

Phantom Lakes Management District  
August 25th, 2022, 6:00 pm Meeting Minutes  
Virtual Meeting with Audio Call-in

**APPROVED**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - a. Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Graczyk at 6:03 PM
- 2. Open Meeting Notice**
  - a. The meeting was noticed and posted according to law.
- 3. Roll Call**
  - a. Board Members Present: Joe Graczyk, Joe Kirchner, Adam Miller, Darlene Johnson, Jake Jagmin, Joanne Tlachac-Hehn, Dave Dubey. Also Present: Dawn Couillard, Colleen Mutchler, Steve Verduyn
- 4. Open Forum**
- 5. Announcements & Correspondence**
  - a. Henry Hecker, President of the Historical Society of Mukwonago, and Red Brick Museum has offered a historic tour of Phantom Lakes to the board members. Seeking a small contribution. Members are organizing a date to take the tour.
  - b. Jeff with Lake and Pond Solutions has been conducting the survey on Lower and Upper Phantom Lakes he contacted the board after the first day to notify us that we have a Starry Stonewort infestation. This is the largest infestation he has seen, prevalent throughout Lower Phantom. The DNR has been contacted and will visit Tuesday to inspect themselves. A telephone meeting with DNR's Heidi Bunk before this meeting indicated that the Starry Stonewort can cohabitate with the current species of the lake. Our lake harvesting permit may need to be adjusted moving forward to help prevent the spread. It is noted that chemical treatment and drawdown do not help with the infestation.
  - c. Boundary changes for Pointe Apartments are underway, need to submit document to Department of Revenue.
- 6. Secretary's Report**
  - a. Secretary Jake Jagmin made a motion to approve 07-28-2022 meeting minutes. Darlene Johnson seconds. Motion carries.
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Treasurer's Report reviewed by Treasurer Miller. County Supervisor Darlene Johnson makes a motion to approve Treasurer's report. Joanne Thlac-Hehn seconds. Motion carries.
- 8. Harvester Report**
  - a. Report given from Dawn Couillard. New operator Bobbi has caught on quickly, she has been running the large harvester.

- b. Mitch with ILH came out to test drive the new machine with an interested party from Buffalo Lake
- c. Heidi Bunk is coming out Tuesday to identify Starry Stonewort and show our harvesting crew. She has also noted the new harvester is pleasing and that we need to avoid the lakebed by the boat launch area.
- d. Rick with the Town was contacted by Chad Klawitter (harvest operator) a load of gravel will be delivered near the Town launch to help with grading and prevent water run-off drainage issues.
- e. Harvesters will be removed for the season in the first couple weeks of October. The YMCA barn is being cleaned and organized in preparation. Discussions about storing our three units are being had. The new harvester will need a spot in the barn along with either the truck or the large harvester. Looking into shrink wrapping the units to prevent any water damage.

#### **9. Fish Stocking**

- a. Steve Verduyn is organizing our annual fish stocking. Steve received quotes from three fisheries, Gollon Bait and Fish Farm was the most reasonable with free delivery. We have used them before and been pleased. A quote of \$6470 was received, additional donations made this possible this year. We had one donator request black crappies in addition to walleye and largemouth bass. We will order a 1/3 of each fish species. Jake Jagmin made a motion to issue payment of \$6470 to Gollon for fish stocking. Dave Dubey seconds. Motion carried.
- b. DNR has approved the fish we are choosing to stock
- c. Many people fishing the Phantom Lakes have commented on the size of our bass and the overall health of the lake
- d. The new website will feature a 'Fish of Phantom' page to display fish submission photos.

#### **10. Equipment Condition Update and Replacement**

- a. Trailer is almost done; an axle came in damaged and needed to be replaced. Trailer will then be painted.
- b. Final invoice came and has been submitted to the DNR for reimbursement.
- c. New harvester is running well, Heidi Bunk is impressed with how little sediment came off
- d. Front end repair on the big unit, idler roller, will need to be done during the off season.
- e. Dump truck will need a once over during the off season as well, brakes, hydraulic ram and an oil change to name a few.

#### **11. Lake Plant Survey Update and APM**

- a. Starry Stonewort has been identified in Lower Phantom Lake. Survey is currently being conducted.

#### **12. Audit**

- a. Audit should be complete before the annual meeting

### **13. Website Redesign**

- a. Looks clean and nice. Website should be published in the next couple days. Adding a 'Birds of Phantom' and 'Fish of Phantom' page to display photo submissions.

### **14. 2023 Geese Roundup and Landowners Permissions**

- a. Nothing new to report until we have presented at the annual meeting. It is imperative that we received landowners' permissions to conduct the roundup. A page in the newsletter is dedicated to this topic with the landowner's permission slip. Additional slips will be available at the meeting.

### **15. Preliminary Budget and Discussions**

- a. Fish donation contributions are up
- b. Town and Village letters have been drafted for yearly donations
- c. Channel harvesting will go down, new machine can manage the areas if water levels stay up. We will assess as we harvest the channels.
- d. Starry Stonewort infestation may contribute to changes, we have only just discovered the problem and are seeking information.

### **16. Annual Newsletter**

- a. Budget will be edited after tonight's changes
- b. Newsletter has been reviewed by the board and the final draft will be sent to Central Printing ASAP Friday (tomorrow).

### **17. Next Meeting September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7pm Mukwonago Town Hall and Police Department, W320 S8315 Beulah Road, Mukwonago – ANNUAL MEETING**

### **18. Adjournment**

- a. Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:36pm by Dave Dubey. Seconded by Darlene Johnson. Motion carried.