

Willow Lake Association Annual Meeting

September 28, 2017 –Jane Addams Community Center, Cedarville, IL

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by President Larry Frazee. Seventeen members were present which constitutes a quorum.

1. **Welcome and Introduction of Members**
2. **2016 Annual Meeting Minutes:** After a reading of last year's annual meeting minutes, motion to accept was made by Randy Stearns (lot 61), with a second by Martin Oakes, (lot 26). Motion passed.
3. **Fish Report** (Larry Frazee):
 - a. We will follow the stocking recommendations given to us last year after the fish count. The fish (1000 catfish and 500 largemouth bass) are on order.
 - b. Bass are to be released back into the lake if caught. Crappie and carp are to be kept out of the lake if caught. Larry is in the process of having signs made and posted regarding fishing regulations and limits on Willow Lake, as well as "No Fishing" signs for the bridge and dam.
4. **Water Quality** (Larry Frazee): Samples of Willow Lake water have been sent as required. All results have been good.
5. **Dam Report-**
 - a. **Dam-** We have received our annual inspection report from Willett/ Hofmann. Some needed repairs have been performed as per the inspection as well as some current work involving epoxy injection and urethane foam. Other than that, the dam was found to be in good repair.
 - b. **Bridge Repair-** The work on the Jay Street Bridge is complete. However, that work has created some issues for our catchment pond system because the bridge was constructed about six inches too high. Larry and Martin will be meeting with the county road commissioner and engineers in the near future to discuss possible solutions.
 - c. **Catchment Ponds-** Martin Oakes has proposed a plan which would enlarge the catchment pond basin and/or create a gravel drive on the west side of the pond. This would make dredging the pond easier in the future. We will seek bids for this work and then decide if it is feasible to proceed.
 - d. **Inlet Tube-** Larry has the inlet tube parts necessary to complete this work and will finish the project in the near future.
6. **Lawn Mowing and Sweeping:**
 - a. Larry Frazee will continue to mow the dam and easement in 2018.
 - b. Sweeping of gravel from the lawns by Larry Rackow will continue in spring 2018 for all lake residents.
7. **Treasurer's Report** (Austin Swart):
 - a. Budget- (Please see proposed budget handout)- All expenses for this year were at or below expected levels which leaves the budget in good shape. The budget for 2018 will be very similar to the one for this year. Surplus funds have been moved to a VIP Money Market account which will earn interest.
 - b. The board previously voted to continue offering a 10% discount on lake dues for members who pay their dues in full by Dec. 31st of the current year. This results in a savings of \$48.00. Owners must

be current on their dues to be eligible for the discount. Current dues statements have been mailed out.

c. **Approval of Budget-** A motion was made by Joe Serafini (lot 64) to accept the budget for 2017-2018 with a second by Travis King (lot 63). Motion passed.

8. **Disaster Plan-** The Willow Lake Emergency Action Plan has been completely reworked and updated with current information as required by the State. A sincere thank you to Martin Oakes for his excellent work in completing this project and getting it submitted to the proper authorities. They have signed off on the project.
9. **Island Work:** A contract has been given to Dave DeMeester Landscaping to trim the tree and clean up the brush on the island. A big thank you to Wayne and Roger for cleaning up the island after the wind storm.
10. **Other Work:** A new screen has been installed on the emergency spillway and the hose on the aerator has been extended.
11. **Willow Lake Website:** Martin Oakes has been hosting the current website on his own website. Discussion took place as to whether or not we should continue with the website at all, move it to its own site, etc. We will have to decide what we want to do with it in the near future.
12. **Muskrat Trapping:** Tim Regan has contacted some people who may be interested in trapping muskrats on the banks of the lake. This may help to reduce the erosion on the shoreline caused by muskrat tunneling.
13. **Social Events:** Thank you to Jim and Cheri Robinson and the committee for planning/hosting several successful social events this year.
14. **Officers for 2017-2018**

President: Larry Frazee

Directors: Jeff Martin, Travis King, Joe Serafini

Vice President: Tim Regan

Treasurer: Austin Swart

Secretary: Bev Stearns

Adjournment: A motion to dismiss was made by Joe Serafini (lot 64), with a second by Travis King (lot 63). The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Please mail dues to: Willow Lake Association, P.O. Box 861, Freeport, IL 61032

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**** Special thanks to mowers Wayne Kempthorne (catchment ponds), Roger Gorsline (lot next to the dam) ,and Larry Frazee (association lot 30A).**