

RLAA Board Meeting Agenda for April 16, 2015

Location: Maple Grove Public Library (Room 105)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- **Call to Order at 7:10 pm**
 - Present: Rick Stulac, George Schneider, Scott Roeglin, Luke Johnson
 - Absent: Bill Kidder, Mark Ellingson
- **Approve the Agenda**
- **Treasurer Report (Rick)**
 - \$13,500 combined Checking and Savings
 - Pending bill for Fish Restocking (\$7,500+)
 - Pending reimbursement from City for Shoreline Assessment project (George to submit)
- **New Business**
 - **2015 Annual Meeting planning (All)**
 - 1st Tuesday in May (May 5)
 - Guest Speaker – James Johnson
 - Discussed who will present which portions (George to work on PPT draft)
 - Board Member elections: Review process for nominating, accepting and if vote is by the membership or just the board members
 - Scott to secure overhead projector from motel
 - Scott to also purchase \$100 gift certificates for drawing
 - **Channel Dredging update – Legal steps and how to finance (All)**
 - Board Consensus: Take no legal action at this time. Recommend the local neighborhood, who is impacted the most, approach the homeowner and request compliance with the project plan.
 - **Fish stocking has begun (George)**
 - Catch N Release signage being pursued couple of local suppliers
 - Asking City Parks department for permission to post at various locations
 - **Drop the Carp Barrier project since DNR did not grant permit (George)**
 - Need to use flappers to control fish migration when possible
 - **Alternative Project Funding methods (George)**
 - Discuss having separate funds for Special Interest projects (Weaver Lake does this today):
 - Fish Restocking fund (on-going) for those interested in fishing.
 - Channel Dredging project fund: Those who have vested interest in using the channel for access can contribute to a fund which would legally pursue an approach to attain that goal.
 - **2015 Lake Improvement Project (LIP) review (George)**
 - Final submissions due by 2/28 and approved by City Council in March meeting.
 - Submit reimbursement request on Shoreline Assessment project (George)
 - **Drawdown update (George)**
 - Water level still 4' less than it should be at this time of a normal season. May take a minimum of 20 days if we get above normal precipitation, according to the City of Maple Grove Engineering Department.
 - City Public Works and Parks departments did remove a number of trees which could be considered hazards to navigation, mostly along Elm Creek (north).

- Noted that at least 9 homeowners took advantage of the drawdown to work on their shoreline by installing riprap this past winter/spring. The City of Maple Grove also did some riprap work along the park trail in the Tristan Bay neighborhood.
 - **Shoreline Erosion Assessment project follow up** (George)
 - Impact on residents was that at least 9 residents took action and installed riprap along their shorelines this winter/spring. The City of Maple Grove also took such action in a few locations.
 - There has been no negative feedback on the project.
 - **Fish Restocking update** (George)
 - Restocking being done in 3 phases:
 - Phase 1 – Perch (500 spawners) installed April 14 by Ron Rademacher.
 - Phase 2 – Bluegills, Crappies, & spawning pairs of Largemouth Bass to be installed late spring.
 - Remaining Largemouth Bass to be install in the fall.
 - **Winter Aerator** (George)
 - Consider alternate storage assuming the City will no longer house equipment.
 - We still need to consider how/where to store our equipment on non-public property once we have it removed for servicing and installation.
 - Find an electrician to help test/repair motor for use next winter.
 - Check with local electrician who has been servicing Tristan Bay aeration system (George)
- **Other Business**
 - Request by resident to install dock in area which extends beyond their property in the West Bay portion of the lake (Shadow Creek). (Luke)
 - A resident whose shoreline is in water too shallow to moor a boat has asked if they could install their dock beyond their property on a run of roughly 250' gangway out to where deeper water exists.
 - This type of an installation would need to be approved by adjacent homeowners first, than pursued with the City of Maple Grove and then the DNR (maybe Three Rivers if also impacted).
 - Recommended check further if there are any local regulations about docks in that immediate area and if not, check with the City Planning Commission for their opinion.
 - 4/24 – Learned from the City Planner that there is a 75' maximum dock length allowed in the city limits. This request would require a variance, plus meet the requirements of the DNR.
- **Adjournment at 8:30 pm**

Minutes by George Schneider 4/18/2015

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