

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

7:00 P.M., July 11, 2018
Wayzata City Hall

WORK SESSION

6:07 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

Members present: Gregg Thomas, Tonka Bay; Chris Rich, Woodland; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Mike Molitor, Minnetrista; Sue Shuff, Minnetonka; Dan Baasen, Wayzata; Ann Hoelscher, Victoria; Mark Kroll, Orono; and Andrew Punch, Excelsior.

Also present: Jeff Thompson, Director of Planning and Building at the City of Wayzata; Vickie Schleuning, Executive Director; Troy Gilchrist, Legal Counsel; and Matthew Cook, Environmental Administrative Technician.

Members absent: Jay Green, Mound; Jake Walesch, Deephaven; Deborah Zorn, Shorewood; Bill Cook, Greenwood; and Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach.

1. Boat Lift and Canopy Cover Regulations

Schleuning provided an overview of the Board memo, stating that staff has received multiple inquiries regarding boat lift covers. The number of boat lifts installed has increased, partly due to zebra mussels and pontoon and wakeboard boats. At a previous meeting the Board requested staff bring back some examples for review and further discussion.

The question is how to measure the vertical height of the coverings: 1. From the highest material-covered point on the structure (often the peak of an arch in a boat lift covering), or; 2. From the top of the covering where the fabric begins to hang vertically.

The LMCD Code does not treat slip or lift covers with a fabric covering measuring 30 inches or fewer in height as a canopy. Schleuning noted that canopies require a 20-foot setback from the extended side site lines.

Kroll noted that it would be problematic if the LMCD only measured the "sides" of lift covers. He explained that a lift with a very high arch in the frame could greatly exceed 30 inches in height, yet still technically meet the requirements LMCD Code if the measurement only included the height of the sides of the fabric covers.

Molitor mentioned that the longer sides on the boat lifts appeared similar to canopies from a visual perspective. Adjacent property owners would likely not appreciate the additional solid surfacing next to their property.

Other board members agreed that the cover material vertical height should be measured from the peak or highest point to the lowest point of the cover.

2. LMCD Fees Discussion

Gilchrist provided the Board with a brief summary of the basis for establishing fees, reflecting costs of service. He stated that the fees may include the actual costs plus administrative costs to sufficiently cover full costs of services.

REGULAR SESSION

7:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Members present: Gregg Thomas, Tonka Bay; Ann Hoelscher, Victoria; Dan Baasen, Wayzata; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Mark Kroll, Orono; Mike Molitor, Minnetrista; Andrew Punch, Excelsior; Chris Rich, Woodland; and Sue Shuff, Minnetonka. Also present: Troy Gilchrist, LMCD Legal Counsel; Vickie Schleunig, Executive Director; and, Matt Cook, Environmental Administrative Technician.

Members absent: Bill Cook, Greenwood; Jay Green, Mound; Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach; Jake Walesch, Deephaven; and Deborah Zorn, Shorewood.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Shuff moved, Hughes seconded to approve the agenda as submitted.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chair announcements.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 06/13/18 LMCD Regular Board Meeting

Thomas referenced the first item of the worksession minutes, Update Wayzata Lake Effect Project, and stated that he would like it to read, "Jeff Thompson, Wayzata's Director of Planning and Buildings, provided an update..." He also suggested removing Jeff Thompson for the list of those also present, noting that section typically only lists LMCD staff members present.

MOTION: Kroll moved, Shuff seconded to approve the 06/13/18 LMCD Regular Board Meeting minutes as

amended.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Rich moved, Kroll seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items so approved included: **7A)** Audit of Vouchers (06/16/18 – 06/30/18 processed) and (07/01/18 – 07/15/18); **7B)** June Financial Summary and Balance Sheet; and, **7C)** Save the Lake Contribution Resolution (06/05/18 – 06/30/18).

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Persons in attendance, subjects not on the agenda (limited to 5 minutes)

There were no public comments.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

13. TREASURER REPORT

No comments made.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Schleuning provided the following information:

- Harvesting has resumed following the July 4th holiday. A tentative schedule is posted on the website and weekly updates will also be posted. She noted that the schedule has been adjusted to address the changes in vegetation that have occurred this year in the different bays. She noted that there is often

vegetation that washes ashore, not associated with harvesting operations but general boat traffic or weather conditions. Through the pilot program there are options for the vegetation to be picked up by the harvester if feasible or disposed of at the LMCD offload location. Property owners can contact LMCD to attempt to schedule pickup when the harvester is scheduled to be in their bay or fill out a MN DNR form online that would allow transportation of the aquatic vegetation to the LMCD offload location. She reported that there are two harvesters and one high speed/transporter in use.

Thomas noted that he received a notice from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center regarding an upcoming workshop. He stated that perhaps someone from LMCD should attend.

Schleuning stated that if the Board Director is interested, she could review the availability.

15. STANDING LMCD COMMITTEE/WORKGROUP

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee/Taskforce: No report.

Budget Workgroup: No report.

Recodification Workgroup: Schleuning stated that the documents were sent to the Board but noted that they were large documents and asked the Board members to alert staff if the email was not received. She stated that any feedback would be welcome from the Board.

Save the Lake Committee: Baasen reported that the group typically meets in July, but the meeting has been postponed to August 7th and will be held at the Minnetonka City Hall. He stated that fundraising has been encouraging thus far and stated that the celebratory materials created by staff have been working well to raise funds. He reported that the cushions that were being provided for \$250 donations are almost gone and asked for authority from the Board to order another 24 cushions, which would have a cost of approximately \$500.

MOTION: Baasen moved, Hughes seconded to order an additional 24 cushions as part of the contribution activities.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan Subcommittee: Schleuning reported that progress continues to be made regarding the strategic plan priorities.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

James Jay Green, Chair

Ann Hoelscher, Secretary