

09/24/2008

Round Lake Property Owner's Association Phone Board Meeting
Minutes

Participating Board Members: Bob Strachota, Tom Kintzinger, Wally Narr, John Otterlei, Jack Ardoyno, Jim Nancekivell. Some board members arrived late and some left early.

Non Participating Board Members: Terry Kingston, Jim Tiffany, Al Reinemann

Motions:

1. 08/27/2008 RLPOA Board Minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Approved \$150 to pay Town of Round Lake to defer costs when we use town hall for our general membership meetings. Approved by Nancekivell, Narr, Ardoyno, Otterlei and Kintzinger (all that were present when issue was introduced)

Actions:

1. Appointed committee of Terry Kingston, Jim Tiffany and John Otterlei to study possible "formulas" to determine how much each Round/Little Round Lake homeowner would pay if "tax district" was implemented to pay for treating invasive species.
2. Bob Strachota will contact Town of Hayward & Round Lake representatives to answer questions at Oct. 4, 2008 general membership meeting. Tax district will be proposed to general members.
3. Tom Kintzinger will check to see how RLPOA bylaws can be changed for general membership quorum requirements (currently 15%) or any other possible change desired.
4. Tom Kintzinger will check with Nancy Dent of Barr Engineering to determine how much it would cost to evaluate SEH engineering work on Round Lake that determined 100 year flood levels and dam parameters.
5. Need to finish articles for Fall Newsletter. Still missing financial report, milfoil article/tax district and? Membership update.

Discussions:

1. Creating member email list and sending newsletter electronically. Kintzinger has already started email list and Wally Narr will assist in this by giving email addresses received in mail on current membership applications to Kintzinger. Nancekivell made point that a lot of people like getting newsletter in US mail. Email addresses change and quite a few typo errors + significant number of members do not use email. Will continue to build email list for possible future communication with members but newsletter will still be mailed via USPS.

2. 312 paid members so far in 2007 and 405 in 2008.
3. Frank Tyson has expressed interest in being on RLPOA Board helping with water quality/milfoil etc. replacing Jim Nancekivell who is not going to run for reelection. RLPOA Board supports Mr. Tyson and a motion will be made at October 4, 2008 general membership meeting to recommend his election to RLPOA Board by the general members. Of course any member can run for the RLPOA Board.
4. Three RLPOA Board positions up for reelection this fall: Wally Narr, Jim Nancekivell and John Otterlei. Jim Nancekivell is not running for reelection but the other two incumbents will.
5. **Tax District:** Predict \$15,000 to \$20,000 cost for treating milfoil next year. Preliminary discussions indicate that Town of Hayward & Round Lake are amenable to creating a tax district to pay for this. They need a letter from RLPOA stating our support for it and indicating members are for it. Want to restrict tax to be used for invasive species eradication only. Towns want to know how we prefer to calculate tax collection formula. Options are lake frontage, individual owners/tax parcels, % of tax assessment, or # of occupied domiciles or combination. Committee set up to study this with summary by Oct. 4, 2008. Reports that Towns may be willing to collect tax in arrears based on what is spent to eradicate invasive species. Can change tax every year depending on need. Concerns that tax may grow and that it could be used for other things. Control of spending reportedly would stay with RLPOA and we would submit invasive species control bill to tax authorities. Will need a quorum at fall general meeting to be legal. Need concrete details and Bob Strachota will try to get representative from each town at Oct. 4, 2008 general membership meeting to answer questions.
6. **Milfoil** will require comprehensive solution including education particularly concerning weekly rental property, chemical treatment, manual pulling of plants, and boat landing signs and notices to check boats before putting them into lake. Chemical treatment did not seem to work this year and we don't know why. RLPOA is awaiting professional lake milfoil survey results done several days ago. Understand that we will never eliminate it but hope to control or minimize milfoil.
7. **Dam and Water Level:** Nothing seems to be happening. First step is to hire engineering firm to completely evaluate SEH Engineering work particularly 100 year flood levels and last dam proposal late 2007. RLPOA needs to evaluate County engineering work professionally to challenge it in court if that is done. RLPOA will get an estimate from Barr engineering to do this. We may have enough money for second engineering opinion to get a good idea if we can successfully challenge the County/WDNR in court concerning present dam management and proposed new dam size.

Respectfully,

Tom Kintzinger, Vice President & Secretary