

CLRA Spring Meeting

June 8, 2013

- Meeting called to order by CLRA president Jerry Gilchrist at 9:06AM
- The minutes from the August 25th meeting were read by CLRA secretary Jennifer Kindt, and were approved through a motion by Barb Walters and seconded by Jim Hosbein
- CLRA treasurer Jim Hosbein read the treasurer's report. Assets totaled \$15467.93 as of 5/31/13, the savings account balance was \$4053.12 and checking account balance was \$426.51, and inventory is valued at \$988.30. Last year 153 members paid dues to the lake association. Cash increased by \$2118 last year due to the garage sale and logo merchandise. The newsletter also made \$100. Two CD's totaling \$10,000 are coming due. Don Dewey placed a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Jerry Spears.
- Dianne Bataglia welcomed new residents John and Cheryl Grever of Glen Ellyn, IL. They bought Iva Rhode's former residence.

2013 CLRA Sewer Project

Alan Smaka from Wightman & Associates presented on the timeframe and logistics for the upcoming sewer installation project. The project cost is \$3.12 million, with an additional cost of \$8,500 benefit fee + \$500 parcel. This is for a single residence. There will be a \$45/month septic service fee. The project was originally projected to cost \$4.54 million, but the cost was reduced because Hemlock and Pine lakes declined to participate in the project, and W&A had to resubmit to the USDA for just Cedar Lake.

The entity consists of two different projects: Project A: for the area directly around the lake, and Project B: for the lift stations and force-mains. The four components within the projects involve: pipeline (to do down the street), service leads going to individual properties, re-paving, and restoration. Residences on paved roads are projected to be completed first because the asphalt companies close for the season in late October to November. Alan Smaka stated that the contractors are responsible for the maintenance of any roads not repaved after the asphalt companies close for the season, so they would like to have these completed before that time. Further information regarding this project can be found at <http://www.wightman-assoc.com>

W&A is still gathering easements and are hoping to have all easements collected by the week of June 17th. This will be followed by the gathering of construction bids. W&A is considering delaying construction until after Labor Day for the convenience of the residents, with a completion date by the end of the year.

Online there is a form for residents to designate where they want the lead to be placed on their property. W&A will also have representatives coming around in August to distribute pink yard stakes which will also designate where the hook up, from the main, is to be placed.

Each resident will be notified after tests are found to be effective, and given 90 days to drain septic and have the lead hooked up to the main. The current septic system will need to be professionally abandoned and filled, but drywells and drain fields can remain as is. First connection notices should be expected in October. W & A will coordinate mail and garbage services so these services will not be disrupted. The sewer authority will be open from 8-11 on Wednesdays. These hours will be extended from Tuesday to Thursday from 8-11 during construction.

Alan confirmed that the force-main running down Burlington cannot support the load from Cedar Lake.

We were awarded a \$1.4 million grant and a \$1.7 million loan. The interest rate for this was not specified. We qualified for the grant because we had such a small ratio of residents in relation to the overall cost of the project. Gravel Lake has 380 customers who use 5 pumping station, but we have 172 customers who will be using 7 pumping stations. A list of contractors can be found under construction details on the aforementioned website. It will benefit residents to seek group rates for the filling and abandonment of their systems as it will cost less for contractors to perform this system in bulk than on an individual basis.

Bill Tucholke spoke about items for sale. There is a large depth representation of our lake made of hard wood at a very low rate.

Barb Wolfrum was recognized for her hard work and time invested to update the lake association directory. Don Dewey shared that the assoc. can save as much as 40% by using Moormann printing in Marcellus.

Larry Wolfrum was recognized for his hard work and efforts in creating the CLRA website. 70% of households have provided their email addresses for the website. He is currently looking for a nice panoramic picture of the lake for the website, if anyone has one please forward it to him.

Jim Walters shared the water quality report. He indicated that we are members of the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association where volunteers go and measure lake water quality and share those reports with the state.

