

The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Annual Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2018

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was called to order by Chairman Gary Ovick at 9:00 am.

Thirty three voting lake residents and 3 guests were in attendance.

Opening remarks were given by Gary Ovick. Board Members in attendance were Gary Ovick, Jerry Tack, Mike Reiter, Beth Hartman, Ann Layton, John Bonneprise and Keith Karpenski, Alden Town Chairman for Greg Frost. Various Lake District committees and responsibilities were reviewed and an explanation of our Lake District's make-up and function was given. A handout of a map showing Lake District parcels was provided.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the August 26th, 2017 Annual Meeting were presented. Ann Wasescha made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and moved to approve which was seconded by Hubert Wegele. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Aquatic Plant Management Committee: Mike Reiter presented information on the 2018 goals and accomplishments with the continued implementation of our 2013 Lake Management Plan and the 2015 Aquatic Plant Management Plan which includes treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Purple Loosestrife (PL). Results continue to be very positive. A map showing the recent survey results for Purple Loosestrife was included in the handouts. Residents are encouraged to eliminate purple loosestrife on their property when it blooms. This works very well to manage single plants and small patches. Mike also presented information on aquatic invasive species (AIS) to be on the lookout for including Eurasian Watermilfoil and zebra mussels as well as a new species, the Yellow Flag Iris. Kel Kobernick presented information on "Big Lake Internal Load Study" which was expanded to 2018. This year is the final year for a three year study which will be used to update the 2015 Aquatic Plant Management Plan. A report will be prepared by Jeremy Williamson, the Lake Water Specialist for Polk County. Also Citizens Lake Monitoring continues and graphs showing Secchi disk readings for the three lakes from 1986 to present were presented. Secchi readings are a good indication of water quality and readings have shown improvement in recent years.

The Healthy Lakes Initiative was reviewed by Beth Hartman. The results for 2018

included 4 shoreline plantings and 1 rain garden, rock infiltration and diversion under contract, all on Big Lake. Attendees were advised to observe the beautiful results that are visible off County Road K by the little bay of Big Lake. For 2019 the goal is to gather firm commitments for future grants.

CBCW Committee: Jerry Tack noted the accomplishments for 2018. Inspectors have worked at both ramps inspecting 618 boats, contacting 1470 people in 532 hours worked. All numbers exceed those achieved in 2017, thanks to better weekend weather. Boats coming from AIS infested lakes that had not been properly cleaned were turned away. Annette Viebrock coordinates the inspectors and will be a co-chair of the committee next year. In addition to the inspections the crew has provided boat ramp monitoring including picking up countless bags of trash. Additional inspectors will be needed next year, so if you know of any interested people please refer them to Jerry or Annette.

Navigation Committee: Jerry Tack presented, highlighting buoy placement and no wake regulations. Additional buoys were placed at the Church Pine landing to encourage boats to slow down for safety reasons as well as to preserve the landing.

Dams Committee: Mike Reiter presented. Trimming in the area of the dam to prevent regrowth of brush and trees was contracted and an annual dam inspection was completed showing the Dam to be in good shape.

Fish Stocking Committee: Gary Ovick presented for Bob Meyer. A review of the history of fish stocking in the lakes was given and included in a handout. Big Lake Store made a very generous donation of \$1500.00, following a successful ice fishing contest, for the stocking of extended growth walleyes in the lakes.

Social Committee: The events held in 2018 included the Social Dinner and 4th of July parade. The social dinner was held at UW Wanderoos, with a record 133 guests and is scheduled for next year on June 15th, 2019. The 4th of July parade was on Big Lake with good attendance considering the weather. Next year the parade will be on Church Pine Lake.

Web Site Committee: Presented by Tim Rudolph. The Website content highlights were reviewed as well as analysis of usage. See Annual Meeting power point available on the website (www.bigroundpine.com) for details. Many thanks to Tim for maintaining the website for our Lake District.

Water Patrol Committee: Presented by Gary Ovick. As we no longer have a District provided Water Patrol and new hiring and training by the Polk County Sherriff's Department reduced officers available for patrol the number of hours on our lake and contacts were down again this year. See powerpoint for detail. A handout was provided at the meeting which highlighted the most common

complaints, violations, and rules. Rule changes were highlighted in the presentation. Enforcement is complaint driven. The non-emergency dispatch number was provided for people to contact Sheriff's Department with complaints.

Break

Grant Status: Gary Ovick presented a summary of grants from 1996 to present. The current grant summary was presented. The importance of volunteer hours in grant reimbursement was emphasized. Some of the grants will need to be extended or resubmitted to cover 2019.

2017 Annual Audit: Jerry Tack presented. A letter from the auditor Joel Hazzard noted "financial documents are in very good order and great care has been taken..." This letter was presented to the members as a slide at the meeting.

Treasurers Report: Jerry Tack presented the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for 2018 Year End and Year to Date 07/31/2018 and 2019 Budget proposals and the Non-Lapsing Funds summaries (NLF) for the same periods. The 2019 Budget calls for the levy to remain the same. A motion to approve the 2018 budget was made by Gary Ovick and seconded by Hubert Wegele. Motion passed.

Election of Commissioners: Gary Ovick presented the board's nominations. Gary Ovick's term was expiring and he agreed to seek another term. A spot for write-in candidates was available on the ballot also. Secret ballots were cast with Gary receiving 26 votes. It was noted that anyone interested in being on the board is welcome to attend the meetings and see what is involved, this would aid in transition as the board members are getting ready to cycle off.

Public Comments and Q & A:

--John Bonneprise gave an update on Polk County. There have been many changes recently due to retirements and changes in the offices. A new administrator was just hired following interviews of many experienced candidates. The hope is things will continue to run smoothly.

--Keith Karpenski gave update on Boat Landing. At present it appears no major changes will be done as there remains questions regarding ownership and responsibility for areas around the Big Lake landing. Maintenance at the landings such as taking care of the rebar at Big Lake and providing additional trap rock at Church pine landing will continue to be done by Alden Township.

Closing Remarks: Gary Ovick presented. Handouts were provided for Shoreland Zoning Rules, the 2019 Calendar and committee volunteers along with position descriptions. Attendees were directed to please share extra handouts with neighbors who could not attend.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Diaz and seconded by Dick Rudolf.

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned 11:20 A.M.

Submitted by Secretary: Ann Layton

Signed: **Ann Layton**
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Title: Secretary

Date: August 24,