



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD
July 5, 2007 **Meeting Time: 7:00PM**

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:11PM.

Board Members Present:

Marty Portner	President
Dan Dummett	Vice President
Herb Hill	Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Tina Trevino	Treasurer
Betty Lou Finn	Member at Large

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Motion to Approve Agenda** - Dan motioned to approve the 7/05/07 agenda. Herb seconded the motion. Marty requested that they change the word adjourn in item V. to Recess. Dan amended the motion to change the verbiage of item V. *Adjourn to Budget and Appropriation Hearing* to read *V. Recess to Budget and Appropriation Hearing*. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-07-01]

IV. **Motion to Approve the June 7, 2007 Minutes** - Dan motioned to approve the June 7, 2007 minutes. Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Dan and Marty approving the motion and Herb abstaining from the motion. [07-07-02]

V. **Recess to Budget & Appropriation Hearing**- Fiscal Year starting May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 – Marty opened the floor to anyone wanting to speak about the budget.

Joe Gargano: Joe asked if the \$45,800 amount was the total to pay off the loan and Marty said yes (the actual amount is a little more due to added interest). Joe asked if Marty followed up on the information that he provided to him regarding the fish barrier. Marty said no, however, Steve Larry is in charge of the fish barrier project and he sent an e-mail regarding his progress. Dan said that he approached Steve Larry, who is in charge of assessing the fish barrier project, and asked him to look into the alternative of a downstream catch basin. Steve did a fair amount of research and wrote an extensive response that included analysis by both the engineering firm and the IDNR. The conclusion of the analysis was that the downstream catch basin was not a better alternative nor was it recommended by the IDNR (they were actually opposed to it). Dan was satisfied with the response that came from Steve Larry's research and he felt that it answered Joe's question about it as an alternative. Dan thinks that the best alternative is to do something that precedes the dam so that it will follow the law on putting in a safety net before a dam. Mark McCauley (with the IDNR) returned a call that Joe had made to him before the June 7th meeting on the Friday after the meeting and said that the proposed legislation has no reference to any barrier requirements, all it requires per the proposed legislation would be buoys and signage. Joe added that Mark expressed concern with the installation of the fish barrier upstream of the dam because they wouldn't allow it anywhere near the dam spillway, when Joe asked him to be more specific, Mark said it would have to be well back from the dam, several

hundred feet from the dam spillway like where the lake turns from a North/South direction and goes West toward the dam; he added that it would be a very significant expense and that it would be strictly a fish barrier – they would be allowed to do it, however, there would be no safety issues related to it. Paul Mauer is Mark McCauley's boss and Mark said that they may want to discuss it with Mr. Mauer. Marty said that they should get some clarification on the part of the proposal that they are considering – the safety issue with respect to the legislation seems to be in contention, he (Marty) thought that they were putting the fish barrier in at the dam so that they could comply with the law. They are going through the permitting process right now with the IDNR and he thinks that if they were going to be instructed otherwise it would be in that process and they haven't heard anything like what Joe is saying. Joe said that it could be a bureaucratic issue - Mark McCauley is in charge of dam inspections. Jerry suggested that Joe call Mr. Mauer, like Mr. McCauley suggested to him, as Steve Larry (on behalf of the RCD) is dealing intimately with Mr. Mauer on the design of the fish barrier. Joe said that he would do so. Marty said that the RCD is dealing with Mr. Mauer, who is closer to the source (as Mr. McCauley's supervisor) and he doesn't see why they shouldn't take his word as the final word. Joe reiterated his concern that it is strictly a fish barrier with no safety issues related to it. Jerry said that Paul Mauer will disagree and asked Joe to deal with Mr. Mauer directly. Joe said that he is basing his statements on reading the copy of the legislation that Jerry provided to him in which it stated that buoys and signage (to warn of the dam) would be the extent of the safety requirement. Marty asked Joe if he had any questions regarding the budgetary appropriation portion of the fish barrier and Joe said that he questioned whether it was warranted to spend the \$9,000 to put in a fish barrier. Marty said that a fish barrier of some kind is something that they have to address as part of the full lake management program. They don't have cost estimate on the alternative (that Joe suggested) of putting in a fish barrier below the dam; they do have a lot of negatives like not knowing who owns the creek below the dam, which may require them to get legal opinions on it.

Joe Gargano asked what the \$10,000 budgeted for Aquatic Management was for and Marty said that it is for professional services provided by Joe Rush and Jadeco.

Mike Robinson: Mike asked if the \$13,900 budgeted for parking lot project was just for lights to be installed in the parking lot and Herb said yes because it has to go in first.

Mike asked what the lease of \$1,200 for and Marty said that it is the rental of office space out of Becky's home.

- VI. Reconvene Meeting** – Marty reconvened the regular meeting.
- VII. Motion to Approve Annual Budget and Appropriation** – Dan motioned to approve the budget and appropriation as presented in the hearing. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-07-03]
- VIII. Treasurer's Report** – Marty read off the report. Marty asked Becky what they spent \$822.50 on legal expenses for and she said that it was for expenses related to the annual budget and appropriation. Herb asked if security expenses would continue through the summer and Marty

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said that back in April they motioned to continue their services for another 6 months and revisit that in the fall. Marty wants to see what the incident reports are indicating w/ regard to the campground and beaches to see if they want to continue with it. Mike Robinson asked what the travel expenses for Doug Meyers was for and Dan said that as an employee, Doug uses his own vehicle to tow the RCD lawn mower to different RCD sites for mowing as well as into town for service of the mower and other equipment that needs repair. He also picks up supplies related to grounds maintenance and buys fuel for the mower.

