

Rushford Lake Recreation District
Regular Minutes
May 23, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:45 PM by Chair, Deb Aumick. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Bill Sikorski, Commissioner
Rick Gaczewski, Vice Chair

Guests: Mike Holmes Sheila Holmes Sherl Stephens Bob Stephens
Frank Stanczeski Mary Stanczewski Pastor Markman Eric Blon
David Brautigam Carol Wilson Steve Flatau Mary Witkopf
Earl M. Rhoney Bill Witkopf Jim Sturm Judy Wirth
Tom Wirth Janet Gaczewski Marilyn Schilling Dick Schilling
Jan Zimmerman Allen Hirsch Kathy Hock James Kay
Bob Weed Michelle Weed

Agenda approved upon motion by Gene. Minutes stand as written.

Old Business

Dave reported on the plan for dock renumbering stating the numbers will be 1 to --- and if more than one dock it will be 1a, b, etc. He noted community docks will be 1 to --- with slips marked a, b, c, etc. They will not be color coded and spaces will be left for any new builds.

Briefly discussed new dam safety regulations and expressed concern over more and more regulations being imposed.

Deb noted that at the previous meeting there had been a question about people not owning property in the District obtaining docks and someone had answered that one did not have to own property in the District to obtain a dock. She noted this was not a correct statement. Policy states one must own property in the District to apply for a dock license and furthermore proof of ownership is required ie: Deed, etc.

Noted the Trail 2 / 3 community dock agreement has not been submitted as required. Upon motion by Gene, it was agreed a letter is to be sent regarding this, and an agreement must be in place by June 23, 2008.

Discussed the community dock plans for Rhoney, Wilson and Flatau. Measurements were taken this week and it was noted that the plan recently approved with a boat on the end would measure 43'. The plan submitted by Mr. Rhoney with a boat on one side and two boats on the other

would only measure 42' and it was believed would not create problems for the neighbors. Noted there needs to be a community dock agreement on file which contains boat size limit of 17', only three boats (**no additional watercraft**) may be docked. It was noted that the plans need to be submitted before dock is built, and agreement must be on file before the dock is built, a breakwall plan must be submitted for fall construction and repairs need to be made before the present dock may be used. It was suggested the repairs be made by July 10th and Dave be notified when repairs are done. Upon motion by Gene, the dock design plan was agreed upon.

Deb reported on the Southern Tier West training held at Houghton College. Deb, Dave and Rhonda attended. Noted information was obtained regarding websites, grants and ways to obtain funding for various projects. A website will be discussed at a later date.

Further discussed dam safety and the need for an inundation study. Upon motion by Dave, Bill Sikorski has permission to pursue submitting a grant application as requested.

Discussed the launch building with Gene noting progress has been made, and it looks nice. A thank you was extended to Bob Weed, James Kay and Dan Freeman for their assistance.

Upon motion by Dave approval was given for \$500. to be supplied to Tom Thomas for an air conditioner, window and door. Receipts are required. Discussion of the possibility of a surveillance camera was held. Will discuss further at a later date.

Noted the town of Rushford attorney will help with proposed amendments to Chapter 78.

New Business

A request to hold church services at Balcom Beach was approved upon motion by Gene.

Deb reported a June 10th presentation about windmills at the northern corner of Rushford will be held at 7 PM at the Rushford Town Hall.

Noted Commissioner election is July 26th from Noon until 8 PM. One seat is up and may be a seasonal or year round resident.

Discussed installing a telephone at the launch.

Requests

Discussed Dale Young's application for a license for L110. Grace noted the application was for more than one license ie: all the shared docks in the bay. It was noted Dale has stated he will sell the property to the 16 people who have docks there. It was agreed the attorneys will be contacted and a meeting set up. Discussed someone representing the 16 families involved. Rhonda noted they have to obtain their own counsel. Dave was given permission to contact Bruce for setting up the meeting.

Discussed Joe L'Annunziata's shed and hoists and Dale and Grace Young's dock, hoist and tree. It was noted Mr. L'Annunziata needs to remove a shed from District property and apply for hoists. It was further noted that Dale and Grace Young still need to repair their dock and plant a tree where one was previously removed without permission.

It was stated that Rick had told Dale and Grace Young to move the dock, remove a hoist and plant a tree. Jason Young stated that this had been done.

Upon motion by Dave, two weeks will be given for Joe L'Annunziata to remove the shed from District property. If he needs to dismantle the shed to move it, then that is what he must do. The board discussed giving him two weeks from this meeting to move the shed. Rhonda noted that it takes time to prepare the minutes and a letter and a long holiday weekend is approaching (it may take longer for him to receive a letter than the board is presently anticipating).

All agreed to inspect Dale and Grace Youngs' dock.

Discussed the hoist and cover installed by Jim Sturm with a motion by Dave to approve. Gene made the second. Carried.

Laubacker, Roy. 7969 Tate Road. Area A. L482. Request to install a hoist was approved upon motion by Dave.

Vona, Julia. 8519 Glen Road. Area E. L296. Request to repair break wall was approved upon motion by Dave.

Brondon, John. 8130 C County Road 49. Area I. L098. Request for a license and break wall was tabled pending receipt of a better survey.

Upon motion by Dave and second by Gene, repairs (r and r) is eliminated. All work being done on District property now requires an application.

Dave noted that Rhonda had placed a grouping of paperwork out on the table for the dock committee which he witnessed her doing. When the dock committee met on Saturday, the paperwork was nowhere to be found. He suggested the locks be changed. It was noted they had just recently been changed and only Commissioners and the town have keys.

Financial

Deb noted that board members should not be calling the attorney at anytime. All should be aware of conversations with the attorney, and the RLRD is charged everytime a conversation takes place. Issues are complicated with too many people calling and then not communicating with each other. It was agreed that only one representative communicate with the attorney and then inform other board members of what is taking place.

Open Forum

Janet Gaczewski stated she felt the board was not accomplishing anything and she is disappointed in them. Deb noted she had heard otherwise.

Gene stated the believed a good job was being done by the dock committee.

Kathy Hock noted the boating club was hosting a hot dog roast Sunday from 1 until 3.

James Kay noted considerable improvement regarding board conduct.

Bill Witkopf noted Dave puts his heart and soul into the job and offered a thank you.

Adjourned at 9:47 PM