

LAKE EDGEWOOD CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board of Directors Special Meeting

April 12, 2018, 7:30pm

**Lake Edgewood Community Center
1715 W. Shore Dr., Martinsville IN 46151**

Members present: Chairperson Jennifer Staggs, Vice Chairman John Allbritten, Director John Dotson, Director James Thomas, Director Tonya Mercer, Secretary Jeff Snodgrass.

Chairperson Staggs called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:32 PM.

Beaver Damages/removal – Freeholder Wayne Shaw advised the board that beavers took down one of his and some of his neighbor's trees. He and Steve Smith hired Indiana Wildlife Management to trap and remove the beavers. The cost was \$500 for 30 days for as many as they can catch. Mr. Shaw advised there have been two 50# beavers caught already. He asked the Board to consider re-instating the rodent removal program and asked the Board to reimburse him and Steve Smith. It was noted that there are problems all around the lake, with PondsRX reporting sightings of beavers and muskrats. Vice Chairman Allbritten asked if there was a way to trap and relocate the animals instead of killing them. Mr. Shaw was sympathetic to the idea but noted the cost may be higher. Vice Chairman Allbritten and Director Thomas stated they are in favor of trapping and relocating as opposed to trapping and killing. Director Thomas will research and report back to the Board. Mr. Shaw also noted that Indiana Wildlife Management has also set traps for muskrat, but they have not caught any yet. Mr. Shaw advised he would not recommend Indiana Wildlife Management for future use, as they are not responding to his requests for updates. Mr. Shaw presented a copy of the receipt for trapping from Indiana Wildlife Management to the Board. Vice Chairman Allbritten moved to reimburse Mr. Shaw and Mr. Smith for the expense of trapping for this year. The motion was seconded by Director Thomas and passed unanimously.

Director Allbritten then made a motion that all future trapping sponsored by board not be done until a humane way to dispose of animals is adopted. The motion was seconded by Director Dotson and passed unanimously.

Minutes of the March 13, 2018 regular Board Meeting were read by Secretary Snodgrass. A motion to accept as presented was made by Director Mercer, seconded by Director Dotson, and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the March 27, 2018 Special Board meeting were read by Secretary Snodgrass. A short discussion concerning the minutes ensued. Director Dotson reiterated he did not agree with Mr. Hale's assessment of the meeting he and Director Thomas had with Mr. Hale, and Director Thomas agreed. Director Dotson stated the minutes accurately reflected the discussion during the Special Meeting on the 27th. Vice Chairman Allbritten moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Director Mercer, and the vote was unanimous.

Chairperson Staggs presented Resolution 18-2 for consideration and the resolution was read to those in attendance. A copy of the resolution is attached. The date on the resolution was changed from March 27th to April 12th and initialed by Chairperson Staggs. Director Dotson stated he agrees with the part of the resolution naming the Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson as official board representatives, but asked for clarification of the second part which describes the Board's options if a violation occurs. It was explained that we, as members of the Board, have a responsibility to make clear we are representing ourselves as community members, and not as Board Members when communicating with government officials. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Allbritten and seconded by Director Mercer to adopt the resolution as presented, and the vote was unanimous.

Chairperson Staggs presented Resolution 18-3 which would create a Cumulative Improvement Fund. A copy of the resolution is attached. It was noted this fund would be in addition to our current Cumulative Maintenance Fund, and gives us additional flexibility in funding unexpected or abnormal expenses. Director Mercer moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Director Dotson, and the vote was unanimous.

The Board did a final evaluation/review of the updates to the Lake Usage Rules and Regulations. Director Dotson moved to approve the modifications as presented, seconded by Director Thomas, and the vote was unanimous.

Director Mercer advised that the recent heavy rains caused water to flow around instead of over the weir in the cove beside their house, resulting in silt and sediment filling in the weir. It was also noted that some of the new rip rap installed at the base of the spillway washed out during recent heavy rainfall. Chairperson Staggs will meet with Jeff Fox from CB Burke who will let us know what needs to be done for permanent fix for the spillway. She will also ask him to look at the weirs at the same time. Freeholder Chuck Erle noted there is logging being done on Pumpkinvine road which may be contributing to the increased amount of mud coming into lake after the recent heavy rains. Mr. Erle questioned if the logging company is operating according to standards such as installing silt fences to minimize the environmental impact of their activities.

Chairperson Staggs advised she contacted the county about damage done to the guard rails and dumping of sand into our silt ponds by the street cleaning crew. She also spoke to them about the damage under the road near Birdhouse Cove. Vice Chairman Allbritten noted he has also contacted the County about the same damage, but neither have heard back from the County. Vice Chairman Allbritten will contact the County again, and will also advise them of damage on Northshore Drive just past White Oak Lane. Director Dotson advised the board of a problem with a hole developing around the spillway. It was noted that McCullough installed the weirs, and at the time Director Dotson and Freeholder Bart Mercer questioned the design and functionality of the work. Chairperson Staggs to contact McCullough and also have C.B. Burke evaluate the weirs, as it is believed C.B. Burke was the engineer on the project.

2018 Boat registration will be held on Saturday April 21st and 28th from 10AM to noon. Director Mercer advised she has a scheduling conflict and can't attend. Carol Harris and Jeff Snodgrass volunteered to help Vice Chairman Allbritten with the registration. Carol Harris also advised she will reach out to Don and Carla Brewer to see if they will assist again this year. Final registration will be between 5PM and 7PM May 8th, 2018.

New Business:

Vice Chairman Allbritten received a call from freeholder Steve Smith alerting him of a proposal in front of the Morgan County Zoning Board. A copy of the newspaper article is attached. The proposal is to change the zoning for the area south of the Morgan County Water Company office from Residential to Business. The petitioner wants to build a Self-Storage facility on the property. Potential effects to are neighborhood are increased traffic, high intensity lighting, etc. The Zoning Board tabled the request until their April 24th meeting. The Board is encouraging all LECD Freeholders to attend the meeting at the Mayor's Office to voice their concerns. Secretary Snodgrass will send out an e-mail to freeholders advising of the issue and meeting.

Carol Harris announced the annual Community Sale is May 5th from 9AM to 2PM. She will make the signs and take care of the advertising.

Chairperson Staggs presented a quote for \$1,600.00 from B&G Turf Specialists for weed control on dam and spillway. It was noted this is the same as last year's price.

Director Dotson advised he had received a complaint from freeholder Dave Errett that not enough information about the board activities is being made available for Freeholders. Secretary Snodgrass advised all documents including Board Meeting Minutes, Financial Statements, Lake Treatment Schedules, Board meeting schedules, etc. are published on the LECD web site, and the general public has access to them.

With no further business for the board, Vice Chairman Dotson moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Mercer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Jeff Snodgrass, Secretary.