

2009-08-28 RLRD Meeting (Recreation District)  
Rushford Lake Recreation District  
Regular Meeting  
August 7, 2009

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Treasurer, William Szabo called the meeting to order at 7:40PM. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Deb Aumick, Commissioner  
David Hirsch, Commissioner  
Gene Morton, Commissioner  
Dick Hubbard, Commissioner  
Maggie Krzyzanowski, Commissioner  
William Szabo, Treasurer  
Rhonda Kozlowski, Secretary

**Guests:**

Bob Weed	Jim Gavner	Swarthout
Michelle Weed	Sarah Augugliaro	Jeff
Allen Hirsch	Gary Jaros	Frank Eitler
Linda	Esther Hallett	Thomas Thomas
Gary Till	Dan Lotz	Tina Koehler
Bob Panter	Dennis Mescall	Terri Rogers
Amy Murray	Danny C. Harris	John Cady
David Pease	Jenny Harris	Bonnie Cady
Dick Schilling	Carl Salzmann	Sandy Gleed
Marilyn Schilling	Violet Rossow	Bill Sikorski
Judy Wirth	Patrick O'Connor	Dave Gleed
Mary Smith	Dale A. Young	Mary Jo Hubbard
Susan Jaros	Grace Young	Mishell Miller
Janet Gaczewski	Greg Honsberger	Chuck Stewart
Lynn Honsberger	Kathy Hock	Mary Stewart
Marge Gavner		Mike Holmes

**Swearing in of Commissioners:** David Hirsch, Dick Hubbard and Maggie Krzyzanowski  
Were each separately sworn in by District Secretary-Rhonda Kozlowski.

**Election by Board Members of Chair and Vice Chair:**

Deb Aumick opened by stating she would not return as chair as it was the opinion that the Chair should be one of the elected officials. She thanked everyone for their support and nominated David Hirsch to be the Chair. Gene made the second. Motion carried. Dave thanked all and said he would represent everyone the same.

Gene then made the motion that Deb Aumick be the Vice Chair. Dave made the second. Motion carried.

Meeting then turned over to new Chair: David Hirsch.

**Appointment of Treasurer and Secretary:**

Deb made motion to go into executive session after the close of the meeting to discuss personnel. No second made.

Maggie made motion to reappoint Bill Szabo as Treasurer. Deb made the second. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Maggie made motion to reappoint Rhonda Kozlowski as Secretary. Gene made the second. Deb wanted to look at the need for a full-time secretary and look into whether it should be salary or hourly in looking down the road at a possible Lake Manager. Motion was open on the floor. Deb voted nay, all others voted aye-motion carried.

**Minutes:** Deb made motion to approve minutes from last meeting. Gene made the second. Motion carried

**Grant Update/Consulting Services:** Bill Sikorski filed the necessary, requested changes “again” for the grant money. The State of NY has assured the RLRD that the money is, in fact, actually there. Hard copy has been supplied to Rhonda of current changes.

Bill also stated he submitted to the Board his “job description” as official liason for RLRD. The Board needs to review this “job description” and add/change as they see fit. Also to decide on what money will be involved with Bills work-based on hours he ends up putting in.

Went on to further discuss necessary work and training for anyone interested and to include the Belfast Fire Dept. since they are the first ones to respond to Dam emergencies.

Discussed EAP and Comprehensive Plan. The EAP was updated last fall, but needs updating every year and we were waiting for current board to be seated to finalize. Usually by about a month after the election and to advise the DEC.

**Requests**

**Langenbach, Joseph.** Motion made by Deb to approve the request to repair or replace dock using same footprint. If any other lake-bed use needed, he would need to seek DEC approval. Gene made the second. All voted aye. Motion carried. (old dock # 471)

**Salzmann/Blidy.** Motion made by Deb to approve the dock addition requested. Gene made the second. All voted aye. Motion carried. The addition will not infringe on surrounding docks. Discussion also made regarding their need to go to DEC as well. (dock # 027)

**Dearstye, Donna.** Motion made by Deb to rebuild/repair dock. Maggie made the second. All voted aye. Motion carried. (dock # 160)

**O'Hara, Kathleen.** Motion made by Gene to install a footer drain pipe and a scratch ditch that will go around building to gather rain water from gutters and down spouts to carry it out to the lake. Maggie made the second. All voted aye. Motion carried. (dock # L420)

**Pease, David.** Request for license has been tabled. Mr. Pease has to have exposed wires fixed or removed and will update the Board before the next meeting for inspection before a decision is made.

**Till, Gary.** Request for license. There are 4 licenses for 1 dock that can only hold 2 boats. Request to be tabled in order to further research the issue and consult with the attorney.

\*This issue brought up a past decision made at a prior meeting, where it restricted the building of any dock or putting in of any lift on Trail 5. No requests have even been made and should be voted on independently when and if the issue comes up. Dick made a motion to rescind this matter. Maggie made the second. People from Trail 5 were represented at the meeting and discussion ensued regarding the issue. Final vote was Deb-nay, Gene-nay, Maggie-aye, Dick-aye and Dave-aye. Motion carried to rescind prior decision.

