

Lake Minnetonka Conservation District  
Board of Directors  
Update to Tonka Bay City Council  
June 14, 2016

February 24 – May 25, 2016

A mutually agreeable separation agreement was signed with Greg Nybeck, whose last day was April 29. Following a position posting and interviews, the Board approved Jim Brimeyer as the Interim Executive Director. An Executive Director Search Process Workgroup was formed. The Board is targeting September 2016 as the start date for a new Executive Director.

The Board held their annual meeting with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office which included discussions on coverage, training, an overview of statistics, special events, and preventative measures.

The Board conducted a public hearing and approved a proposal to reconfigure and reconstruct Wayzata Yacht Club (Site 1), Wayzata. There are no changes in the total boat storage units.

The Board approved an ordinance amendment to remove the requirement to hold a public hearing for licensed watercraft for hire that sell on-sale intoxicating liquor, non-intoxicating malt liquor, or wine licenses when adding additional ports of call to their renewal applications.

The LMCD participated in the "Celebrate Wekota Park" event on April 16<sup>th</sup> focusing on AIS and Electric Shock Drowning.

The Board approved a contract with Three Rivers Park District to provide watercraft inspectors at the public accesses on Carsons, Cooks, Halstead and Wayzata Bays. This continues LMCD's arrangement with TRPD for the second year.

The Board approved a second charter boat for PaddleTap, LLC non-intoxicating malt liquor license and additional ports of call, Wayzata City Dock and Metro Lakes Marina and Rentals (Mound).

The Board accepted their annual financial audit prepared by Abdo, Eick, & Meyers. The only issue identified, as in previous audits, was that the Executive Director (one employee) has ultimate responsibility for the financial statements. The auditors stated that the LMCD is financially strong: hitting the fund balance reserves with a budget performance as expected or monitored.

The Board received an update on the Wayzata Lake Effect Project. No requests or proposals to the LMCD are expected until funding is secured.

The Board's Save the Lake Committee conducted another Boater Safety Education Session on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Board approved a negative declaration on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet for Lindbo Landing Marina, Tonka Bay. Lindbo Landing will submit an application to reconfigure and reconstruct their docks.

The Board approved a request from Harborage Homeowners Association, Victoria, to increase the number of boat storage units from nine to 12.

The Board approved several ordinance amendments – 1) to define “practical difficulties” to assess variance requests and deleting references to “practical hardship;” 2) changes to the definition of “special events” requiring permits; and 3) changes to allow for publication of summary language with reference to the full text of new ordinances.

The Board approved \$2,500 for weed harvesting in Libbs Lake. This is a unique situation where the LMCD harvesters are too large for Libbs Lake and the Libbs Lake Owners Association is seeking support for weed control.

The HCSO Water Patrol provided an update on a variety of topics. Several drownings have occurred including a recent death on Lake Minnetonka. The Water Patrol will increase staffing for the summer, beginning Memorial Day weekend, to a total of eight full-time and 2 part-time officers, including the officer funded by the Save the Lake Fund. Special focus will be placed on Cruisers Cove on Big Island, unpermitted special events, littering, noise, and underage consumption. A dedicated landing for emergencies will be built near the Arcola Bridge.

The Board conducted their annual Data Practices and Open Meeting Law training.

The Board approved the 2017 LMCD budget (attached) with a 6.3% increase in the member city levy. The levy to the City of Tonka Bay will increase by 1.8% (\$193) to a total of \$10,858.

Submitted by Gregg Thomas  
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