

Rushford Lake Recreation District
Regular Meeting
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Chairman, William Sikorski called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: William Sikorski, Chairman Rhonda Kozlowski, Secretary
Rick Gaczewski, Vice Chairman
Gene Morton, Commissioner
Dick Boas, Commissioner
Scott Walter, Commissioner

Absent: William Szabo, Treasurer

Guests: Matt Chimera Jeff Price William Conell
Mike Holmes Don Marinucci Russ Morris
Sheldon Smith Maggie Krzyzanowski

Requests:

Price, John and Diane. 8886 Balcom Beach. Area C. L392. Upon motion by Rick approval was given for a license and rebuilding the existing dock. New dock construction was denied pending clearly marked property lines, revised drawing with dimensions and a group inspection.

Zehnder, Bruce and Kim. 8822 Balcom Beach. Area C. L370. Upon motion by Rick approval was given for a license and installation of a boat hoist.

Hunter, Mark. 8085 Lakeshore Drive. Area G. B282. Upon motion by Rick approval was given for a license and removal of a post in the lake.

Sturm, James. 8111 Woodside Drive. Area G. B279. Upon motion by Rick, the request for rebuilding the dock was tabled. Drawings with overall dimensions are needed.

Trail 1 Community Dock (James Kay Jr) Upon motion by Rick the request was denied. This area would not support the additional traffic that this dock would cause, additionally there would be excessive erosion of the banks again due to the increase in traffic.

Kay, James Jr. 8192 Trail 2. Area H. L177. Request to install approximately 400' of breakwall was denied upon motion by Rick. The District has no authority to remove docks without just cause. This never would have been a problem had the breakwall not been removed.

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Kostrzebski and Hammond. Ryan Inlet. Requested a dock license. A letter will be sent explaining why they are included in the District and that the District does not have jurisdiction over the docks in that area. Noted their concern and willingness to cooperate is appreciated.

Old Business: Approved payment for computer upon motion by Gene.

Weiser Community Dock concerns were addressed. Scott noted the breakwall is falling in and considers it unsafe. Matt Chimera noted the dock is also leaning. It was further noted that the tie backs were not done properly. A letter will be sent to request a meeting with members of the dock association.

Discussed setting a deadline for submittal of late winter/early spring requests. All agreed a resolution should be submitted creating a Feb.1 deadline (based on water conditions). All other requests will be required by the first of each month. It was noted the time frame could still create problems, because a request cannot be submitted on the first and be ready for a meeting on the fifth or sixth for example.

Maggie noted she was happy to see the lake rising.

Discussed Dick's suggestion for a new lock system for the office. Gene stated the price was too much. Gene suggested just re-keying the locks. Upon motion by Dick a decision was tabled in order for Dick to pursue further options.

New Business: Rick suggested the Board utilize working from Committees more. Because of the increased work load, he believed this would aid in progress. All agreed to review. Sheldon Smith asked if committees would be just board members or would some residents be included. The Board stated they would consider use of volunteers.

Rick suggested drafting a "letter of intent". This would be issued stating a permit will be issued subject to DEC approval. He stated in some instances, a request should be denied and a "letter of intent" issued. These letters would be for construction. Sheldon asked if this would be a three step process. Rick stated yes.

Bill noted a meeting with the DEC is needed.

Discussed contractor's concerns. Discussed a breakwall reported to be of untreated lumber. Dick stated he believed they were referring to the Tredway breakwall and it is fine. Scott stated he believed the ties were not treated. Dick and Rick stated they were pressure treated ties.

All agreed to personally contribute to the SPCA in memory of Sen. Pat McGee. All were reminded that District funds cannot be used for this purpose, thus the personal contributions.

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Noted the valves on the dam were closed Tuesday, April 5, 2005. Elevation is 1435.5' and rising at about ½ foot every 12 hours. Ice is no longer a concern.

Noted Acres International cored the piers on April 6, 2005.

Answering questions from Sheldon Smith, it was noted the lake is filled at ice out. The Board and employees at the dam have to possess the authority to open and close the valves as needed. Often quick decisions need to be made.

Bob Pomeroy was advised the valves would be closed Tuesday, April 5. Bob Weed was unavailable. The Board relies a great deal on Bob Pomeroy's expertise. At the present time, ice on the lake is not an issue. It was noted managing the lake level is a constant challenge.

Open Forum:

Sheldon asked about permission for his client, James Kay to sandbag per DEC recommendations.

Rick noted the DEC is concerned about erosion where the breakwalls were removed. It was noted the DEC is considering ordering sandbagging. It was further noted the breakwalls were removed without a DEC permit.

It was stated permits from the DEC and the RLRD are needed before work below the 1450' elevation can proceed. It was further noted the Board was very specific about which sections of breakwall could be replaced.

All agreed to issue a letter of permission to proceed with the DEC for a Community Dock at the end of the Trail One stub. Noted this is just a letter to go to the DEC. It is not a permit or agreement.

Sheldon asked about his clients request to continue a breakwall near Dick Farwell's at Trail 2. The Board stated they cannot go behind the existing docks without approval from the licensees. It was noted if the dock licensees agree, the Board will reconsider the request.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM upon motion by Rick.

Submitted by,

Rhonda Kozlowski
District Secretary