

**Rushford Lake Recreation District  
Budget Hearing  
August 30, 2008**

Present: Deb Aumick, Chair                      William Szabo, Treasurer  
Brad Coon, Vice Chair                      Rhonda Kozlowski, Secretary  
Dave Hirsch, Commissioner

Absent: Gene Morton, Commissioner  
Rick Gaczewski, Commissioner

Guests: Cal Reigle                      Richard Malter                      David Grzybek  
Ceil Grzybek                      Bob Darlak                      John R. Davies  
Merrill Arthur                      Sherl Stephan                      Bob Stephan  
Mary Stanczewski                      Frank Stanczewski                      Carol Kurtowicz  
Bob Kurtowicz                      Jon Ryan                      Val Ryan  
Grace Young                      Michael Richards                      Janet Gaczewski  
Mary Jo Hubbard                      Jon Temple                      Heidi Temple  
Margaret Drury                      Colin Drury                      Bill Witkopf  
John Houseman                      Stepanie Nichter                      Marty Nichter  
Jim Hock                      Gary Clinton                      Joe L'Annunziata  
David Klenk                      Dick Lawrence                      Sue Lawrence  
Allen Hirsch                      Bob Weed  
Maggie Krzyzanowski

To order at 9:10 AM. Bill Szabo, Treasurer presented the results of the actual budget to the projected for 2008 to date. He then presented the preliminary budget for 2009.

A tax increase of 5% is proposed. He reported this is in part due to no receipt of grant revenue promised.

Discussed training for the employees at the dam, de-vegetation downstream of the dam, bed-rock study, resurfacing the valves and gate seals, repairing of the break-wall at Balcom Beach and conducting an engineering study for inundation in order to receive the grant money. The plotting of the Rush Creek survey needs to be done for redirecting the flow to prevent further serious erosion along Trail 9. Also noted the dam safety section of the NYSDEC suggests hard facing behind the dam.

Many suggested putting pressure on politicians to assist the RLRD in receiving the grant money awarded to them. Also suggested volunteers to step up and assist with this.

Upon motion by Dave and a second by Brad the budget was unanimously approved as presented.

Regular Meeting immediately following Budget Hearing.

To order at 9:45 AM. Upon motion by Dave, the board moved into executive session at 9:45 AM for discussion of personnel. Returned to regular session at 9:57 AM.

Previous month's minutes approved upon motion by Dave.

### **Requests**

Discussed Larry Depalmo, Glen Road and the sale of the property noting the new owner must submit the proper paperwork for a dock license.

Izzo, Michael and Wendy. 8844 Balcom Beach Road. Area C. L379. Setting the posts for a deck and notifying the office when posts are set for a re-inspection was approved upon motion by Brad.

Nichter, Martin and Stepanie. 8575 Glen Road. Area E. L293. Request for a license was approved upon motion by Dave.

Parkside Drive Community Dock. Area G. Break-wall repair was approved upon motion by Dave. It was noted they will not be working in the lakebed but just anchoring and re-cabling.

Clinton, Gary. 8186 Trail 1. Area H. L181. Request to remove marked pine trees was approved upon motion by Brad.

Temple, Jon and Heidi. 8041 B County Road 49. Area I. L107. Approved septic system plan as drawn and approved by Allegany County upon motion by Brad. The committee will look at the drainage pipe.

Eastmer, Loren. 8088 County Road 49. Area J. L081. Upon motion by Dave, approval was given for replacement of drainage pipe as requested.

Discussed docks in Lakeshore Circle. The board agreed that Bob Call and three neighboring docks need to get together with the dock committee and devise a plan for reconstruction. One of the docks needs to be completely removed. They need to form an association with by-laws, etc. Less square footage could be used and more space would be available for others. Upon motion by Dave a letter will be sent explaining the board's decision.

### **Old Business**

Upon motion by Brad, approval was given to license two docks in the inner channel of what is referred to as Hutton's Bay to Dale and Grace Young. Deb Aumick abstained from the vote.

Discussed the campgrounds on Route 49. Noted a meeting was held with Brad Falsion and was very hospitable. He stated he only launched boats from the campground, but shortly thereafter he launched watercraft from outside. Noted the R.L.R.D. jurisdiction is not determined and due diligence is needed to find boundary lines. It was suggested legal counsel draft a letter from the board to the D.E.C. in Albany regarding control of the creek. Upon motion by Brad, approval was given to send a letter requesting a meeting with the D.E.C.

Discussed padlocking the gate near Hutton's Bay noting it is on District property.

Discussed complaints and concerns regarding the subdividing of the former Penfold property. It was noted letters are to be sent to Mr. Pease, Mr. Sherry and Mr. Ciolek . It was noted they had been verbally asked to stop work and did not.

Mr. L'Annunziata asked that the Youngs be told to stop trespassing on his property. It was noted neighbors need to learn to get along and the board has bigger fish to fry

Discussed the Rush Creek re-routing plan. A letter has been sent to the county asking for the survey.

Discussed trailers and campers on District property. Upon motion by Brad, approval was given to develop a policy regarding campers. Possibly the policy could read "trailers and campers for one week only with R.L.R.D. permission. This is for only below the 1450' elevation line.

Discussed floating docks. Upon motion by Brad, the policy for floating docks will be reviewed.

Deb noted the bench in memory of Bob Dearstyne has been built and will be stored until the spring of 2009.

### **New Business**

Discussed channel buoys noting more are needed. Discussed better signage ie: NO WAKE ZONE. Upon motion by Brad, better signs will be taken care of.

Deb noted a WEBSITE is needed. Upon motion by Dave approval was given to allow up to \$400. for development of a website. Brad will take care of this.

Noted better communication is needed. Suggested a newsletter 4 times a year.

A thank you to Mike Holmes, Rich Malter, Brad Coon and Bill Witkopf was extended for all the hard work with re-numbering the docks.

**Open Forum**

A thank you was extended to Maggie Krzyzanowski for some great ideas.

The board was asked to please reconsider locking the gate at Hutton's Bay. The board agreed to have the dock committee review the situation upon motion by Brad.

Several noted they were impressed with the way the meetings are run. Several expressed thanks to the board for all they do.

Joe L'Annunziata again asked the board to stop Dale and Grace Young et al from crossing his property. He asked that they instead use the easement. Brad noted no one is baby sitting them anymore. Upon motion by Brad, the board agreed they will not address this issue any further. Deb abstained from the vote.

It was noted tons and tons of fill had been placed on the former Penfold property ten to twenty years ago and the direction of the water was also changed. A drain was also run.

It was noted that signs are still not up for the launch.

Adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Submitted by,

Rhonda Kozlowski  
District Secretary