

**CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M. AT
THE TOWN OF ALDEN TOWN HALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., September 26, 2017, at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling. Board members present were Don Demulling, Joe Demulling, Dan Early, Nick Rude, Ted Johnson and Warren Wood. Dan Davison was absent. These members constituted a quorum. Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental, Bill James and Lake District residents Dennis Cornhill and Regan Brown.

Board member Warren Wood took minutes in the absence of the secretary Dan Davison.

Motion to approve Agenda made by Warren Wood, seconded by Dan Early. Motion carried.

Public comments:

Regan Brown inquired about the process for parcel detachment including his pending application. Chair Don Demulling indicated that issue would be covered as an agenda item later in the meeting;

Dennis Cornhill reminded the Board about conflict of interest regarding issues in which they have financial interests.

Dennis Cornhill also suggested a written checklist for future annual audits of the financial books of the Lake District.

Minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Joe Demulling and seconded by Nick Rude. Motion carried.

Treasurers report. Nick Rude gave the Treasurer's report for September month-to-date. The report showed a total balance on hand of \$130,636.61 with \$32,485.02 of that being in the non-lapsable fund. A motion to approve the August report made by Dan Early and seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried. A separate discussion was held regarding the alum treatment "bucket" on the Treasurer's report. It was decided to table the discussion of that issue until next board meeting.

Alum Treatment. Bill James gave a presentation of his data collection this summer on the lake. The alum treatment was successful but not as successful as he had hoped because Cedar Lake is very susceptible to algae blooms and the 20% dosage may have been insufficient. The positive take-away is that the alum treatment did reduce sediment phosphorus. The negative take-away is that the sediment phosphorus removal by the alum treatment was not enough to suppress algae growth in the fall of 2017. A 20% alum application only succeeded in controlling 30% of the phosphorus. Bill will be collecting data through October and will further advise the Board.

Volunteer AIS Committee. Nick Rude reported that the committee did some aquatic plant sampling in September and will do more through October. He will

report their findings at the next board meeting.

Cheryl Clemens said that the next alum grant application is due February 1, 2018. Cheryl believes that it would greatly enhance our chances of getting another grant for alum treatment if residents will embrace the Healthy Lakes Initiative Program and install native plantings near the shoreline. Lake Residents are encouraged to participate. Details will be posted on the website.

Aquatic Plant Management. Steve Schieffer has hand pulled what he believes to be the remaining eurasian milfoil plants, left over after the DASH program which mechanically removed most of the infestation. However, he will do a survey during September and Cheryl Clemens will get the results and present it to the board at the next board meeting.

Lake level draw down. The timing of the draw down of the lake level was discussed. The standing order of the DNR is that the draw down must be commenced by November 1. Historically, the draw down was commenced on that date. Because the DNR has concerns about certain species, including turtles and frogs that burrow into the mud, it may be beneficial to commence the draw down somewhat earlier so that these species are not left uncovered by water and therefore vulnerable to not surviving the winter. The Board decided to commence the approximate 3 week draw down process a week earlier than usual, around the 24th of October this year.

Parcel Detachment. The letter from Attorney Ron Siler was discussed regarding potential detachments of all parcels designated as "5". Also discussed was the process for detachment of individual parcels for those who have filed requests and the issue of payment for the legal work to reconfigure district boundaries. The issues are tabled until next months board meeting.

Don Demulling indicated that he will be checking on the dam and will present a report at the next meeting. Don Demulling reported that the buoys will be removed on October 16, 2017.

Agenda items for next meeting.

1. Alum Treatment.
2. AIS Committee discussion.
3. Healthy Lakes Initiative Shoreline Buffer Zone.
4. Eurasian milfoil treatment report.
5. Parcel Detachment.
6. Board member reports.
7. Dam & buoy reports.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 5: 30 p.m. at the Alden Town Hall. This will be posted on the website and official notices made.

Motion made by Joe Demulling and seconded by Ted Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Warren Wood, acting on behalf of Secretary Dan Davison.