



LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION MINUTES January 21, 2009

CALL TO ORDER A meeting of the Lake Quality Commission was held on January 21, 2009, at the Maple Grove Government Center, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove, Minnesota. Chairperson Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Jim Erickson, Nancy Bergstrand, Steve Lane, Kurt Paulsen, Doug Schon, George Schneider.

Commissioners Absent: Don Helmeke, Roger Granberg, Heather Xavier, Catherine Thompson, John Garritsen.

Other's present included: Karen Jaeger, Council Liaison; Rick Lestina, Water Resources Engineer; Mark Lahtinen, Water Resources Technician; Larry McGough, Resident; Barbara English, Resident; Sue Rice, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG SCHON, SECONDED BY NANCY BERGSTRAND TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2008 MEETING OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS Commissioners Kurt Paulsen, George Schneider and Doug Schon were sworn in by Maple Grove City Council Representative Karen Jaeger for a three year term to expire December 31, 2011.

Commissioners Don Helmeke and Roger Granberg were not in attendance and will be sworn in at the February meeting of the Lake Quality Commission.

Congratulations were extended to each of the Commissioners.

AREA REPORTS **Rick Lestina** encouraged the Commissioners to check out the City of Maple Grove's website and all the new information on the lakes that has been added recently. Rick stated that he has been receiving numerous calls from people on it, including one from Germany on how informative it is. The website includes information on the watersheds as well. In the future DNR data and MPDS Permit information will be added also.

Rick also discussed that the City will be investing more in marking the storm drains using "button" markers rather than the stenciling program used in the past. Some discussion followed on who would be doing the actual marking and the best method and adhesive to use. Cost of using button markers was also discussed.



Mark Lahtinen is working on getting the old lake quality data on each of the Maple Grove lakes but the dissolved oxygen data has not been collected since 1995 so unable to get all the data. Mark also informed the Commission that the DNR is now taking comments on any dock issues or concerns on their website.

Nancy Bergstrand stated that Weaver Lake has also been researching storm drain identification and had discussed it at their January Association meeting. They are also working with James Johnson on how effective the Curlyleaf pondweed control program has been over the years on eradicating Curlyleaf from Weaver Lake. They are also implementing a Milfoil emergency plan even though no one has found any in the lake yet, but to be prepared in the event that they do. Nancy also stated that their association is doing a lake informational packet for each homeowner on the lake which will include information on the beaches, snowmobiling, water obstacles, sheriff's department, etc. Weaver Lake is also hosting a "Polar Plunge" on February 21st for anyone interested.

Steve Lane – Cedar Island Lake had their homeowner association meeting in November and discussed the results of the fish survey and goose control project. The goose control project was considered a success and the decision was made to do it again in 2009. Larry McGough informed the Commission that Eagle Lake had done a goose control project as well and had rounded up about 100 geese.

Kurt Paulsen stated that there were a lack of snowmobilers on Pike Lake this year at which Jim Erickson added that Lake Edward had noticeably less snowmobiles on it this winter as well.

Doug Schon – The Fish Lake association did a packet for their lakeshore residents something like Weavers in October/November which included the DNR info, our City website information and information on other lakeshore homeowners.

George Schneider explained that Rice Lake was noticing a renewed enthusiasm in membership in the lake association which was encouraging for the board. George also explained that the DNR has now classified Rice as "2 bays" – East Bay and West Bay (the side across the freeway) and found the West Bay to be much cleaner than the East Bay. They have asked Steve McComas to start measuring the West Bay now as well. George also stated that they have started doing a quarterly newsletter on their website as well as a "green" letter addressing environmental issues. Ice fishing is slower on Rice Lake this year. George also questioned when Steve McComas would be doing the "State of the Lakes" report again.

Karen Jaeger had nothing to report.

James Erickson had nothing to report as well.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for Chair

Nominations were taken to elect Jim Erickson as Chair of the Lake Quality Commission for 2009.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY NANCY BERGSTRAND TO ELECT JIM ERICKSON AS CHAIR FOR 2009 OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



Nominations for Vice-Chair

Nominations were taken to elect Doug Schon as Vice Chair of the Lake Quality Commission for 2009.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KURT PAULSEN, SECONDED BY GEORGE SCHNEIDER TO ELECT DOUG SCHON AS VICE CHAIR FOR 2009 OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Congratulations were extended to both James and Doug on their appointments.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW
COMMITTEE**

Nominations were taken to appoint Kurt Paulsen, with George Schneider as an Alternate, to the Environmental Review Committee for 2009.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAMES ERICKSON, SECONDED BY DOUG SCHON TO APPOINT KURT PAULSEN, WITH GEORGE SCHNEIDER AS ALTERNATE, TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR 2009. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Staff will contact Don Helmeke, Heather Xavier and Roger Granberg to see if they would like to continue on the Environmental Review Committee for 2009.

**2009
WORK PROGRAM**

The Commission discussed the goals and priorities to be set for 2009. After reviewing the various suggestions the following work program was developed for 2009.

- February: Cedar Island/Eagle Lake/Pike Lake joint meeting with Lake Associations. Presentations by various experts relating to latest data on sampling program, water quality, aquatic plant management.
- March: LIP application review and approval. It is requested that Commissioners get their applications in by March 2nd in order to have all paperwork available for review before the March meeting
- April: NPDES/TMDL Studies. Public to be invited for informational meeting with time set aside for questions and comments.
- May: Walking tour of Arbor Lakes and Great River Energy building.
- June: Fish Lake tour.
- July: Lake Edward tour.
- August: Weaver Lake Tour
- September: Bus tour to view native areas.
- October: Discussion of any unfinished business. Request Ken Ashfeld to attend.
- November: Presentation by expert in area to be decided in future.
- December: Lake Quality Commission informal gathering. No formal meeting.



ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LANE, SECONDED BY DOUG SCHON TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 21, 2009 MEETING OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.