



Leino Park Water District (LPWD)
Board of Commissioners' Meeting - May 2, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** May 2, 2018 at 7:07 pm
 - **Members present:** Sue Miller (SM), Dave Crumbley (DC), Bob Brown (BB), Don Williams (DW), and Derek Knerr (DK).
 - **Guests present:** Amie Robillard (AR).

2. **Review and Approve Minutes:** Minutes from our April 4th and April 18 meetings were approved as distributed.

3. **Reports:**
 - A. **Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):**
 - **Receipts** - \$150.00 from water payments.
 - **Expenditures** - \$3,900.47 water, water testing, utilities, and bridge repair supplies.
 - **Budget** - None.
 - **Billing** - One partial payment was received. 6 bills are still outstanding.
 - **Other** - The Town of Westminster raised their water rates effective January 1, 2018. DC recommends that we raise our water rates \$0.29 (from \$10.21 to \$10.50) per 1,000 gallons, also effective on January 1, 2018. The vote was unanimous. A rate increase notice will be sent to all District members.

 - B. **Water System Operator's Report:**
 - **Maintenance of lines and meters** - None
 - **DEP/Quality** - Samples will be collected next week to test for iron, manganese, HAA5 and TTHMs.
 - **Water System Operator Training** - SM announced that we really need to have a backup Water System Operator. BB has already studied the material and is willing to review the material and take the test. DC will call Dick Kilhart (who now works for DEP) to see if he is again willing to help prep our candidate.
 - **Other** - None.

 - C. **Maintenance Report:**
 - **Bridge** - Thanks to BB, BM and BM's son Chris for installing plates and patching holes. BB suggested that we get some cold patch to use now that the weather should be getting warmer.
 - **Roads** - BB will ask Jamie about sweeping and putting graded base on the back roads. There is lots of sand this year.

 - D. **Bridge Report:**
 - **Replacement options** - Nothing new.
 - **Replacement funding** - Nothing more has happened as the USDA is waiting for results of the soil borings. These will be done on May 8th. The bridge will be closed for the day.

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E. Communication Report:

- **Website** - www.LeinoPark.org - The website is up-to-date. The bridge closure notice, the letter requesting adherence to the 5 MPH speed limit on the bridge, and a large print bridge closing reminder have been placed on the bulletin board. A larger bridge closure sign was put up the next day.
- **Mail and E-mail** - We received several emails. See New and Old Business for details. We are at LPWD@LeinoPark.org.
- **Phone** - None.

4. Old Business:

- The Bridge Closure Notice and the letter of frustration, requesting adherence to the 5 MPH speed limit on the bridge were sent out on Monday.
- Several emails were received from the resident requesting reimbursement for car damage, after learning that the Board had denied his request. One of the emails was a request for all information related to the decision. Now that the April minutes have been approved, DK will reply to this request. One of the other emails threatened legal action if payment is not made. As a result of this threat, the Board will make no further public comments on this matter.
- Use at your own risk signs were ordered and will be placed at each approach to the bridge.
- Our annual District Meeting will be held on Saturday June 30th. There was discussion about the agenda and the possibility of new roles. DC will update the resident list.

5. New Business:

- An email was received from Dave Armstrong of the U.S. Geological Survey, requesting access to our bridge to sample water quality in Wyman Pond. This project is funded by Mass DEP and requires monthly samples at three locations on the Pond over the next year. DK had called Dave to find out more about this and found no reason not to grant permission. The Board unanimously agreed.
- An anonymous email was received from 'a concerned resident' complaining about "piss poor patch work" and "HOA fees for a bridge that is clearly NOT maintained". The Board felt that the author offered no real suggestion to remedy the problem and is uninformed about everything the Board is doing to replace the Bridge. In any case, the Board extends a warm welcome to everyone - please join us at one of our meetings, to discuss and try to work out any issues that you feel are important.
- In an effort to make it easier to get important notices and share your thoughts on all things "Leino Park", Amie has created a Leino Park Facebook page. Find us on Facebook by searching for "Leino Park" or go to: www.facebook.com/Leino-Park-152829005392577. We hope you like us on Facebook.

6. Adjournment: at 8:06 pm.

7. Next Meeting:

- Due to a scheduling conflict, the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday June 13th 2018, 7:00 pm at 15 Old Oak Ave. Note that this will be on the second Wednesday of June.

Respectively submitted,
Derek Knerr - Clerk/Moderator