

# Willow Lake Annual Meeting

## September 12, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Joe Serafini. There were seventeen members present, including eight proxies. Members introduced themselves along with their lot number. Noted that suggestions are welcome for ways to encourage increased attendance and participation in all activities.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting held September 13, 2006 were read by Nancy Serafini and motion to accept by H. Benoit, second by M. Oakes – Motion accepted without corrections.

Fish Report – Larry Frazee – Completed on 9/15/06 finds that there are 8.3 fish /minute resulting in bottom being stirred sufficiently. Report notes that large Bass, measuring 8” is major predator with 40-60% population and helps control shad. Gizzard Shad should not be re-stocked as they cause too much competition. There is a “fair” Bluegill population and also crappie and Black Sunfish. Reminder that any Carp caught should not be returned to lake. Would recommend 25- 4”-5” Large mouth Bass/acre times two years and 25 – 8”-10” Channel Catfish every other year. We do have a re-stocking bid out as per Larry with no response at this date, but is expected soon. This expense is in the proposed 2008 budget. During the most recent ”shock” , there is question as to whether any Catfish were noted – There were 18” catfish, but no small catfish - indicates they are not breeding which can be expected in small lakes.

Water Quality testing report – Larry Frazee states we were not able to participate due to state funding cuts. Public lakes are done first and private lakes as money allows. He has applied for testing next year. Samples are taken 5 times per year at the deepest area (12’6”).

Dam report – Report attached. Mowing in good order. The dam was inspected by Willett, Hoffmann and Assoc. in Oct. 2006 and will be inspected again in Oct. 2007. The reports are sent to IDNR.

Suggestions are as follows: See also pictures as provided by WHA

- Need to remove debris in stilling basin
- Cracking and spalling of the concrete (limestone aggregate was previously used and should not be used where water flows)
- Burrow holes in the dam.

Discussion for “plan of action” for repairs to include more than simple patching. This needs to be seriously considered. An amount of \$35-40,000 may be appropriate for expenses and we can secure a new bid so we can discuss completing this project.

Also noted was an ant problem that will need to be addressed.

Mowing Report – J. Serafini with discussion – Mowing was being completed timely until we received so much rain.

Treasurer’s Audit Report – As per Jim Kleindl, he and Greg Harrison checked the books and found them to be correct and in balance. Thanks to Jim and Greg for performing this audit.

Treasurer’s Report - Jan Benoit states that we have 8 lot owners that are 8-9 months behind in fees. Budget as printed for review. Still need to send checks for insurance premium and Willett, Hoffmann & Assoc. fees. All other items can be paid in 2008 with exception of pump ordered by L. Frazee and expected very soon. It is on his credit card so will need to be paid. Open discussion regarding “healthy balance” at present which allows

looking towards completing the spillway and boat launch repairs while looking ahead to the future for re-dredging the entire lake.

General Discussion - During heavy rain, area by W. Kempthorne at bridge collected large amt. of debris and caused flooding over the bridge. Due to the heavy rains in 2007, Martin Oakes will contact Fischer Excavating to clean out the catchment ponds this Fall on time and material agreement. We did clean the ponds in 2006 and Fischer removed 30 dump trucks of debris and silt.

Lot #61 – (Jackie Morris) has been sold per Jim Kleindl. There are some back dues owed.

Jim Kleindl has access to broken concrete to be used in shoring up the island. It will be dumped on the association lot next to Larry Frazee. It can then be moved to shore up the island after the lake freezes. It is requested that it not be dumped by Larry's house at this time.

Discussion that spillway repairs have the highest priority. Motion by L. Frazee that Martin Oakes to secure specifications and estimate on necessary spillway repairs, second by B. Kraft. Motion carried. Proposed by J. Serafini to call general meeting in spring to finalize plans. DNR may need to be included for consult.

Note that \$1,500.00 is added to 2008 budget (\$15,720.00) to allow for spillway consult and \$600.00 is added to 06/07 Est. Exp. column (\$940.00) re: auxiliary pump. Motion to accept budget as modified by M. Oakes, second by L. Frazee. Motion carried.

Lot Owners Appreciation Picnic – Rainout on first date of Aug. 19 and re-scheduled Aug. 26 at the Serafini home. 21 in attendance and will be held there on Aug. 18, 2008. Members are encouraged to join in the fun and would also ask for volunteer/s for coordinating activities.

Voted on 2007-2008 officers – \*\*Note that Diane Kitts – secretary has moved and there will need to be someone named hopefully by General Meeting \*\*Correction to Directors should read Betty Kraft, Nick Namio, Andrew Soria. Revision to wording re: Mowing/Lake Maint./Coordinators: Bob Thomas / Joe Serafini. Motion to accept slate by H. Benoit, second by M. Oakes – Motion carried.

2008 Slate of Officers –

- President: Joe Serafini,
- V. President: Bob Thomas,
- Treasurer: Jan Benoit,
- Secretary: TBA
- Directors (3): Betty Kraft, Nick Namio, Andrew Soria

Mowing/Lake Maint./Coordinators: Bob Thomas and Joe Serafini

Dam Functions Coordinator: Martin Oakes

Lake/Water/Wildlife Coordinator: Nick Namio

Special Thanks to our other mowers:

Wayne Kempthorne (catchment ponds); Roger Gorsline (lot next to the dam); Larry Frazee (Associations Lot 30A) & Odd Lot teams who mowed the dam in 2007. Thank you to each of the directors and all association members who have worked on projects throughout the year.

Motion to adjourn by B. Kraft, second by H. Benoit – Motion carried