

## **Lake Marinuka Protection & Rehabilitation District Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 11/26/24**

Attendees: Dan T, Tom G, Jim S, Terry W, Dan C      Absent: Paul H

1. October Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jim S and 2nd by Terry W to approve October meeting minutes. Approved October meeting minutes will be forwarded to Jennifer at the city for record keeping.
2. Levy & City Grant Status: Paperwork has been submitted and approved by the City of Galesville and the Town of Gale. All necessary documentation has been completed.
3. Engineering Update From Davy Engineering: Dan Cook provided an update on the preliminary sedimentation basin and lake grading plan. The estimated amount of material to be removed is lower than initially thought, which is positive for cost and/or scope. As Dan Cook gets more data we will discuss further the possibility of benefits having fluctuating water depths. Dan Cook projected that he is hoping to have the basin and lake grading plan completed for our next meeting January 28th.
4. Campus Court Drainage Easement Request - City of Galesville: The question was whether we would allow the city to go forward with design plans and to include our land in their study. Discussion ensued regarding potentially using a bio-filter or infiltration trench to clean the water before discharge. Jim S made a motion to allow the city to pursue putting a storm drain through our land and build into that plan assistance to drain the low area to the left and bottom of the drive onto the peninsula. Dan T said so we have a motion to allow the city and Davey Engineering to pursue designing a system with storm drains on the Lake District Property. City to help us alleviate drainage off the Lake District peninsula. Motion by Jim S, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry W and carried. Dan T asked Tom T, Mayor, if he wanted an email. Tom T, Mayor, stated yes I want something in writing, we will have to talk to lawyer and draw something up in general terms for a signature. Dan T to send email to Tom T and Jennifer (email attached to these minutes).
5. Land ownership costs and future plan options: The board reviewed the increased liability insurance costs for property owned by the lake district. Dan T stated and we discussed his concerns regarding the development of turning the property into a park. His concern was that the district lacks the resources to develop and maintain the property as a public space. The discussion focused on the need for public access to secure funding for dredging projects. There was a consensus that public access is crucial in obtaining federal, state and private funding. Dan T felt that the Lake District is not the appropriate body to manage public spaces and a partnership with the city is necessary. Future plans options to be discussed further and treasurer to search for better insurance rates.
6. Public Survey Draft: A comprehensive community survey is being developed to gather input from district residents and stakeholders about the lake's future. A rough draft was submitted to the board and the public attending the meeting. Terry W asked for input as to additional questions, revisions, and suggestions to be incorporated into the final survey which we will distribute to the public in hard copy, web site, face book or other distribution. All district members can reply on the email list with their

suggestions and or concerns. Topic to be revisited in January's meeting.

7. Lakekit.net Web Hosting & Support: An informational flyer was passed out and the idea of using Lakekit.net to conveniently and economically develop a web site was discussed. The desirability of being able to use a QR code and/or Paypal for donations was deemed essential. A motion was made by Terry W, 2nd by Jim S and passed to proceed with follow up and allocating the \$125 required to get our web site set up.

8. Board of Commissioners of Public Lands: Fact Sheet was passed out for future reference in the event we need to borrow funds to complete our project. BCPL manages Wisconsin's trust assets for public education and 100% interest earned on the money that is loaned is distributed in the form of state aid for public school library, media and resources. Our payments would reduce local real estate taxes by providing schools with another source of funding.

9. Discussion on Funding Tools: Brochures, flyers, easel boards and 4x8 in-ground outdoor signs to be used to increase public awareness and obtain donations was discussed. Tom G questioned how successful the flyers were in raising money for the Lake Henry project. Terry T did not know what success was attributed specifically to the flyers. However, It was agreed that developing materials to show potential donors is essential. Jim S expressed that our web site should be created first as the central point for information which can then be used to develop other marketing materials and should include a QR code for easy access. It was agreed to use the website as a starting point for further marketing efforts.

10. Grant Writing Preliminary \$1,200 Expenditure: Hiring a professional for grant writing, with a \$1,200 initial expenditure, as well as alternatives was discussed. Both Jim S and Dan T will reach out to local experts with grant writing experience to see if any of their contacts would be interested. Also, a local expert may be able to help us find a trusted firm to assist us if they are not personally interested in doing the work themselves. Tabled for further discussion in January.

No meeting in December. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Jim S and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom G