



LNNLRCD Special Meeting Thursday July 8, 2004 at 1:00PM

I. Board Members

Present: Joe Gargano President
Joe Olliges Secretary
Bill Piper Treasurer

Absent: Herb Hill Personnel

II. **Guests:** Tom Clarey Chuck Jolicoeur
Dan Nicolini

III. **Called to Order:** Joe Gargano called the July 8, 2004 LNNLRCD meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. **Agenda** (Public comments can be brought forth at this time):

A. Public Comment –

1. **Mosquito Abatement - Tom** Clarey brought up Mosquito abatement and said that even if New Landing didn't get involved, most of the RCD property, except for the dam and campground, is in Lost Nation territory, so if the RCD was interested in doing it with Lost Nation, that their areas would still benefit. Joe G. said that he thought they were still waiting to hear from Lost Nation – that Mick had said they would get some hard numbers and also Ralph Petersen had said that Mt. Morris wasn't going to spray again because it needs to be done more than once to be effective and doing that was cost prohibitive.

Joe O. recalled that the RCD board had decided before that if both POA's weren't in favor of it, then they wouldn't approve it. Joe G. agreed and added that the mosquito problem has actually subsided dramatically in the past few weeks.

2. **Solid Stain used at the East Beach Boat Landing on Clean-up Day** – Bill asked if they had any stain remaining, where would it be located and Joe G. said that Bill O'Malley would have it, unless he brought it back and it is stored somewhere in the office or basement.
3. **Float at Dam** – Joe G. asked Bill when they would be getting the float repaired at the dam area and Bill said that he would need to find out the size. Joe G. said he and Tom could measure it and call Bill to let him know them. Also, Joe G. would like Bill to check to see if they have the "No Swimming

Beyond This Point" Buoy in the water at the west beach. Joe G. said that they also need the U-clamps that will tie the to pipes to the dock. Bill said that he would need two eight foot pipes and end caps. Joe G. said that he should pick up extra caps.

4. **Contacting Ken Oltmanns Regarding Henry Cachel's lot, pulling up the burn-pile, and getting the beach sand turned over** – On Henry's lot, he wants Ken to bring some dirt out, turn it over and drag it and Joe G. said he would seed it himself. Bill asked if Joe G. scheduled to have the dirt brought to the building and Joe G. ask Bill to call Bob Schulze to price bringing in a yard of dirt to the rec. center.

- B. **Real Estate Proposal** – The RCD was approached by the Lost Nation board about lots 10 and 11 on Oak Drive to find out if they were interested in purchasing the lots at a cost of \$4000 per lot plus the \$500 closing costs that they incurred when they bought it originally (total\$8,500).

The board unanimously decided to counter the offer to include the two lots for \$8,000, plus Park Drive Park (to possibly construct a boat launch and erect more boat storage) for \$3,000, plus the park area along Babbling Brook (for possible future use in sedimentation control) for \$1,000, for a total offer of \$12,000.

Since the RCD didn't want to purchase the two lots on their own, Tom Clarey said that the LNPOA decided to put their lots up on the open market. They currently have an offer made on those lots for \$15,000 each (total \$30,000), if they each pass a perk test. The RCD's counter offer is on hold pending the results of the perk test and whether the LNPOA sells it to Masterson.

- C. **Employee Raises** – In the June 3rd executive session, the board agreed that Becky Breckenfelder and Don Bluemel are entitled to raises based on their performance. Joe G. motioned to enact a pay-raise, retroactive to June 1st of 2004, for Becky, an increase from \$8.80 an hour to \$10.00 an hour and for Don Bluemel, an increase from \$8.00 an hour to \$8.50 an hour. Bill seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-08-04-01]
- D. **Office Rental Agreement** – In the July 1st Executive Session, a possible office rental agreement was discussed. Becky has been working on installing an office in the walkout basement portion of her home to create a more professional atmosphere and to make it more handicapped accessible. The board decided that it would benefit the RCD immensely to have her complete the office down there to conduct RCD business in the future. For example, she would continue to be able to answer the phone during off-business hours and weekends, which is helpful to residents requesting building rentals, campground passes, and boat stickers. The existing office that is located in the Lake Court Center is extremely small, used for a janitorial storeroom, and not accessible from the outside. Joe G. had suggested putting up a wall during the planned building renovations which would be just inside the library door, however, that would eat up a lot of space that is used for the community and private events that are held there. Also, there would be additional electric, heating, and air-conditioning costs, and to run a DSL line to the center would cost \$71.95 a month. Based on these findings, the board unanimously to enter into a lease agreement with Becky.

Tom Clarey said that there was also the option of the RCD renting space from the LNPOA in their new building that they have purchased. Joe G. said that that offer had been made to the RCD and they did consider it in their deliberations, however,

Bill said that it would still be off-site where she wouldn't be able to answer the phones 24/7 and Joe G. said that they get a lot of last minute calls for campground reservations and building rentals that Becky can respond to. Joe O. asked Tom about the problems they had with starting up and Tom said that there is a request for a special use permit that they have to comply with. Joe G. said that there is also a lot of information that Becky accesses in the files and on the computer several times during the week for him, even during off hours. Joe O. said that they do appreciate the offer and will keep it in mind if they should need the space in the future.

