

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2016, 6 p.m.

Place: Jim Lefebvre's residence, 8940 Vista Point Drive.

Directors Present: Bill Yueill, George Golden, Ben Connors, Jim Lefebvre, Don Herman, Bill Fredell

Directors not in attendance: Don Davies

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

1. Don Herman invited Isanti County Sheriff Chris Caulk and Isanti County Sheriff Assistant Doug Barron to the meeting. Topics discussed included the following:
 - Break-ins and thefts around Blue Lake.
 - Know Your Neighbor's Initiatives, such as block parties and "neighborhood nights" help neighbors get to know each other and provide easier sharing of information.
 - Perhaps consider developing a Blue Lake Crime Watch program in the future.
 - Key message from the Sheriff's department is to report any activities that are irregular or in any way suspicious. Take photos of cars and licenses. Call the Sheriff's office, share information, and send photos of cars and licenses if there is suspicious activity. The Sheriff encouraged Blue Lake owners to share information about absences and watch neighboring properties for unknown visitors.
 - A discussion regarding the control of the North Access. While a long term answer was not considered, problems should be reported to the township supervisors and to the sheriff's office. Problems are not resolved unless the township and sheriff's office are notified.
 - Sheriff Caulk shared a multi-page listing of service calls in both Spencer Brook and Stanford Townships between 1/1/16 and 6/8/16. The sheriff's office is busy in our area.
 - The BLID Board thanked Sheriff Caulk and Assistant Doug Barron for attending the meeting and sharing information relative to safety and security at Blue Lake. They left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
2. There was a motion and second to approve as presented the Prior Board Meeting from Feb. 11, 2016. Motioned passed.
3. A motion was made to establish a yearly schedule of BLID meetings, held at a routine time and place, and shared with the BLID membership and the public so that BLID members could attend meetings and participate more easily. This plan would also allow for easier public notices of meetings in the ***Isanti County News***. The motion passed.

4. George Golden, Jim Lefebvre, and Deanna Louie investigated grants available from the Isanti County Water Conservation District for installing buffer strips along shorelines to filter water before it flows into the lake. The purpose of the buffer strip is to filter out phosphorus before it enters the lake. The concept being explored is to have a BLID member's donated labor serves up to 25% of the total cost for materials and labor. The grants will possibly be funded through the Rum River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy. Tiffany Detterman, SWCD Manager, will present more about this 2017 project at the BLID annual meeting in August.
5. Weed Treatment. Lake Restoration treated 11.2 acres for curly leaf pond weed. Ben Connors pointed out that his business and family schedule have made it difficult for him to study the weed situation, lead efforts, and that he would have to secure other assistance to get the job done.
6. Watercraft monitoring at the access points. Don reported that Waterguards is serving again this year, with personnel at both access points on Fridays through Sundays. Personnel are shifted from lake to lake, so we will probably not have the staff dedicated just to Blue Lake as we did in 2015.
7. Water Quality. Jim Lefebvre pointed out that the sampling continues and that water quality is better than last year. Jim is collecting data relative to clarity in the lake itself. The Isanti County SCDE measures the streams for flow and quality that enter Blue Lake from the four streams.
8. A formal treasurer's report was not available. George Golden presented a list of actual and anticipated expenses, with the conclusion that we would have enough income to fund the current projects, along with a suitable cushion for emergencies.
9. Board of Directors update. Bill Fredell has resigned effective Aug. 1. Dan Dixon has agreed to complete Fredell's term. Jim Lefebvre's and Don Herman's terms end this year. Both have agreed to serve and stand for re-election. Dan Dixon's name will be presented to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting.
10. The BLID Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on August 27, 2016 at Stanford Town Hall. The executive committee will have to meet sometime in July and August to arrange details. Proposed budget and Board nominations will have to be mailed 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting on Aug. 27.
11. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Fredell, Board Secretary