



**Leino Park Water District (LPWD)
Annual Meeting - June 10, 2017**

1. **Call to Order** on June 10, 2017 at 10:03 am
 - Board members: Sue Miller (SM), Dave Crumbley (DC), Bob Brown (BB), Bob Marien (BM), Don Williams (DW), and Derek Knerr (DK).
 - Other members present: 13 Guests present: 0

2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
 - SM welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The Board members introduced themselves.
 - Welcome to the neighborhood Joe Monette (40 Old Oak Ave) and thanks for attending our annual meeting.

3. **Review and Approve Minutes** - Minutes from our last annual meeting (June 18, 2016) had been posted on the bulletin board and our website and were handed out to those who had not reviewed them. There was no discussion so SM asked for a motion. A motion was made to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion was then seconded and passed unanimously.

4. **Election of Officers:**
 - Open positions are: Chairperson (1 year term currently held by Sue Miller), Treasurer (1 year term currently held by Dave Crumbley), Clerk-Moderator (1 year term currently held by Derek Knerr), and Water Commissioner (3 year term currently held by Bob Brown). SM pleaded for volunteers, hinting at the average age of the Board members. There was no response.
 - With little discussion a motion was made and seconded to keep the Board as it currently sits. The motion passed unanimously.
 - SM added that there is always an open invitation to attend our regular meetings.

5. **Reports:**
 - A. **Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):**
 - **Financial Presentation** - The 2016 Income Statement, the 2016 Balance Sheet, (both covering the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016), and the 2016 Five Year Forecast was distributed to all attendees before the meeting. DC read numbers from the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet. There were no questions. A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - **Billing** - DC announced that meters will be read on or about July 1st and bills will be sent out shortly after that. He added that there are still 4 households that have not paid their water bills from January, amounting to several thousand dollars. Mary volunteered to call Joannie McKenna (Mike's sister) to see if a payment is in the works.

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B. Water Commissioner Report:

- **Maintenance of lines and meters** - No discussion.
- **Water Quality** - DC reports that our water is still good. All testing of our water came back as safe and within acceptable Department of Environmental Protection (Massachusetts DEP) and Environmental Protection Agency (United States EPA) levels.

C. Maintenance Report:

- **Bridge** - BB reports that they have been trying to keep up with them but there are a few holes on the bridge that are in really rough shape. BB and BM are going to try a new method to patch the holes that should be better.
- **Roads** - BB reports that once again, Jamie did a great job sweeping the roads. Thank you Jamie. Speed bumps have been put out early this year. The main roads are in fairly good shape but the back roads could use a load of graded base.

D. Bridge Report:

- **Replacement Options** - DK reported that the Board met together with Titus Edwards of York Bridge Concepts and Patrick McCarty of McCarty Engineering (our new engineering firm) in October to review the project. All agreed that this project should be done as soon as possible. We are still looking at the same 16 foot wide wooden structure to replace our bridge that we were looking at last year.
- **Replacement Funding** - DK explained that we received pre-approval for our USDA loan last August and have been continuing with application process. We felt this should be submitted as a design-build project (vs. a design-bid-build project) but the USDA people we are dealing with have discouraged it. Apparently this approach requires more scrutiny at the national level and they have little experience with applications that have gone this route. So we agreed to do it their way and have been filing more forms and responding to their requests as quickly and as best we can. The USDA is currently working on our Environmental Report. The plan is to get final approval by the end of the year and be able to start construction next year.
- The USDA did suggest that we increase the loan amount from \$860,000 to \$1,200,000 in case we learn during the construction phase that the cost of the project exceeds the loan approved. We could always apply for more money if we find ourselves in that situation but the project would be on hold while the additional loan is approved. We do not have to borrow that much if it is not needed. Worst case cost per household if we do have to borrow that much, would be close to \$800 per year for 40 years. When asked about a one time payoff amount, DK replied about \$30,000.

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- Again this year, SM made a motion to "Authorize the Board to pursue and ratify all arrangements necessary to procure funding for, and the construction of, a bridge to replace the existing structure across Wyman Pond". Similar votes had been done at previous annual meetings, but the Board wants to make sure... The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

E. Communication Report:

- **Website** - Visit www.LeinoPark.org or Email us at LPWD@LeinoPark.org.
- Most in attendance admitted that they have been on our website after DK queried. DK acknowledged that the bulletin board is not always updated as soon as it should. He will try to be better at keeping it up-to-date.

6. Old Business:

- Monty Tech was contacted about constructing a new Leino Park sign but never got back to us. Fortunately, Skip Borque has taken on the project.
- There was some discussion on the Boards efforts to keep the 7 right-of-ways clear of personal items and open to all Leino Park residents.
- Once again, SM asked that members refrain from dumping lawn waste at the corner of Pine Street and Parkwood Lane. For whatever reason, some residents continue to dispose of their lawn waste despite the 'no dumping' signs.
- Police have been monitoring the parking situation at the end of Leino Park Road, near East Road. The temporary 'no parking' signs that they had put up were ripped down. Permanent signs have been ordered and will be put up before school starts in the fall. Parking close to the intersection while waiting for the school bus makes it difficult for vehicles wishing to make a left onto East Road see oncoming traffic. This is especially problematic in the winter when traction is poor.
- Car break-ins have been recently reported. SM reminded everyone to keep their vehicles locked.
- Again this year, bears are in the news. There was a recent sighting in Princeton and tracks have been seen in Town. We live in a wild and crazy place. A fox got one of Bob Phillip's chickens.
- Annual cookout?

7. New Business:

- The Bridge Report sparked quite a discussion about kids jumping off the existing bridge. It was generally agreed that all one can do is to take pictures and call the police. There is not much we can do to prevent it from happening on the new bridge, short of putting up barbed wire. Higher railings will only act as a more desirable challenge.
- Joe Monette asked permission to put a couple of signs on the bridge (visible to boat traffic) to publicize a cancer benefit, 3:00 pm on August 12th at the Swedish Social Club. Everyone thought it would be fine as long as the signs did not pose a danger to anyone and would be taken down after the event. They also thought it sounded like fun as local bands will be performing live. Everyone is invited.

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8. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made at 10:47 am. All in favor.

Respectively submitted,
Derek Knerr - Clerk/Moderator