**Stewart/Miller.** There is a request for a license for dock 109 which is in disrepair. Current holder is Tripoli. Motion made by Deb to send certified letter to Tripoli to give her until next Spring to repair or remove dock and to request a dock license. Gene made the second. The motion was amended to send certified letter giving her 30 days to submit a request for transfer of the license and a plan to remove or repair, noting that if it is removed, they may lose their rights to a license. If she doesn't submit that in 30 days from receipt of the letter, then we rescind the license and tear the dock out since it is unsafe. All voted-aye. Motion carried.

\*This request for a license for dock 109 is tabled pending the outcome of the above. The offer to him for a dock on Timberland will still be available if 109 doesn't work out.

\*Regarding Miller who was to share the 109 space with Stewart-in the cove at the end where 109 is, there is a dock that could be added onto (would be a community dock-adding on to the existing dock) after Dave confers with the current dock holder-Maggie made motion to table this issue until dock committee can meet and discuss making this a community dock without breaking the moratorium. Deb made the second. All voted-aye. Tabled

\*Issue came up saying there is a Dock Waiting List in the file cabinet. Deb would like to see the list at the next meeting.

**Stephens, Laurence.** Motion made by Dick to approve the request to replace the rest of the walkway as well as the three steps leading to the walkway.\*After review of all property lines first. Gene made the second. All voted-aye. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Rossow, Violet.** Motion made by Dick to send a certified letter requesting she submit within 30 days of receipt of letter-a plan outlining what she is going to do (building) and a time line of such plans. Deb made second. All voted-aye. Motion carried.

**Fraass, Robert.** Dave stated he had met with Mr. Fraass 3-4 weeks ago and explained that he needed to discuss with his neighbor the need to trim back a tree on neighbors property. He did in fact meet with the neighbor-who had no problem with that, and proceeded to trim the tree. Certified letter needs to be sent to Mr. Fraass reminding him of RLRD policy regarding the need to obtain RLRD permission.

Discussion ensued as to when permission from RLRD is needed to “trim” below the 1450, and when is it considered “maintenance”. Deb made motion that whenever anything is being done to any trees below the 1450, permission must be sought by the RLRD first. Gene made the second. Maggie voted-nay. All others-aye. Motion carried.

**Mahon, Anna.** Property has been cleaned up but not sure about the drainpipe. An inspection will be completed prior to next meeting. Terri Rogers spoke from the audience to say that Mr. Mahon has been in the RLRD office to give updates, and it is in the file.

**Ciolek, Leonard.** Dave is getting in touch with Gary Clinton-the Rushford Town Police Officer to go over and issue Mr. Ciolek a ticket for trespassing and for parking on District property.

**Cox, Bruce.** Nothing has been done regarding the grinding of the tree stumps so their dock license remains suspended.

**Swarthout, Philip.** No license was ever issued for him. Previous owners had given him permission to moor his boat there. Right now where the community dock is, there is no room.

Inspection needs to be done for the spot on the side of the peninsula to see if it would infringe on Mr. Youngs property. Put on next meeting inspections. Also, no buildings or septic in Swarthout area. Motion made by Deb to table for more research. Maggie made the second. All voted-aye. Motion carried.

**Depasquale.** Discussion of need to remove sheds that are in terrible shape that are on District property. Deb made motion to send him a certified letter stating the sheds need to be removed. Dick made the second. All voted-aye. Motion carried.

**Newsletter & Website.** It is on Dick,s agenda to do.

\*Also discussed how possibly in the future, to do a mailing to all for updates of records and dock numbers.

### **New Business**

**Saturday Hours.** For now, Saturday hours are stopped for the remainder of the season. It was productive in the first month or two, but now not necessary. Deb made the motion to stop Saturday hours. Gene made the second. Dick voted-nay, all others-aye. Motion carried.

### **Finance**

Treasurer, Bill Szabo presented financial results to date. He stated it takes \$130,000. to run the RLRD. Discussed items needing to be addressed in 2010 such as the valves, outside sluice, limit switch, re-pointing of bricks, vegetation removal and break-wall at Balcom Beach. Bill Sikorski will look into getting the re-pointing done. Discussed putting the vegetation removal out for bid.

Dick made a motion to bid and research the following projects not in excess of \$87,000..

- Brush removal

- Counter weight

- 120 linear feet of re-pointing

- Balcom Beach break-wall

Maggie made the second. Motion carried.

Noted the super structure needs cleaned and inspected. Noted RLRD tax will increase 5%.

### **Open Forum**

A question was presented about someone being an employee and a Commissioner and could this be a conflict of interest. It was noted no Commissioner is also an employee.

Bob Panter thanked the board for doing their job.

The operators at the dam were commended for a great job this rainy year.

Discussed re-vamping policies and procedures.

Deb made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal issues. Dick made the second. Carried. 10:40 PM.

Returned to regular session at midnight upon a motion by Maggie and a second by Dick. Carried.

Reported Deb Aumick left the meeting at 11 PM. Dick nominated Maggie to chair the legal committee. Gene made the second. Carried. Adjourned at 12:01 AM

Submitted by, Terri Rogers, Asst. Secretary