



**Date:** July 10, 2003

**Present:** Tina O'Malley - President  
Joe Gargano - Vice President  
Amy Spelde - Treasurer  
Fred Stegbauer - Personnel

**Guests:** Bob Bortman Sharon Fannin  
Mason Goody Karen Kreger  
Robert Kreger Daniel Nickolini  
Joe Olliges Connie Schiltz

**Employees:** Don Bluemel - Absent  
Becky Breckenfelder  
Mike Schiltz - Absent

**I. Called To Order**

The Tina O'Malley called the July 10<sup>th</sup> LNNLRCD meeting to order at 7:08PM.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Agenda**

Karen Kreger inquired about doing a shoreline improvement on her property when the lake gets dropped. Becky will send her a shoreline improvement application and Tina said that if they would like, an RCD board member could come out and give suggestions on what might work for their shoreline, keeping in mind that it is their final decision to make.

Fred motioned to approve the agenda as written. Joe Gargano asked for an amendment, to add "Flooding in Basement" under New Business. Joe seconded the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-03-01]

**IV. Minutes**

Joe motioned to approve the June 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Fred seconded the motion. Motion approved by majority roll-call vote with Tina O'Malley abstaining due to her being absent for the June meeting. [07-03-02]

**V. Treasurer's Report**

The commission on the sale of the dredge was paid to Crisafulli this month. The \$945 for the signs for the recreation areas was paid. \$309 was paid to Ralph Petersen for the materials used in updating the inside of the Lake Court Center. The work that Oltmanns did on the shoreline by the dam was put under the *Land and Building Repairs and Updates* category. Per Joe Gargano's request, Amy will be printing a monthly budgeted report, rather than a year-to-date report. Tina suggested that the categories should be reviewed and updated if necessary. Amy will do a chart of accounts, listing what goes into each account and e-mail it to all the board members for

discussion next month. Joe motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Fred seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-03-03]

## **VI. Board Member Reports**

### **A. Tina O'Malley**

#### **1. Insurance Incident Form Update**

The insurance company does not have a particular incident form that they use. They just recommend that we put down as much information as possible on the incident. They will see if there is a form that any of their other customers use.

#### **2. Land Transfer to Taylor Township Update**

No word yet from attorney Nye whether they have filed the land transfer yet. We are waiting for a letter from the Taylor Township attorney stating whether they have accepted the terms of the transfer. Tina was given notice to be present at the zoning board of appeals on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM; they requested a representative from the RCD and Taylor Township to be present.

#### **3. Open Position Update**

An error was made between the appointing board and the county and that is why the appointment wasn't made at the last county meeting, it should however, be made at next month's county meeting.

### **B. Joe Gargano**

#### **1. Dredging – Permit & Bidding Update**

Joe read off his report (See Attachment) the response from the Army Corps. Joe will be calling the DNR and the EPA next week to find out the status of the permits. The permit to the DNR has been delayed because it got returned due to an address change at their Springfield office. Becky sent it on to the new address the same day.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the LMC committee voted 4 to 1 in favor of a mechanical dredging program with an estimated cost of \$100,000, which would involve removing about 15-17,000 cubic yards of material from the lake at the two inlets, the Flagg Road Silt Basin, and the removal of the larger of the two islands. The cost would also involve the lowering of the lake and the grading and seeding of the affected areas.

Joe said that if they are going to go to the expense of lowering the lake, then they should try to get the maximum amount done when it is down. The work to be done is only a small portion of what needs to be removed from the lake as there is at least \$500,000-750,000 worth of silt that needs to be removed and even perhaps closer to \$1,000,000. It is being performed to enhance the silt control and containment at the inlets and to remove the island, which will return some surface area to the lake.

Tina asked what kind of containment they were going to provide at Babbling Brook (Schings Park). Joe responded the same as there is now. Tina was concerned about the fact that they were proposing another \$40,000 on top of what was already budgeted and there still is no plan for an improvement of that basin. An engineer suggested ways on how to create a containment area that is more easily scooped out. Joe said that in his report, he did recommend an additional \$15,000-25,000 to improve the Flagg Road and Schings Park Basins.

Tina asked if there was more work being proposed which caused the amount he is requesting to rise from \$60,000 to \$100,000 and if so, what it was. Joe responded that one of the two reasons that the cost went up is that the new island that is being created, located by the Flagg Road Silt Basin, needs to be removed and wasn't included originally because they were going to work at it with the hydraulic dredge. Since the dredge has been sold, it needs to be removed by mechanical means. Joe

is going to send a letter out to the property owners who have lake front property, which is adjacent to where that other island is being created (lots 10-15), asking them for permission to use their land to access the lake for silt removal. If permission is granted to use the land, they would then ensure that the land was graded and seeded.

