lake study will take place in 2017-'18. Also, according to our budget amounts, there could be up to 100 hours of weed cutting done by Cliff Schmidt, if needed next year (2017).

We had 14,000 bass planted by the DNR on Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. They were stocked at a private access near Terry and Hallie Moline's house.

Motion to accept the Presidents' report made by Bev Fagan, seconded by Linda Delius. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: No report; Mike was absent/excused

Treasurer's Report: Tim said the books were audited by Hans Delius and that everything was O.K. Tim also stated all accounts, to date, balanced and that statements could be sent on request. As of 8/1/2016, total funds equal \$20,643.53, comprised of: Checking Account - \$342.01; MM Account - \$20,301.52; last Oneida Co. Levy Payment of \$933.29 is due 8/22/2016. Virtually all bills are paid electronically and paid from the Checking Account. The MM Account is simply a repository for larger funds to gain interest. All files are converted electronically to a flash drive, a copy of which is always given to Dennis Batchelet.

Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Bev Fagan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Delius. Motion carried.

Aeration System/Lake Water Testing – Dennis reported, in Mike's absence, that our aeration system is ready for winter. Our lake seems to be maintaining its' quality, though testing was only done in June, leaving conclusions incomplete for 2016.

Clean Boats and Waters: Hallie Moline stated our off-lake boat traffic is way down, probably due to scarcity of fish.

Old Business – None

New Business:

Dennis made a presentation about the Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative, a private group building a coalition of over seventy lake districts, associations, and individuals to present a unified lobbying effort aimed at overturning changes to lake zoning statutes and maintaining local control over shorelines. Water quality and abundance in Wisconsin is also a concern. See September 15, 2016 Newsletter and/or website (From the President) for details.

Weed-cutting in 2017:

Motion by Marge Cabanski to authorize 100 hours of weed-cutting in 2017. Seconded by Dave Averbeck. Motion passed.

Proposed Budget:

Tim presented our Proposed 2016-'17 Budget and made a thorough, line-by-line explanation. The Proposed Budget included a \$500 contribution to the Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative. Following Dennis' Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative presentation, and question/answer discussion, Ray Evert motioned to raise the contribution to \$1,000. Seconded by Hans Delius. Motion passed.

Our total budget will be \$51,612.91 with \$15,134.00 requested in the levy, which will be a Mill Rate of \$0.6945 or \$69.45 per \$100,000 of property value. Motion to accept Proposed Budget, with modifications, was made by Bev Fagan, seconded by Linda Delius. Motion passed unanimously.

Nomination/s:

The office of President/Chair was up for election. Dennis Batchelet agreed to be on the ballot in advance, but according to our constitution, the floor was asked for nominations; none were received. Motion to close nominations was made by Ray Evert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev Fagan. Motion carried. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot was made by Bev Fagan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hans Delius. Motion carried. Dennis Batchelet was elected President/Chair.

Mitchell Ives' Comments:

Mitchell reiterated what Tom Rudolph said last year – the Wisconsin legislature has made it difficult to maintain local control over shoreline zoning. Mitchell suggested we contact our legislators and fight to get local, not state, control of zoning. He said he sought elected office primarily to protect property rights.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Desmond, seconded by Hallie Moline and others. Meeting closed at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Batchelet,  
Acting Secretary