Minutes of the May 9, 2009
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 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners present: Mike Ales, John Schmidt, Ted Miller and Neal Strehlow, Town Supervisor.
Members present: Rick Ensslin, Joe Alberti, Alan and Terry Allbaugh.
The agenda was presented as published for approval. Motion to approve/second/passed.
The minutes from the March 28, 2009 meeting had been mailed. A motion was made to approve/second/passed.
Treasurer’s report was presented. Our current account balance is $9,018.57. Accounts payable includes the permit required for milfoil treatment and postage. Postage costs have decreased since many members receive correspondence by email.

Old Business:
Fish stocking: Joe Alberti has been in contact with the DNR as well as various fish hatcheries. The DNR continues to stock Johns Lake each year. Two weeks ago some 600 rainbow trout were introduced. We also were stocked last fall. Compared to other lakes in our area, we receive a lot of plantings. Joe reports that several area fish hatcheries would sell us additional stock. Scott Bundy of the DNR is against us stocking privately. He agreed to come shock our lake during the night later this month and survey our fish species by size and number. Our last shock survey was many years ago. It was decided that we table further discussion regarding private stocking until after we learn how we currently stand. We will coordinate with the DNR to insure that the right species and numbers exist for our lake.

Fish Cribs: Ted Johnson of the DNR stated at a previous annual meeting 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 is leading research with other lake districts that have done this recently. Mt. Morris lake attempted to place cribs on the ice, but they ended up in much deeper water than desired due to ice movement in the spring. Any species other than oak doesn’t last long enough to be worth the effort at construction. We discussed fish crib materials, construction, time of year, and renting a barge to accurately place the cribs. It was pointed out that while this would improve fish habitat and fishing on our lake, it would also eventually attract more fishing boats. With more outside fishermen, we would be placing our lake at higher risk for invasive species. We would also see more congestion on our lake. Why are we therefore discussing this? We will address this subject again at the annual meeting later this month and gauge how the members would like us to proceed.

Eurasian Water Milfoil: We have submitted a permit to treat with the DNR. We are in the last year of a three year contract with our current vender. Chad has agreed to treat us on Friday, May 15, as well as several other lakes in our area. This early spring treatment while the water is cool is much more effective than later in the year. Mike has evaluated other potential venders to sign with next year. We agreed that quality, thoroughness and familiarity with our lake will be more important than saving a few dollars. Chad seems to be both responsive and cost effective. Mike will continue to research our options.

Annual Meeting: Warden Dave Algrem will be available to speak at our May 23 meeting. Janelle will coordinate refreshments again. Terry offered to help. Amy Schumacher agreed to coordinate the Fourth of July boat parade. The theme is the 70’s.
Audit Committee: Rick and Al agreed to review the books prior to our annual meeting.

New Business: None.

Individual Commissioner’s Comments: Neal suggested that if property assessments need to be reviewed, owners should contact John Bodouski at Bowmar Appraisal, 920-733-5369. John would like to address concerns prior to the open book meeting.

Individual Members Comments: Alan and Terry Allbaugh are interested in donating lake frontage to the district. Mike reaffirmed that the district would be happy to receive property donations, keeping the property undeveloped and removing the tax burden from the previous owners. Members are reminded to respect burning permits and regulations. A forest fire would be devastating to all. Review this brochure. http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/publications/pdf/FR-400.pdf
Members should not place metal bouys to mark their raft anchors during the winter. These pose a hazard to snowmobiles, and increase the liability for the property owner.

10:40 Motion to adjourn/second/passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Miller, Secretary
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