John Mulholland, re: Allied Waste Services 10 cans – John said that he is emptying 3 cans on the east side and wanted to make sure that the RCD wasn't being billed for the cans that he is emptying. Becky listed the cans that the RCD is paying for and where they are located and they are not the ones that John is emptying. There are cans on Oak Lane Park and the North Beach that they are emptying and a can that Jerry and John put down at Park Drive park that is not being emptied right now. Jerry suggested that perhaps they could find another volunteer to empty that can. It was also proposed that the RCD could add it to their account. Marty said that the RCD would contact the LNPOA to make sure that it was okay to have them (the RCD) pay to have the refuse hauled away on a regular basis.

Jerry asked about the \$200 that was paid to Patterson to remove the tree at the N. Beach and if Marty intended to contact Orland about it. Marty said yes, he would try to get a hold of him and Jerry said that he had an e-mail address for him. Dan asked if Mr. Orland was contacted prior to the removal of the tree and Marty said no because there wouldn't have been enough time for him to comply before the kid's fishing derby.

Jerry asked about the \$363.79 for the pergola and whether the beautification committee chipped in anything for that and Herb said that that was the total cost of the materials for the pergola and that the beautification committee did all the labor on it and picked up the material for it. Herb said that the beautification committee spent a lot of its own money as Cyndi mentioned the figure once to him but he can't remember what it was. Marty said that Jerry could contact Lorraine Murray; as treasurer of the social committee, she could tell them how much they spent on the project. Frank said that the cost that has been incurred has been strictly material while all the labor has been provided at no cost.

Dan motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-07-04]

IX. Old Business

A. Herb Hill - Lots 36 & 37 on Oak Lane- Jeffrey Shoreline Status – Herb received a letter that Mr. Jeffrey sent to him after he attended the lake shore property owner's meeting. He applied for a shoreline permit for Ken Oltmanns to install 12' riprap rock on top of weed barrier a few years back and weeds started coming up through the rock so he had Bob Schulze come in (without a shoreline permit) and put in some more rock and weed barrier and then lined the shoreline with golf ball sized river rock, which is flowing right into the river and is unacceptable. The RCD contacted him about it and in the interim he went to the meeting and learned a lot and came up with a plan that follows guidelines brought up in the meeting. He is going to bring a proposal and drawing to the board for their approval so they are just waiting on that. Marty said that the RCD will get Jerry's input on that as well.

X. New Business – No new business

XI. Employee / Committee Report

A. LMC – Jerry sent the board an e-mail w/ correspondence from Heather Morton (w/ Pizzo and associates) showing what the cost of putting in a wetlands would be. The figures that they outlined were too much in Jerry's opinion and Jerry thought they should get a comparative cost. Jerry has info from Bill Nordman on removing 2,200 cubic yards of silt from the silt basin, which should be done in November or December so as not to disturb the fish stocking in October. The two ways to remove the silt mechanically are by using a back hoe or using a crane (which is more expensive). Jerry asked for permission to use the amount quoted by Nordman as a maximum amount to spend on doing the job. The quote also includes taking the concrete that is at the silt basin and extending the finger that is out there even further out. Dan said that according to the statute, unless this can be considered professional services, then they need to obtain bids for this work. Jerry thought that the amount was \$10,000, while Dan thought that it was \$2,500 – he'll research what the attorney said and get back to Jerry on that. Becky asked if the amount quoted was to send it to the 23 acres and Jerry said yes because the 23 acre site can accommodate a lot of silt. Marty asked if there was anything that could be done to update the silt basin w/ respect to safety, like signage or prettifying the area. Jerry said that the fishing club would like to see a wheel on the gate to make it easier to close but it hasn't been done yet (they had even gone so far as to discuss it and set aside fishing club funds to do that). They would also like the RCD to put in a No Trespassing Sign there. Jerry doesn't feel that there needs to be anything more done to the area to enhance fishing as there is already a road going back there and the ground back there is hard and flat. Jerry asked Joe Gargano if he had to get competitive estimates when he went out to bid and Joe said that they had to get bids and advertise in the paper because the job was over \$10,000. Joe recommended Steve Benesch as another contractor who might quote the job. Marty asked Joe when this was done and Joe said 2003. Marty remembered that since then, the RCD attorney brought to their attention that there was a change in the law and that it is not \$10,000 anymore. Although Jerry did the work of obtaining the bid, he would like someone else to manage the project.

B. Becky – Boat Stickers – Becky went out and looked at 25 boats today and Out of the 25 boats, 10 were in compliance. Once she completes the process of identifying all the boats that are not in compliance, then she will create a spreadsheet of the information and contact, first by phone, then by certified letter, the boat owners that need updated stickers. Any boats that are not in compliance nor secured by a certain deadline will need to be removed for auction by the RCD.

Taylor Township Thank you - Joanne Reynolds, from the Taylor Township board, sent a thank you letter to the RCD for their contribution to the guardrail that was put up between the township building and LNPOA property. She said that it eliminated the problem that they were having with ATV's riding up the hill blindly.

The new office computer arrived and is up and running. The first tax installment was in the amount of \$75,070.82 and was directly deposited into the checking account.

XII. Guest Comments –

Joe Gargano - asked Jerry about wood at Schings Park John Mulholland indicated that it was all taken away.

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John Mulholland – John said that there have been complaints and he has personally seen a lot of goose droppings at the North Beach and wondered if the RCD employees were cleaning the beaches regularly. Marty said that they should still be doing that and that he will address it with them.

Two picnic benches at N. Beach are broken and should be removed. Herb said that he will handle it.

XIII. Adjourn – Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-07-05] **Next Meeting: August 2, 2007**

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