Tina asked if all of the contractors doing the work would be insured and bonded and Joe responded that they would state in the bid request that it was required.

Before dredging can begin, they are also waiting for approval from the DNR and the EPA.

The second reason the cost went up is because of the costs associated with going out on bids for the job, for example, the need to use prevailing wage.

Tina asked if the engineers prioritized the work to be done on the lake. Joe stated again the work to be done and why the cost was so much more significant. He used the example of the island and how the original quote was for \$10,000 and now, with prevailing wage, it will be closer to \$17,000-20,000. Joe figured the cost for dredging 11,900 cubic yards of material at \$6 a cubic yard would be \$71,400, and that doesn't include the hauling away costs or the Flagg Road basin. Joe said that another option would be to pay off the land \$45,000-50,000, not lower the lake, and just clean out the Flagg Road silt basin two times this year, using a dragline and not exceeding the \$40,000 figure. Then, the following year, since they would have no outstanding debts, they could apply for a \$250,000 5-year loan hydraulic dredge up to the 23-acre site.

Tina said that her objection is not to dredging the lake, rather, she objects to their constantly cleaning out the lake without addressing a long-term goal. She wants to see a plan devised to stop the silt from coming further into the lake and she has spoken to Peter Barini herself and knows that it is possible. The board has gotten a lot of criticism in the past for just dealing with the aftereffects of, but not coming up with a solution to, the problem. She added that Peter Barini said that the Flagg Road Silt Basin was doing its job. However, the Schings Park silt basin needs to be addressed. She talked about the silt that they are planning on removing could possibly go right back into the lake if they should have another significant rain event like last year and Fred responded that if they don't remove it, it will go that much further into the lake and be more difficult to remove.

Joe read off from one of the engineering reports where it recommended that the silt basins at the two entrances to the lake should be periodically dredge out the natural silt basins to stop the velocity of the water. Tina said that she is not denying the importance of cleaning out the silt basins, she just wants to improve the basin at Schings park to make it as effective as the Flagg Road basin. Unless there is a proposal to hire an engineer to improve the Schings Park silt basin, Tina doesn't want to approve anything over \$75,000. Tina explained the details of what the engineer recommended at Schings Park, which included building up a finger of land, or weir there to help create a swirling action in the water to slow down its velocity.

Fred said that they would like to get approval for \$100,000 for dredging the lake this year as well as an additional amount for next year to hire an engineer to create a plan for areas of the lake to be addressed. Fred said that the \$100,000 wouldn't be wasted because cleaning out and maintaining the basins makes sense because it prevents the material from going further into the lake. Tina asked if they would have enough time for the material to dry in order to remove it this year. Fred said that it should dry pretty quickly barring an unseasonably wet fall this year.

Tina suggested that they break the Schings Park job and the hauling of it up into two parts, each under \$10,000 so that they wouldn't have to go out to bid on it. Fred said that with the new administration it doesn't matter any more, if it is government work, it has to go out to bid.

Tina added that they need put in the bid specifications that the contractors have to be licensed, bonded, and insured and they have to have the term "best value bid" in the contract so that they are not only taking the cost into consideration, but their history and qualifications as well.

Amy would like to see Schings Park improved. Joe said that they can't put any weirs out this year with the permit that they have, however, they could pull the shoreline back this year. They discussed doing the pulling back now (which will create the swirling action that they want) and putting the weirs in later, using Gabien baskets. Tina asked if they could move the shoreline back to its original area without going over \$40,000. Joe said that they could move 400' of shoreline back 5 feet deep for approximately \$20,000, including hauling it away. Tina said that she would agree to have the extra work done that the LMC proposed as long as they open up Schings Park by moving back the shoreline sometime in the fall, even if it's not hauled away.

They discussed getting the permission letter out to the lake front property owners and putting a bid package together for the dredging contractors.

Joe motioned to allot up to \$125,000, Tina recommended increasing it to \$130,000. Joe made an amended motion to allot up to \$130,000 for the excavation and removal of sediment from Schings Park and the Flagg Road Silt Basins, the removal of the larger of the two islands, and the restoration of Schings Park's original shoreline. Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [7-03-04]

## **2. Lake Management Committee Report**

### **a. Update on Assistance from US Soil & Conservation**

Joe spoke with Dan Pierce this afternoon, who said that he is still awaiting staff personnel to start the upstream watershed project. He still intends on pursuing it, however, he is uncertain on when it will begin.

### **b. Improvement at Flagg Road Silt Basin**

In June, Bill Nordman performed the shoreline improvement at the Flagg Road Silt Basin, removing approximately 2000 yards of material and depositing in the pit on Larry Baker's property at a cost of \$5,035.

