

Little Elkhart Rehabilitation District Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/23/19

Location: Town of Rhine Town Hall

In Attendance: Mary Nennig, Al Feld, Tony Schwaller, Paul Gruber, and Dan Hein

Eight people were in attendance in the audience.

1. The meeting was called to order by Tony Schwaller at 6:00PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance.
2. Dan Hein stated we were in compliance with the open meeting law, as agendas were posted in three locations, seven days prior to the meeting date.
3. Commissioner's positions were appointed due to the re-election of Tony Schwaller. Tony Schwaller will serve as Chair, Mary Nennig will serve as Treasurer, and Dan Hein will serve as Secretary. Al Feld and Paul Gruber are Commissioners appointed by the Town of Rhine Board and Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors. Al Feld made a motion to confirm the positions, seconded by Mary Nennig, motion carried.
4. Mary Nennig made a motion to approve the August 5th, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Al Feld, motion carries.
5. Paul Booher introduced Addie Dutton of the DNR to the audience and the board. Addie is a fish biologist. Addie is responsible for three areas in the state, Washington County, Sheboygan County, and portions of Fond Du Lac County. Addie talked about anglers' complaints about too many Northern Pikes in the lake. Paul Gruber asked about predator fish. Addie explained that when Little Elkhart was re-stocked the re-stocking order of the type of fish being stocked was incorrect. When re-stocking it was assumed that some the Northern would have been eaten by other Northern, that didn't happen, instead the Northern ate the Blue Gills, Bass, and the Perch which were re-stocked. Next Spring, Addie stated that she is going to be sampling Northern to determine size and estimated quantity in the lake. Addie also stated that the district should consider Fish Sticks on the lake to allow for a more natural habitat for the fish. Basically, a Fish Stick is a fallen tree which

lays in the water close to the shoreland and the tree trunk areas are fasten to other trees so that the tree in the water does not move. Addie also stated she is going to install a sign at the boat landing to explain catch and release. The sign will explain that anglers are allowed to keep fish caught in Little Elkhart Lake.

6. There was discussion about weed treating for 2020. An add for bidding the project needs to be placed in November of 2019. Addie Dutton stated that the district may not be able to treat as many areas of the lake as in the past. Addie indicated she will be talking to Greg Helker from the DNR on the area the DNR will allow treatment.
7. Paul Booher gave the Lake Management report. Paul stated that the DNR can order dilapidated piers be removed. All the DNR needs is pictures forwarded to Kathy Kramitz of the Plymouth DNR. Kathy will forward to the "Pier Person" in the DNR to see if anything can be done about removing the dilapidated piers.
8. The proposed salary structure from Greg Neal for work duties for maintaining the sewer system was discussed. Tony Schwaller made a motion to approve, the motion was seconded by Dan Hein. Motion carries.
9. Greg Neal gave the Sewer Report. The system was jetted and inspected. Air reliefs to Rocky Knoll are being replaced. A new dialer is coming for Camp Anokijig. Mary Nennig made a motion to purchase a new dialer for Pump 5, with the cost not to exceed \$5000.00, Tony Schwaller seconded the motion, motion carried.
10. Mary Nennig gave the Treasurer's report. Mary stated that the district never received a map for Jason Miller's condo development. We are not sure how units are to be billed for sewer service. We also need a map to give to Excel Underground. Chair, Tony Schwaller will contact Jason Miller for the map. Motion by Al Feld, seconded by Tony Schwaller to approve the Treasurer's report.
11. A letter from Russell Beebe was read to the board by Chairman Schwaller, requesting relief on interest and penalties for unpaid sewer bills. Mr. Beebe stated he was unaware of the bills due to having a renter in his property. He is selling the property and was requesting relief. Dan Hein made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Mary Nennig, motion carried.

12. During open discussion, Paul Booher stated that he believes the Town of Rhine owns a decibel meter which could possibly be used at a home of any Resident in the District to see what the decibel level of noise coming from Road America is at that location. Paul will make a public comment at the next Town of Rhine, Town Board meeting to see if anything can be done.
13. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2019 at 6:00PM
14. Dan Hein made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Nennig, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.