

**LAKE PULASKI IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2002
Buffalo Public Library**

BUFFALO, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Present: Florence Deutsch
Galen Eastlack
Kathryn Hoy
John Siffert
Judie Rose

Guests: Teri Lachermeier, City of Buffalo Council Member.
Del Haag, City of Buffalo Council Member
Fred, Mayor
Ken Jude
Bruce Anderson, Representative

The 18th Annual meeting of the Lake Pulaski Improvement District to order by Florence Deutsch, chair.

The minutes of previous annual meeting:

M/S/C: Dave Rose moved to recommend approval of the 2001 annual meeting minutes. Greg Hules seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **Holding Ponds/Development:** Brad Dewolf, Consulting Engineer for the City of Buffalo was introduced and proceeded with a presentation explaining the holding ponds, pollution prevention measures being used by the city to ensure that all the lakes in the city are clean, holding pond requirements and Pulaski Ponds outlet structure.

Storm water quality Improvements:

All developments are required to store water so that they do not discharge it downstream faster than if the water ran off the land in its pre-developed condition.

This has been going on for 15 years.

Treatment of Storm Water:

- Construct Retention Ponds
- Construct wet lands
- Mechanical Treatment Procedures: Manholes and underground treatment centers.

Pollution Prevention Measures:

- Sweep the streets.
- Implementing phosphorus free fertilizer ordinance in the watershed.
- Education contractors of properly using silt fence.
- Three-foot wide strip of sod behind all the curbs to control erosion.
- Contractors provide a vegetation buffer around all ponds.

Mr. DeWolf highlighted the eight developments surrounding Lake Pulaski and informed the members as to the status of their holding ponds.

Lake residents had many questions for Mr. DeWolf regarding the efficiency of the holding ponds and what to do to make them work better.

The following are questions landowners had for the city regarding the holding ponds and the level of the lake:

- People want to see something done with erosion. Lawns in new developments should be in place within a reasonable time frame.
- Explain the drainage structure at Pulaski Ponds.
- Like to see the holding ponds built before the houses are built.
- Insuring that the individual builders be kept under supervision by the city regarding their development.
- What do we do about illegal pumping from developments into the lake?
- Can we change the depth of the holding ponds?

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- Can the city treat the phosphorous now rather than a year from now?

Lake level right now is 966.02. This is the highest level since June 1996.

2. Paul Dietrick, DNR Area Fisheries Office

Status of the fish in Lake Pulaski.

- Northern Pike – very abundant
- Walleye – Population is high
- Netting every 6-7 years.
- Stock every other year.
- Sunfish are abundant but small
- Should encourage anglers to release larger fish.

3. 2001 Boating Regulations:

Florence spoke with Joel Mac_____ . Mr. _____ told her that the no wake ordinance is now in affect due to the high water. This can be enforced the best they can. First time is a warning; the second time the boater will be fined. The watercrafts need to be 300 feet from shore.

4. Milfoil Update: Galen Eastlack

We had a cold spring, then warm summer, and then rain equals weeds. The milfoil in the lake is bad this year. The LID Board has hired Professional Lake Management, which is a nationwide company that treats weeds in lake all over the nation. They are focusing on Eurasian Milfoil in lake. The PLM came to Pulaski in July to do an extensive survey of the lake. Our choices are as follows:

- Do what we are doing to minimize the crop of milfoil.
- Don't treat it at all. If it isn't treated at all, it will be very thick.

We have been able to keep it at a level where it is under control.

Plan for this year:

We have a huge amount of nuisance weeds.

The PLM will work with the State of Minnesota for different treatments of milfoil.

New product contains 2-4D attaches to the milfoil.

Treatment will cost \$35,000 per year. This is our largest expense. This is part of our current budget.

5. Election of Officers:

Judie Rose and Florence Deutsch are up for election. Nominations were opened to the floor. Nominated for re-election was Judie Rose and nominated was Greg Hules.

M/S/C: Tim Busse moved that the nominations be accepted, seconded by Dave Rose.

Results were to re-elect Judie Rose and elect Greg Hules for three-year terms.

6. Budget: Calendar Year

2002 \$34,800.00

2003 \$48,700.00

Estimating approximately \$5000 to treat the lake. Treating the lake in the fall will eat the entire budget. We will have to dip into reserve to cover 2002. 2003 budgeted \$3500 for milfoil. Insurance costs have gone up 15%. Water quality as mentioned is budgeted at \$4000. Pumping is the electric expense. Expenses to run the pumps are shared with the city. The city maintains the pumping station and cleaning the screens. The LID pays for the electricity to turn on the pumps.

M/S/C: Wendell Setterberg made a motion to approve the 2002 budget, seconded by John Siffert.

Thank you to Carl Johnson for measuring the lake level daily.

Thank you to Ron Muntifering for maintaining the buoys at Little Pulaski.

Thank you to Florence for her years of service.

7. New Business:

There are an increasing number of recreational boats on the lake. Consequently we get more attention from the water patrol.

M/S/C: Tim Busse moved to adjourn this annual meeting of the Lake Pulaski Improvement District. Motion seconded by Dave Rose. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Busse
Administrative Assistant