

LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Spotsylvania County Holbert Building
9104 Courthouse Road
Spotsylvania, VA. 22553
MINUTES – May 27, 2015 MEETING

DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman White called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bill Martin; Stephanie Koren; V. Rae Jones; Jim White, Vice Chairman; Gary Bullis; Ann Heidig; Peery Agee

Others Present: Paulette Mann, Spotsylvania County Committee Secretary; Irene Luck; Jean McCormick

Election of Officers:

Motion and vote: Ms. Heidig made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Koren to suspend the bylaws to delay the elections until the July 22, 2015 meeting. The motion passed 6-0.

CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD

Mr. Pompick stated that he came before the Committee last year in regard to wake safety and the setbacks not being enforced. A subcommittee was appointed by the LAAC and he stated that he would like to know the outcome. Ms. Lorie Gore was appointed to this Committee and she has since resigned from the LAAC. Mr. Pompick stated that the Lake was a zoo over the Memorial Day weekend and has serious concerns about this. He encouraged them to revitalize the effort and get the job done.

Mr. Hayden stated that he is a resident on the lake and the wake boarding is out of control. He stated that the wake surfing has wiped out his sea wall and feels like the 200 ft. setback will do nothing. He stated that something needs to be done to protect their property. He encouraged the LAAC to propose ordinance changes to protect the property of those who live on the lake.

Mr. Willie Gentry stated that he is a member of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors and he would like to commend the hydrilla subcommittee. He stated that they have done an exceptional job and created a proposal and believes a press release should come from the LAAC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion and vote: Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Koren to approve the minutes for the March 25, 2015 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Martin stated that there were no bills for reimbursement at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Martin explained the Treasurer's report and that the balance of the account is \$88,351.70 as of March 25, 2015.

Motion and vote: Ms. Koren made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bullis to approve the report. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Zemke for encouraging the Committee to put the funds in CDs so that we earn more interest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buoy Maintenance

Ms. McCormick stated that they have recently spent 40 hours replacing lights on hazard buoys. She stated that she is unsure if they have the right to go on the private side and replace those lights and inquired if she needs to get permission from Dominion.

Mr. Agee stated that Dominion does not regulate that.

Ms. Heidig inquired if DGIF would grant that permission.

Ms. McCormick stated that she inquired and they do not do that.

Mr. Agee stated that Dominion has 37 of their own buoys that they maintain.

Mr. Bullis mentioned a hazard buoys that has come loose in Fisherman's Cove at Rockland Creek Estates and stated that he will attempt to retrieve it tomorrow.

Mr. Zemke inquired if Dominion doesn't care how Ms. McCormick obtains approval.

Mr. Agee stated that he didn't say that he doesn't care; only that Dominion does not regulate the buoys on the private side.

There was discussion regarding going to the Community Development Offices regarding buoy replacement and repair.

Mr. Gentry stated that Dominion should be concerned about this. He stated that he believes Louisa County will not approve until Dominion approves.

Mr. Martin advised to call Harry Ruth.

Hydrilla

Ms. Heidig stated that the subcommittee has an approved pilot program. They have an approved press release and feels that it should come from the LAAC. She advised that LACA has volunteers and DGIF and Dominion have offered to do the training. There was discussion regarding going to bid. They have begun an education process to handout at the marinas regarding cleaning boats before putting them into the Lake.

Ms. Koren stated that she spoke to someone from Fawn Lake and they have used a company for four years based in North Carolina and they will come to the governing body with education.

Mr. White stated that he would like to know what steps will be taken prior to the actual treatment taking place if necessary.

Ms. Heidig mentioned that there is a lot of misinformation out there and an information program should take place. She stated the DGIF has authority to do it and Dominion has to approve the application. She stated that they intend to educate. She advised that the chemical is very safe and stays in place on the roots of hydrilla.

Mr. White inquired what the schedule will be.

Ms. Heidig stated that they will be meeting again in June and at this point they are just waiting for the hydrilla to show up. She stated that they spoke to people with private ponds and lakes and safety is of concern. A commercial licensed applicator is necessary.

There was discussion between Larry Zemke and Ms. Heidig regarding a press release that is ready and in final draft.

Ms. Heidig advised Mr. Zemke to send it to her and they will get it out and request electronic approvals.

There was additional discussion regarding wake surfing and Ms. Heidig read a legal opinion. She stated that this needs to be fixed at the legislative level

The Committee discussed the 200 ft. setback in Spotsylvania and the 100 ft. setback in Louisa.

Ms. Koren stated that this has not been enforced due to lack of resources to do so.

Ms. McCormick stated that there is terrible damage to the shorelines. She has been on the lake for three days replacing the lights and has seen it firsthand.

The Committee discussed the need for legislative backers and the need for it to come from all three counties as a coordinated package.

Mr. Zemke stated that he doesn't mind working hard to make this happen but feels that the chairman should be a member of LAAC and feels who cannot take the lead.

Mr. Bullis inquired if there is a formal report from the subcommittee.

Mr. Zemke stated that there is no formal report just a lot of information gathered.

Ms. Koren stated that when she first heard about this, she went to Community Development and had them make her a map showing the setbacks and stated that it should have much of an impact on the wake surfers.

Mr. Zemke stated that he would prefer to see the wake surfing occur below the 208 bridge where it is wide and flat.

Motion and vote: Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heidig to move forward with this initiative. The motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion on budget approvals by the individual counties.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on LACA Emergency Services

There was discussion that each home on the lake is now tied to the 911 address on the waterside and the next initiative is to ask all waterfront homeowners to allow them to use the dock to post the number that has been assigned to their 911 address so that emergency services can get to people much quicker. They hope to get these maps into the hands of boaters.

It was mentioned that they are happy to report that Dominion, James Beazley, in particular was able to secure a grant for \$5500 so that additional markers could be placed on the islands. Bottom line is that Dominion does usually come through for us.

Ms. Luck stated that she is aware that the new dock signs were used twice to locate people over the Memorial Day weekend holiday.

NEXT MEETING

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Louisa County on July 22, 015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bullis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heidig to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

Paulette Mann, Spotsylvania County Secretary

Date