Joe G. motioned to rent the improved office space from Becky and Pete Breckenfelder, to include utilities, which will be located in the lower area of her home, on a monthly basis at a rate of \$100 per month, effective September 1st, 2004. Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-08-04-02]

E. Incidents on RCD Property

1. Alcohol - Joe G. said that there has been a report of alcohol being consumed on RCD property, primarily at the N. Beach. There was a witness the weekend before 4th of July to people drinking on the N. Beach. Joe G. was informed of it on Friday, July 2nd.

Joe G. went there on Monday and there were people there, however, he didn't observe any of them drinking alcohol. He went down a second time at 8:00PM to see how the beach was left because there had also been complaints of glass and debris left on the beach. Joe G. said that there was no trash on the beach, other than one paper cup, however, when he went to the trash can to throw it out, he observed that it was filled to the top with alcohol beverage containers – bottles, cans and wine bottles.

None of the rule signs that were created for the beaches have it listed that there is no alcohol allowed although it is listed on the campground rules sign. Joe G. feels that it is imperative that they get No Alcohol Permitted signs posted at all the RCD properties to include the outside of the LMC, the boat launches, the dam, the beaches, Schings Park, the two lots 12 & 13 on Oak Street, and the campground. Becky obtained a quote for metal signs at \$35.00 a piece for 6 signs. Bill asked if alcohol was permitted on the lake and Joe said no, then he recited the ordinance:

"It shall be unlawful to serve, possess, consume, sell, barter, furnish, give, purchase, or attempt to purchase any alcoholic beverage. It shall be unlawful to be under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substance or to serve, possess, consume, sell, or barter any controlled substance other than that by a lawful prescription."

Joe said that they need to post the signs so that they can enforce their ordinance. They could either get the metal signs or go with a temporary alternative of laminating some signs and tacking them up, like they did with the creel limits. Joe G. asked how soon they can get them and Becky said that they can get them out pretty quickly. Joe asked her to get pricing on 10-12 of the metal signs. Since the cost would be under \$500, then they don't need to motion to approve to buy the signs.

Joe G. asked Joe O. to get something posted in the Ripple to remind the public.

Bill will be in charge of ensuring that Doug gets the signs posted. Joe G. said that they can attach them directly to the sign posts and kiosks that are already on some of the properties and for the ones that don't have them, they can put in 4 by 4 posts to attach them to.

Tom asked if they were planning on putting any parking in at Schings Park or just have parking on the grass and Joe G. said that that hadn't been decided yet, however, they would probably put some gravel in for 3 or 4 cars, like what they would like to do at the two lots on Oak lane.

2. Goose Control Measures – Joe O. had Bill ask Doug Meyers cut all the brush along the shoreline at the N. Beach for the kids fishing derby that will be coming up in August. Frank Durkin has implemented a Goose Patrol plan and had the RCD and POA's sign off on it. One of the items stated that the RCD would adhere to and implement goose control measures on all of their properties, including a buffer zone. Joe G. has been cutting Schings Park, keeping about a 10-foot buffer zone. Across from Chris and Kathy Tobin's house, even though they have been real good about keeping a buffer zone, Joe G. personally observed some geese and their babies walking through the weeds and brush along the shoreline there. There are several areas along the RCD properties that the RCD is not adhering to the buffer zone policy including behind the Lake Court Center and along the dam area where the boats are. Joe G. said that they need to either adhere to their policy of buffer zones completely, or they eliminate the policy.

A property owner asked Becky about the overgrowth at Schings Park located in the ditch-line, right after the bridge, that the RCD had cut down last year. It is starting to come back up again. Joe G. said that that area belongs to the LNPOA, Tom Clarey agreed. Tom said that he'll take a look at it.

Joe O. said that he would still like to see the policy stay in effect except when there is a special event that requires the shoreline to be clear. Bill said that if the buffer zone is not an effective deterrent against geese, then maybe it should be cut down to keep the area more aesthetically appealing. Joe G. said that the drawbacks of complying with the buffer zone part of the goose control plan, it would make it difficult for people to access the lake. Bill suggested that they keep the buffer zone this year and watch to see if it is indeed effective, and if it is not, then next year they could get rid of it. Joe G. said that if they are going to discuss this further, he would like to do it at the August meeting and invite Frank Durkin since he has put so much time and effort into the Goose Control Plan. Tom suggested putting a string barrier in the areas that a buffer zone isn't applicable. Joe G. said that the problem with that is people can pull them out.

Dan Nicolini asked how far the campground goes back and Joe G. said that it goes back quite a ways. He showed him on the map. It is not accessible except by foot. Chuck Jolicoeur said that you have to be careful when walking back there as there is quicksand there.

Guest Comments: Joe G. reiterated to the gentlemen that came in late what had been discussed in today's meeting.

Trash Pick Up - Joe O. said that the trash was not picked up at some of the RCD properties and asked Joe G. to contact Becky and ask her to contact the waste disposal company to pick up the trash.

Adjourned: Joe O. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote, meeting adjourned at 2:22PM. [07-08-04-03]

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