

Rushford Lake Recreation District
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair, Deb Aumick. All stood and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Deb Aumick, Chair William Szabo, Treasurer
 William Sikorski, Commissioner Rhonda Kozlowski, Secretary
 Gene Morton, Commissioner
 Dave Hirsch, Commissioner

Absent: Rick Gaczewski, Commissioner

Guests: Wayne Hawley Ken Boettcher Marsha Boettcher
 Lew Herman John Bernhard Brad Coon
 Carol Coon Sheldon Smith Bob Weed
 Tom Thomas

Agenda approved as submitted. Minutes stand as written.

Old Business

Wayne Hawley discussed high speed internet service. He is looking for year-round residents around the lake interested in being provided high speed service. The basic package is \$33.95 per month. Upon motion by Dave and a second by Gene approval was given for high speed internet service for the RLRD office.

Discussed the Trail 9 erosion and possible fixes. Noted drawings are needed. Bob Weed, Rich Malter and Dave Hirsch visited the site with a contractor. Gene reported on the meeting with Fred Sinclair of the Allegany County Soil and Water Conservation Department. He stated the meeting was encouraging and Mr. Sinclair has offered his assistance. Mr. Sinclair will try to obtain assistance from the County Public Works Department as well. It was noted the swim beach could be affected by the erosion because the water is cutting to both sides. It is possible the work will not begin until the fall of 2008. Mentioned that the DEC stated no fill is to leave the area, but Mr. Sinclair and Gene both felt the fill has to be moved from the site. It was suggested a renewable permit be applied for and maintain rather than place rip rap. It was agreed a thank you letter will be sent to Mr. Sinclair.

Bill Sikorski reported on the grants and noted that the DEC is adamant about the RLRD having an inundation study done. Discussed having Hatch Acres or possibly another firm to do the study. Bill felt core samples needed to be done before considering hard facing behind the dam.

There was a discussion with John Bernhard and the Trail 4 community dock users regarding a solution to Mr. Bernhards falling breakwall and the community dock wings. A compromise was discussed with a meeting on site to be held Friday, January 18, 2008 with Mr. Bernhard and

community dock members. They will inform the board of their compromise. The board will then consider issuing a permit for changes to be made.

Dave reported on the resident surveys. He noted that he spent about 5 hours with Rhonda and has gone through several files. He noted that the surveys will aid in inspections.

Discussed the launch building, and Tom Thomas noted that he is waiting for Mr. Beeman.

Computer has been repaired by Mr. Mike Hicks.

Deb reported that she attended the meetings for the town boards of Rushford and Caneadea. She noted that Rushford has adopted a resolution of support for the RLRD in pursuing voting right legislation. Gene moved and Dave made a second giving approval for Deb to speak with Charlie Martorana regarding crafting the amendment to the legislation. Deb noted the towns want to meet with RLRD board members to work out this legislation.

Discussed the policy amendment. Gene noted a problem with no. 6. Dave suggested a time limit. Upon motion by Gene approval was given for a one year time limit for no. 6 and the addition of no. 7.

Deb noted the Sheriff and deputies will attend the February 21, 2008 RLRD meeting.

Discussed the Cerny family's hoist objected to by the Grames family. Upon motion by Gene, Mr. Cerny will be sent a letter noting his plan for dock rebuild and moving of the hoist should be done this fall and if not replacing the dock, the hoist needs to be moved.

New Business

Discussed the report of gates and padlocks on Trail 3 noting this is not on District property and no one is being limited access to their cottages. It was further noted that Mr. Kay purchased Trails 1 through 7 and wishes to turn Trail 1, and 4 through 7 over to a not for profit corporation with officers made up of District residents.

Noted the DEC has approved a renewable permit for Charles Zahm who has frequent problems with silt build up by his dock. Upon motion by Dave, the board supports the renewable permit.

Committees

Dave reported on an inspection done on dock B135 noting the condition is hazardous. Upon motion by Gene, approval was given for a registered letter is to be sent giving the licensee 30 days to address the concerns of the board or the board will have the dock removed and the licensee will be sent the bill.

Dave reported that Bob Weed, Rich Malter and Bill Heitzenrater had agreed to be on the committee to assist with projects at the dam.

There were no resident permit requests.

Finance

Bill Szabo presented the final bill from STC. Bill Sikorski noted the painting is done. It was noted that Hi-Tech had done some of the re-pointing of the bricks.

Bill Szabo reported that the check from Rushford for tax assessment had been received and deposited. He noted that the RLRD did not change assessments, but the tax bills show a 10.8% increase. This is because assessments went up in Rushford, therefore a greater amount of District assessment.

Disbursements were submitted for Board approval.

Open Forum

Bob Weed asked what amount of money can be expended before having to put out to bid.
Answer: \$5000.00

Discussed the lake level. Presently at 1411'. Venting a little. No ice. Agreed to close and monitor. The lake will be brought up to 1420' and monitored.

Upon motion by Dave moved to executive session at 10:03 PM to discuss Trails, Weed vs. RLRD and personnel.

Returned to regular session at 10:53 PM upon motion by Gene.

Upon motion by Dave, all agreed to refer the Weed matter to the attorney for potential settlement as per Dave's presentation with no re-hiring to be done.

Adjourned 11 PM.

Submitted by

Rhonda Kozlowski
District Secretary