



Leino Park Water District (LPWD)
Board of Commissioners' Meeting - May 11, 2011

1. **Call to Order** May 4, 2011 at 7:15 PM
 - **Members present:** Dave Crumbley (DC), Bob Brown (BB), and Derek Knerr (DK).
 - **Voted:** unanimously to postpone meeting until May 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

2. **Call to Order** May 11, 2011 at 7:05 PM
 - **Members present:** Sue Miller (SM), Dave Crumbley (DC), Rick Plante (RP), Don Williams (DW), Bob Brown (BB), and Derek Knerr (DK).
 - **Guests present:** none.

3. **Review and Approve Minutes** - Minutes of 4/13/11 were approved.

4. **Reports**
 - A. **Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):**
 - **Receipts** - none.
 - **Expenditures** - \$967.18 was paid for water testing, utilities, and operating expenses. Andy sent a bill for sweeping that will be paid next month.
 - **Other** - nothing.

 - B. **Water Commissioner Report:**
 - **Budget** - Nothing new expected.
 - **Billing** - DC reported that he will be attending a free course on Rate Setting and Collections for small water system operators next month. This is well timed, since we need to raise our rates. Perhaps DC will learn what it takes to gently persuade prompt payments.
 - **Maintenance of lines and meters** - RP has scheduled reversal of the backward meter for this Friday.
 - **Main meter** - no new news.
 - **DEP/Quality** - As part of the effort to reduce TTHMs, two weeks ago, the Town flushed water lines along East Road while we did our normal flushing at North Shore Road. At our last meeting, the Board expressed a desire to increase our flow while flushing. The Town however, suggested a normal flush at this time, to better determine what works and what doesn't. Water samples were taken at East Road and North Shore Road on Tuesday morning. Results are expected by the end of the month. * Our Water Systems Operator, DC, presented his completed 2010 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Nice job Dave. This will be sent out with the 2010 Water Quality Report (written by the Westminster Water Department) and the announcement for the Leino Park Water District Annual Meeting.

 - C. **Bridge Report**
 - **Legal ownership** - Nothing new to report.
 - **Time frames** -
 - **Replacement funds** -

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D. Maintenance Report

- **Bridge** - DC reports that the bridge will be closed tomorrow for a couple hours for tree removal on Leino Park Road. Discussion about more holes... no, the same holes, that once again need attention.
- **Roads** - Thank you Andy, for a great job sweeping the roads. * RP got pricing for graded base and trap rock. To put down 2 loads of graded base on Pine Street and have it spread will be about \$1,300. All approved this expenditure. For Ridge Ave, a layer of trap rock with a layer of graded base on top, plus spreading would be about \$2,700. The Board felt this was a bit much to spend at this time. BB will check with the Town about getting free mill grind to put down instead. Discussion continued about what problems might be created by the runoff if Ridge Ave was paved. All agreed to defer this decision until we have more information.

E. Communication Report

- **Website** - www.LeinoPark.org - nothing new to report.
- **Email** - None.
Please send your comments and suggestions to us at: LPWD@LeinoPark.org.
- **Mail** - None
- **Phone** - SM received a call from a resident about recreation equipment and a docked pontoon boat in her deeded right-of-way. SM believes that this issue has been resolved between parties, but will follow up to make sure.

5. Old Business:

- DK read his email correspondences with the new owner of Honey Bee Lane, including response to our proposal. The new owner would rather not have increased traffic on the road, but suggested that we make an offer to compensate for this. DC made a motion to offer \$6500 (equal to \$100 per household or one year's bridge fund) to the owner for acceptance of our proposal. This led to quite a bit of discussion, resulting in a unanimous vote. DK will draft the offer and email it to the new owner.
- Deeded right-of-ways... DW and DK will once again attempt to obtain all deeds for a single right-of-way for the next meeting.
- RCAP Solutions in Gardner has not yet responded to DC's inquiry for bridge replacement funding.

6. New Business:

- SM asked why the level of the lake is so low. DC mentioned that he had called the Wyman Lake Association, who had no explanation. BB replied that earlier in the week, he had talked with Willie Ahearn (of the Westminster Highway Department) about this same subject. As it turns out, the City of Fitchburg controls the dam. In the spring, they leave the valve cracked a bit to allow natural runoff. They just closed it a few days ago.
- Annual meeting: Date Saturday June 18 10:00 AM, rain or shine at the Brown estate, 46 Old Oak Ave. Topics: Reports, Elections (put request for anyone interested in a Board position on the meeting notice), Water Meters (main meter), Legal ownership, Bridge replacement options, Roads and maintenance (Ridge Ave), Right-of-Ways, and Water rates.

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7. Open Forum – none

8. Adjournment at 8:31 PM.

9. Next Meeting

- The next regular Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday** June 8th 2011, 7:00 PM at 15 Old Oak Ave. Note that this a week later than regularly scheduled.

Respectively submitted,
Derek Knerr - Clerk/Moderator