

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LMCD)
SAVE THE LAKE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, 2017

Minnetonka City Hall, Burwell Conference Room, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m. **Present:** Dan Baasen, LMCD Committee Chair; Gregg Thomas, Jay Soule, Sue Shuff, and Dan Gustafson. Also present: Vickie Schleuning, LMCD Executive Director.

2. **Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

3. **Minutes**

No action.

4. **Topics Discussed.**

Policy Statement. Thomas stated that the policy statement for Save the Lake was meant to be helpful in the review process for STL. Thomas stated that it was only a draft for consideration, and the final discussion indicated that there were better alternatives to the statement. Soule stated that it is unclear of the direction of STL, and Gustafson concurred. After much discussion, it was determined that larger Board discussion and direction was needed regarding the role of STL and the committee, similar to the process for the AIS program.

Save the Lake History. Thomas looked at old records at LMCD to learn the history of Save the Lake. It started out at a fundraising with an interesting history of fundraising from banquets to stickers and more. Thomas stated he did not find if there was an original donation from Pillsbury. It appeared that STL donation drive started in 1974 with letters.

Hennepin County Sheriff Request. According to Schleuning, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office submitted a fund request outside of the normal Save the Lake grant request due to direction of the Board. Baasen stated that in the past some cities had concerns about their LMCD levy money going to the County Sheriff since levy already applied toward them.

Funding. In the past, a process was used to rate fund requests and then the final decision was made by the Board. The policy states that up to 25% of the STL funds may be granted. There is an estimated \$170,000. However, the Board is considering other ways the funds can be used due to current budget constraints.

Baasen stated that the Board will be considering the STL program including objectives, fundraising, education, environment/safety, and other program parameters. The role and any applicable regulations are also being reviewed.

Boater Safety Class. The Boater Safety Class is scheduled for June 19, 2017 from 7:30am – 6pm. Information will be sent out similar to the previous session.

Save the Lake Stickers. Schleuning presented the quotes received for stickers with various sizes based on the current logo and some being waterproof. The committee will review.

5. Next meetings are scheduled for April 11 and May 9.
6. A motion was made by Baasen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shuff. The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Schleuning
Executive Director