Minutes of the October 4, 2008  
Regular Commissioners Meeting of the  
JOHN'S LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The John's Lake Management District commissioners meeting was held at the Mount Morris Community Center.
The meeting was called to order by President Mike Ales at 9:10 a.m.
Commissioners present: Mike Ales, John Schmidt, Ted Miller, Bernadette Krentz, Dan Nowak.
Members present: Gordy Moldenhauer, Mark Krueger, Jerry Marek, Rick Ensslin, Joe Alberti.
The agenda was presented as published for approval. Motion to approve/second/passed.
The minutes from the May 2008 meeting had been mailed. A motion was made to approve/second/passed.
Treasurer's report was presented. Our current account balance is $8,610.22. We have received an Employee Identification Number (EIN) for tax purposes. Mailing costs have decreased with email.
Old Business:
Fish stocking: Joe Alberti has contacted the DNR and shared information regarding this. We are scheduled to receive trout again next year. We would need a permit to stock on our own. We reviewed our stocking report for the past several years. We have received a lot of brown trout and some rainbow trout in recent years. The DNR biologist recommends no predatory fish (Northern) and we don't think our lake would support Walleye without submerged rock formations. An application would be required to stock fish beyond what the DNR plans, and this will be explored. Motion to ask Joe Alberti to explore the application process was made. Approved/second/passed.
Fish Cribs: Ted Johnson of the DNR stated at the annual meeting last May that if we build fish cribs, we should build several, possibly 10 or 15. If we build only a few, this would lead to over fishing these few locations, and actually decrease the fishing potential of our lake. Ted Miller researched construction of fish cribs, and it’s a larger undertaking than we thought. Information and pictures were shared. Significant work and expense will likely result, and we need to gather more information. Ted was asked to pursue a committee to look into fish crib construction on other lakes, and what we will need. A schedule for construction will have to wait until more information is available. Gordy shared a picture taken many years ago when we last took on this project.
Water Test Report: The last UW-Stevens Point analysis was performed on 5/6/08. The report was shared and explained by Mike Ales. Total phosphorus is the prime concern with a lake like ours, and our measurement is less than 0.006. This appears to be the lowest level that they report. Total nitrogen has increased slightly, but this is still a very favorable number. This can result from Eurasian milfoil eradication and decomposition. The most significant cause of phosphorus is probably outdated septic systems.
New Business: none
Individual Commissioner's Comments: none
Individual Members Comments: 
Fireworks were brought up again. The lake association doesn't need to pursue any regulation, as these are already illegal to shoot off by state statutes. It was suggested that lake residents limit their celebration to the weekend of the fourth, and respect their neighbors the rest of the summer. Fireworks debris can't be good for the lake.
The Sheriff's dept has started patrolling local Lakes. Their report indicates that they were on Johns Lake three times this year. The county now owns a boat, and it's hoped that this will help improve the safety of boating in Waushara County.
High Speed internet: Residents on our lake are requesting CenturyTel to install DSL capability. Much of the equipment is in place, awaiting approval. It was requested that all property owners with a land line call 800-201-4099 and request high speed internet. There's no obligation. If enough of us call, those that want DSL might get CenturyTel to follow through with this.
Septic Systems: It was suggested that home owners be attentive to periodic pumping and maintenance. This issue could be discussed further at next year’s annual meeting. Would it be possible to negotiate a volume discount if several homeowners used the same service on a prearranged day?
Jerry Marek has lake frontage near Timler's that is unbuildable, but still getting assessed at prime rates by our current assessor. He asked if the Lake District would consider assuming ownership if this can't be worked out with his appeals. Mike Ales stated that the Lake District would be happy to take title to this property and keep it undeveloped.

10:40 Motion to adjourn/second/passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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