

August 7, 2009

Annual Meeting for the District of Powers Lake.

Chairman Jim Michels called the 2009 Annual Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Michels introduced the other commissioners.

1. Presentation by Audrey Greene, Lake Specialist, Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management. Bob Otterbacher made a motion to move item #5 up to item #1. Bob Boniface seconded. A hand vote was taken 22 for 18 opposed.
5. Nomination and election of candidates for office of commissioner. Paul DeMichele and Brooke Jensen are up for election. Because Paul is a candidate, Bill Lynch will conduct the election. Bill Lynch asked for nominations. Colleen Keating, Paul DeMichele and Brooke Jensen were nominated. The nominations were closed. Each candidate told a little about themselves and why they wanted to be or continue as a commissioner. The ballots were collected and counted by Judge Charles Gitzinger.
1. Audrey Greene was introduced. She gave a power point presentation on invasive aquatic species that are detrimental to the lakes. Audrey was thanked for her interesting presentation.
2. Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting. Nancy Michel read the minutes from the last Annual meeting. Bernadine DeMichele made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Kathy Jensen seconded. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report and Financial Audit. Brooke Jensen gave the treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account is \$27,607.38, in the wetland fund \$40,918.87 and in the wetland fund cd \$10,637.92 for a total of \$70,164.17. Pat Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jay Sinclair seconded. Motion carried. Nancy Crabtree and Bill Lynch audited the books for 2006 and 2007 and found everything in order. The 2008 will be done before the next meeting.
4. Chairperson's report. Chairman Michels asked each Commissioner to comment on the activities they were involved with throughout the year. Nancy Michel – Is the secretary and does the newsletter and the mailing of it. Does the weekly water testing during the summer and had to close the Knolls beach two times this year. Served on a committee with Jim and Neil to decide about the treatment for Milfoil. Drove the boat for SWRPC to do the plant study. Judy Jooss – She is the representative from Kenosha County. Being a liaison to bring issues back to the county. Goes to as many lake workshops as possible. Worked with Nancy on a survey to get the questions they wanted. Did a third update to the lake brochure that was created in 2003. Worked with Brooke on the budget. Encouraged people to go to the workshops to learn more about lakes. Neil Kuhn – He is new to the board. Went to the convention and he cares about the lake. The first thing he did was to work on the DNR planning grant. Did a pre treatment survey, treated the Milfoil and a post treatment survey was done. To get the greatest impact treatment needs to be done for three consecutive years. Worked on the web page and urged everyone to get registered on the web page as a lot of information is there. Brooke Jensen – Nothing additional to add to what he

- already said. Paul DeMichele – Qualified the voters tonight. The biggest project he wants to work on is what is going on with the boat launch. Ken Mangold – His favorite passion is Powers Lake. Now there are trained launch attendants at each launch inspecting boats. He listens and takes problems back to the town board for possible action. Jim Michele – As chairman he did coordinate the board and thanked everyone for their participation. Last years annual meeting gave approval to hire SWRPC to update the Lake Management Plan. Their report will be given at next years annual meeting. Part of the plan is a survey that will be going out shortly. All members of the district should respond to it. The results will be given to the town board. All members of the board are working well together.
6. Presentation of the Proposed 2010 Budget. The Board is recommending a budget of \$68,772. Revenues – Tax levy \$30,000; Grant Reimbursement \$2,500; other \$4,500; and carryover \$31,772. Expenditures – Administration \$9,250; Information and Education \$9,250; Lake Management \$13,700; Aquatic Plants \$31,000 and Contingency \$5,572. Paul DeMichele gave everyone Budget B along with their ballot. Budget B reduces the Administration and Information and Educations categories by \$9,000.
 7. Budget Hearing. The extra funds were placed in the budget for legal fees and for more work to the web site.
 8. Approval of projects costing over \$10,000, the Annual Budget and the 2010 Tax Levy. Bill Lynch made a motion to accept the original budget. Kathy Jensen seconded. A hand vote was taken 18 for. Paul DeMichele made a motion for Budget B. Carol Michels seconded. A hand vote was taken 5 for. The original budget was adopted as presented. Bernadine DeMichele made a motion to spend \$31,000 for plant management. Bill Lynch seconded. A hand vote was taken 19 for 0 opposed. Motion carried. Nancy Crabtree made a motion to approve the tax levy of \$30,000. Kathy Jensen seconded. A hand vote was taken 18 for 1 opposed.
 9. Kenosha County Representative to DPL. Jim Michels has heard that Kenosha County representative Judy Jooss may be replaced. A list of Judy's accomplishments was read. Bill Lynch made a motion to send a letter to Kenosha County stating that at the District of Powers Lake Annual Meeting those attending requested to reappoint Judy Jooss as their representative. Nancy Crabtree seconded. A hand vote was taken 18 for 2 opposed. Judy thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and hopes to continue as the representative.
 10. Report of Election Results. Bill Lynch reported there were 100 ballots cased. Colleen Keating received 41, Brooke Jensen received 42 and Paul DeMichele received 17. Paul was thanked for his services.
 11. Set 2010 Annual Meeting date. The first Friday in August would be the 6th. Paul DeMichele requested to move the Annual Meeting to Saturday morning giving more people an opportunity to attend. To do that the By-laws would need to be changed.
 12. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by
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