

Fall Creek Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Minutes of Meeting

June 27, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Chairman Dane Zook, Secretary Matt Mattoon. Members Absent: Treasurer Renee Roemhild. Also Present: Village President Chester Goodman, 4 citizens..
3. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted in the three public places & newspapers were notified.
4. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Zook) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
5. **Consider Future Plans & Goals:** Chairman Dane Zook asked for citizen input for the future of the pond. The wish list will be reviewed by the DNR and other professionals before anything is decided.

Richard Ziemann asked if the Village would be levying for these projects. Zook has been investigating grants/donations that would help as well.

Chester Goodman suggested putting it on an election as a referendum question to see if the public wants to spend money on the pond. He felt an overall plan would help determine what parts of the plan would be implemented, and when. This would ensure that it would all work together for years to come. Local groups and organizations would be more apt to get behind the plan if they knew their efforts would not be abandoned or changed on a whim.
6. **Citizen Input Regarding:**
 - A. **Berm Systems:** Chairman Zook noted there are pros and cons for pumping out the sediment, which is granular in nature and high in phosphorus due to the presence of the geese. Neither thing makes it ideal for spreading on farmers' fields.
 - B. **Algae and Weed Control:** Wally Walters said he liked seeing people fishing when he drives into the Village. The weeds are becoming a problem, but surprisingly the water is very clean.
 - C. **Sediment Reduction:** Matt noted that the pond was dredged many years ago. It was a huge undertaking by the Village.
 - D. **Aeration Systems:** Wally Walters would like to see a fountain in the pond to move the water around. The owner of Hickory Hills Golf Club told him their fountain cost around \$10,000 and has been running without incident since 2001. The public works department would have to install it seasonally. Between existing organizations and private donations, he felt it would be an easy project to fund.
 - E. **Shoreline:** Chester Goodman would like to see a swimming area. He felt it would be used by the children especially. The goose problem would have to be addressed, but the DNR may be able to help with that, much like they did with the plastic fence by Aaron Wilhelm's fields.

Chairman Zook suggested installing an eagle's nest to draw public interest, it may also help deter the geese.

Chairman Zook also pointed out the steps that were taken by the Lake Eau Claire Association (in the hand-out from Fred Poss, President of that organization) when they took on a similar project for the lake. The experience of experts, and other communities that have gone through the process, is invaluable. Chairman Zook will contact UW Extension, County Conservation, League of WI Municipalities, and DNR for information on the agenda items listed to bring back to a future meeting.
7. **Adjourn:**
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Zook) @ 7:08 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

Matt Mattoon, Secretary