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August 31, 2004
Church Pine, Wind and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Informational and Board Meeting

Present: Board members-John Schulte, Dick Rudolph, Merle Paulson, Diane Martin.
Guests-Brad Johnson (Town Chair), Linda Henderson, Survey/Ordinance Committee and
Mike Smith, DNR Regional Safety Warden,

Meeting held at Merle's from approximately 10am until 12:20pm

JOHN-John Bonneprise, Polk County Representative, and George Palo, Highway
Commissioner were invited but unable to attend today.

John B. suggests revisiting the ordinance regulating the number of boat slips and piers
that this organization looked at previously. Concerned about the time factor involved in
case an ordinance is suddenly needed.

MIKE- suggests checking with Polk Co. re. regulations on piers. States some piers have
large amount of square footage that has included a pool area.

NR 118-new rulings -not all have been approved but State hopes to approve in the next
legislative session.

-works with boating and other recreational vehicle ordinances

LINDA-requesting information for this District to write an ordinance regulating water-
craft use per survey done last spring.

-Township is the only body that can pass ordinances except a city can if a lake is within
the city limits-does not include rivers.

See attached Procedures for Creation of Ordinances provided by Linda.

Wording of our proposed ordinance will probably be - no wake on lake before 10am and
after 7pm.

MIKE-this rule cannot prohibit a specific watercraft on the waterway.

-when writing ordinance state a conditional use of why ordinance is wanted-must include
public health, welfare and safety concerns.

Mike reviewed our old ordinance of 1982-he questions the legality of this for present day.

LINDA-will present information at this Saturday's Annual meeting. Mike will be present.

JOHN-Boat Patrol-an ordinance is only as good as it can be enforced.

Discussion followed as to if Joe Collins, Water Patrol, was able to ticket offenders this
summer since the officer must be deputized in the township where hired.

Merle will discuss with Joe prior to the meeting on Saturday.

MIKE-reimbursement for water patrol costs are for salary of up to 40 hours even if more
worked and for the depreciation of the boat. Requirements are one ticket written for every
15 hours worked with a minimum of 40 hours on water which equals a minimum of 3
tickets. A daily log is kept including number of warnings and tickets issued, purchase of
gas and anything for the boat.

JOHN-found out today that there is a county water patrol but this a scarce resource and
cannot be counted on to ticket offenders.

BRAD-in reviewing ordinance information states interpretation is that since the Lake
District is a separate governing body our organization should be able to approve of this
ordinance and have enforceable.

MIKE-will check this out and contact Linda with findings. E mail will be used for
sharing this information -hopefully prior to Sat. meeting.

BOARD topics-

Request made that PA system from church be requested for this annual meeting.

Diane will contact Judie Olson today who makes arrangements with West Immanuel Church for the refreshments served at the District meetings.

Annual meeting topics will include-

- \$15,000.00 vs. \$17,000.00 assessment this year.

- Election of Church Pine representative. D. Martin will not run for re-election. Doug Thompson expressed interest at May meeting. Mike Walsh interested? Linda will share information with husband who is on nominating committee.

- fish cribs-Brad states they are very successful and numerous on Cedar Lake.

- costs of boat patrol reviewed

- County Road K bridge update

- stocking of fish cost-25 cents/inch -supplier told Merle that he has a lot of 5 inch.

The hope is to buy 5000.

- report on the summer meeting attended by Dick and Merle at Eau Galle concerning the use of lime on lake weeds.

- Merle-Oct. meeting for interested parties at Wisconsin Dells regarding the invasion of Eurasian milfoil. Discussed carrying of this by boats into different lakes-question raised if a possibility to have washing stations at landings?

- Dick-would like volunteers to help fight purple loosestrife with beetles. John shared his experience.

- Dick shared information from checking the lakes for clarity, temps and oxygen levels. DNR would like us to purchase electronic equipment to get temp of water for a cost of approx. \$800.00. Merle states has one from his employment that he will check on for use here.

- mercury levels in water/fish discussed briefly. Received from coal burners and paper plants.

- Merle -possibility of a website just for our lake association since found out at spring meeting this is no longer available thru the state.

- Diane shared information from Polk County Parks and Buildings that matching fund grants are available for lake improvements up to \$5,000.00. July 1 deadline. This might have been used for facilities built at Cedar Lake. Concern expressed about such a building being used as a meth lab since this is getting to be such a public health concern. Because of this hazard would suggest that no further action be taken on putting up a bathroom facility at the Church Pine boat landing.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Martin, Secretary