The secci disc readings are done weekly, with typical winter readings of 20' and summer averaging 10'. The chlorophyll readings are done 1X/month at a depth of 30'. Phosphorus is done in the spring and the fall, and invasive weed observations are ongoing. Some weeds of concern are: purple loose strife, curly leaf pond weed, Eurasian milfoil, and phragmites. Jim is no longer testing for e-coli. Secci disc readings stay consistent and are amongst the best in the state. Phosphorus is on the rise, but hopefully the decrease in water levels and the introduction of sewers will help keep this number down. Please keep a 20' buffer zone between your lawn and the waterline. 1 pound of phosphorus generated 10,000 pounds of weeds. Phosphorus levels are still high. Please use phosphate-free fertilizers and eliminate phosphates in dishwasher and laundry detergents. Jim is interested in passing this service over to another lake resident. Discussion was shared about having PLM perform these services at a cost of \$500/year, but concerns were voiced that this was a conflict of interest. Dave Kindt volunteered to take over the monitoring of the lake

Dick Vlasak shared the weed treatment report. PLM completed a lake weed analysis which was conducted on May 23rd. Results indicate that there is no Eurasian Milfoil, algae numbers are increased, and there is Curly Leaf Pondweed over three acres of the lake: in the cove on lake street, south shore of the bay by Spears, and by Mauks. These were treated with Tribute on May 27th. Phragmites has been spotted in limited quantities in the marsh/swamp areas and will be treated in the fall. Purple Loose Strife can only be treated on land, the DNR prohibits the treatment of PLS in the water. PLM will continue doing treatment during the summer months. PLM will take e-coli readings on 7-13-13, and reports that overall the lake is in good condition. A question was asked about PLM switching to more sustainable/eco-friendly means of lake treatment as a part of the contract, but no recollection of this was stated. We are committed to a 5 year contract with PLM.

Barb Walters shared the content of the Cedar Lake History book. The book has five main areas:

1. Geographic History by John Grossa on how the lake was formed.
2. Human History of the early native inhabitants of Cedar Lake.
3. Copies of the first white settlers, including the 1832 land survey, the first of its kind, original land grants, and plat maps from the early 1800's on.
4. Van Buren County History: copies of deeds of 1st cottages, photos dating back to the 1920's, and CLRA minutes from the 1970's.

5. 50 Memory histories including blank pages for personalization

All items are edited and preliminary costs for the book are as follows:

Book layout: \$2,250.00 per Julie Mason.

Printing & Binding: 8 X 11 soft cover: \$20/book (100 copies), or \$15/book (200 copies)

8 X 11 hard cover: additional 25 cents/page

(Aggregate project costs) \$30/page for 50 pages, \$25/page for 80 pages

Jim Hosbien motioned we invest the \$2,250.00 for a prototype plus the \$80/book fee. Don Dewey seconded the motion.

New Business:

Dick Beach read a letter from Kay Weist stating that she would host a picnic on July 6th, 2013 at noon. Food will be provided at a cost of \$7.00/for those over the age of 5, and those under 5 are free. Discussion was shared about the cost of purchasing tables at \$80/table, but the previous motion to purchase the tables was rescinded at the May 5th spring planning meeting. A motion was made by Jen Kindt to have the picnic in true picnic style with blankets and lawn chairs. Motion went unsupported. More discussion followed with a motion to close the issue by Valerie Bent followed with a second by Don Dewey. CLRA is not supporting the 2013 picnic.

Discussion was opened about the 2013 boat parade. Jim Walters motioned to continue parade without the water fight followed by a modification by Sandy Percich for a late start. Dave Kindt made a motion for a 7 PM parade followed by a second by Jim Walters. 22 in favor and 8 opposed. Motion carried.

The MLSA conference is on June 26th. There is availability for residents to attend.

Marilyn Meek proposed to have a potluck "Floatilla" style. She and Jen Kindt will coordinate date and time.

Dick Beech moved to adjourn at 11:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Kindt, CLRA Secretary