## **C. Amy Spelde**

### **1. Annual Report Update**

Not back from the accountant yet

### **2. Tax Levy**

Not back from the accountant yet

### **3. 2004 Working Budget**

Tina will rearrange the numbers to show the \$130,000 and Tina will get it out to the board members.

## **D. Fred Stegbauer – No Report**

## **VII. Employee Reports**

### **A. Don Bluemel – No Report**

**B. Becky Breckenfelder**

1. The bill for consultant fees from Bokemeier from work in February and with the Army Corps- \$498.80. Also Nordman's bill for \$5035 came in.

**2. Quote for Playground Improvement**

Tina said she would measure the playground area so that Becky can obtain quotes from different contractors.

**3. Rules Signs for Beaches and Campground**

Becky presented a copy of what the rule signs will look like for the campground and beaches.

**4. Do Not Enter and One Way Signs**

Those signs came in and now an employee needs to install them. Amy is going to contact Ralph and ask him to pick up two posts from Bonnell because he is already going there.

**5. Frames for 6 Signs**

Becky obtained a quote from Bill Sharp of \$773.28 (\$128.88 per sign for 6 signs) to do the frames of the signs for the RCD properties. Joe motioned to approve the \$128.88 amount for each sign frame for 6 signs for a total of \$773.28. Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-03-05]

**C. Mike Schiltz – No Report**

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Landscaping around Lake Court Center**

Tabled until next month as Tina hasn't put together a proposal yet. To help address the issue of people driving on the grass in front of the center, she would like to see it look like the beaches with the posts and rope put in. Another problem that needs to be addressed are the holes that are being created in the soil where the gutters are overflowing. Joe Olliges said that they should dump pea-gravel in there rather than soil to keep it from washing away.

**B. Boat Racks and Paving at North Beach**

The paving at the North Beach was finished today. Joe will assign the boat racks for the employee to do. Joe Olliges and Joe Gargano finished the boat racks at the dam on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Campground Rules and Property Line**

The property just outside the gate at the campground is still RCD property and since the RCD is going to allow people to camp there, then they have to have a permit and they need to abide by the same rules as inside the campground.

**B. Sharon Fannin – Proposal for September 14<sup>th</sup> Art Show**

Sharon would like to have an art show on September 14<sup>th</sup> and she was aware that no business transactions are allowed to take place in the building so she asked how someone would be able to buy something if they were interested in one of the paintings. Tina said that the artists could give out cards and tell the potential customers to call them at home or they could make the sale outside if they are interested in buying a painting.

**C. Parking Improvement at Lake Court Center**

Joe Gargano obtained two quotes for the job of doing the base work of the parking lot improvement, not including the seal coating, which would be done next year. He is going

to get one more quote. They discussed different options of widening the parking lot and adding about 30 more parking spots, without taking away the rural charm of the community center. Tina said that she also has to pick up a fine sign to go with the handicapped space.

#### **D. Flooding in Basement**

The job may entail removing some concrete from the east wall and possibly severing the ductwork that is there because the largest volume of water is gushing in through that ductwork, right where the downspouts are emptying off of the roof. Joe also wants to talk to Ralph Petersen because there is a large amount of water coming in through a 4" pipe on an inside wall that has an old electrical box on it. Joe would like to show Ken Oltmanns what's down there and see if he would be interested in pouring some concrete. Fred and Joe are going to go down there this weekend and take a look at it. Bob suggested that they look into putting in larger downspouts. Tina said that if they need to break up some of the sidewalk that they may have to be careful because she thinks the foundation might be one L-shaped piece and if they are breaking up the concrete sidewalk, it might affect the foundation.

#### **X. Guests/Public Opinion**

##### **A. Mason J. Moody**

Mason asked if the RCD had ever considered purchasing their own equipment and hiring someone to run it and Tina replied that if they did that they would have to make sure they had trained personnel to operate it as well as insurance on the operator. As they are a government body, they have to pay prevailing wage unless they hire an employee, and sometimes it is more cost effective to hire a professional versus an employee because they can work more efficiently. Tina added that if an employee is trained on the equipment and can run it during the summer, then it could be profitable. Mason said that he is a certified heavy equipment operator. Joe Gargano asked Mason if he ever crawled out into the lake like that and Mason said no. Joe said that if Mason were interested, it would be cost effective for them if they hired him as a part-time employee for significantly less than prevailing wage and instead of buying the equipment, they could rent a track machine out of Sterling.

**XI. Adjourn:** Fred motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM. Amy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-03-06]

**XII. Executive session following meeting – Interviews for Grounds Maintenance Employee**

**Next Meeting:** August 7, 2003

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