

LAKE EDGEWOOD CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
September 10th, 2024, at 7:00 PM
Lake Edgewood Community Center 1715 W. Shore Dr., Martinsville IN 46151

ATTENDEES

In attendance were Director Kelly Stege, Director Jake Rakowski, Director Bree Nealy, Director Joseph Stallsworth, Director Jeff Anderson, Financial Director Don Horn, and Secretary Mady Miller. There were 10 freeholders in attendance.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance by Director Stege.

READING OF THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Secretary Mady Miller read the minutes from August. Director Rakowski motioned to approve the minutes, Director Anderson seconded, all were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Director Don Horn presented the Financial Reports for August. Expenses were as followed: Izzy's Rentals \$137, Don Horn \$13.60, Jones Lake Management \$2147, Grass Chopper \$600, O W Krohn & Associates \$472.50, Premier Gas \$405.58, Taft Stettinius \$276.50, Burke Engineering \$243.75, MCRW \$31.54, Hoosier Web Nerd \$39.99, and REMC \$117 leaving \$150,830.17 remaining in our bank account. We have \$66,720 left in this year's budget. There is a remaining balance of \$82,000 left to pay off our loan. An additional \$23,000 will be paid this year. Next year's budget will allow for \$50,000 to be paid off.

All were in favor to approve August's Financial Reports.

2025 BUDGET REVIEW & QUESTIONS

We added \$5050 to our Sediment Management Plan and Work Fund making our 2024 budget \$124,700, only \$2000 more than our 2024 budget. There were no questions or comments from freeholders on the budget changes. We are still looking to reach out to O W Krohn to get some incite on where our tax dollars are going into regards to the Conservancy. We will keep the community updated. We will have a special meeting October 22, at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the 2025 budget.

DREDGING COMMITTEE REPORT

Tonya Mercer had reached out to other contractors and got a quote for \$60,000 with the contractor using the boat ramp as their main hub. They will continue to reach out to contractors and see what our best options are. Members of the board met with Wallace Construction and discussed the best route to one of the weirs. There are some challenges when it comes to freeholder's properties. Director Nealy offered her property, and we will continue to navigate this. Building a road for access would cost around \$5000. Avenues will continue to be discussed. The public is encouraged to join the dredging committee.

PARKING DREDGING AT CLUBHOUSE

Director Rakowski looked at the drainage issue and is going to clean it up. We will reevaluate the issue in the spring if need be.

DOWN TREES IN LAKE UPDATE

Thank you to the Freeholders who removed the debris from the lake. Letters were sent out informing homeowners of their obligations. Again, if you have trees in the lake that came from your property, it is your responsibility to remove them. If refused, the next steps will have to be taken. Options are being discussed. We are looking to get a quote from a tree company to see how much it will cost to remove trees that freeholders have refused to remove themselves.

LECD RULES CHANGES

Changes that will apply are:

- It is expected that all Freeholders recognize each other's rights to use the lake and exercise good judgment. No more than three (3) watercrafts towing shall be in operation on the lake at any given time. Please be courteous when towing for extended periods of time.

The board agreed and approved this change.

- No speedboat or watercraft of any type may pull more than two (2) people in an inflatable tube or other inflatable device is:
 - Designed for two or more riders at one time and

- Is of a cockpit design such that the rider sits down inside the inflatable. All other inflatable tubes and devices are limited to one (1) rider at a time. Cockpit style inflatables designed for more than two riders are limited to a maximum of two riders at all times.

The dangers of riders getting dropped in different locations are too great and we don't want anymore getting hurt. The board agreed and approved this change.

- When wake boarding and wake surfing, all boats are to operate 200 feet from the shoreline down the main lane of the lake. At no time are the boat's ballasts to be filled while operating on Lake Edgewood. In addition, no accessories to increase the size of the wake are allowed.

There was discussion with freeholders to limit the number of people wake boarding or surfing to one at a time. As of now, the board will leave it at three (3) and if the rules need to be revisited, they will be. The board agreed and approved this change.

LAKE TREATMENT

Our current contract is up with Jones Lake Management, and they have not provided us with a quote for 2025. Forest Aquatics is another company we are considering. He used to do our treatments before the company sold to Jones Lake Management. His quote for 2025 is a one-year contract at \$1899 monthly. Currently we pay \$2100 monthly. Forest Aquatics also stated that the weed treatments he would be offering would shorten restrictions on the lake. He would come early, around 8 a.m. and we would just have to stay off the lake until noon that same day. We will ask about irrigation. This is still in discussion, but we are highly considering going with Forest Aquatics. In the meantime, we are going to skip the second treatment of each month moving forward this year.

WATER TESTING

We had our water tested on August 14th, and 15th by the Indiana State Board of Health. Our numbers were significantly better than last year. The water is as clean as ever and there is no concern about the water quality. We will be posting the results on our website.

GREGG TOWNSHIP-FIREHOUSE LEASE CANCELLATION

DJ Kent provided us with a very detailed list of suggestions for the bay. Those included a fitness center, LECD Barge and Equipment Storage, and an Automotive Bay. He provided a way for the lake to generate money that gets put back into the community by offering services freeholders would enjoy. Based off the Facebook poll, most freeholders voted for a fitness center. This will warrant more discussion but our first step would be to get the bays emptied out so we can start a project. The board did an official motion to not continue our contract with the fire department and all were in favor.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Reminder that Carol's Day is September 29th from 2 – 4 p.m. at the beach. The mermaids will be back. We need to look at getting a new sweeper for the clubhouse and an additional picknick table for the beach.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Rakowski is reminding the public that his position is up and encourages freeholders to nominate themselves. The lake light will turn off on November 1st. The sun will begin setting before 8:00 p.m. soon and freeholders are reminded that it is idle only after sunset. We are considering a better way to operate the light system on the dam.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Rakowski motioned to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. and Director Anderson seconded. The next meeting will be October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Secretary
Mady Miller