

Minutes of the Lake Committee – Held Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Call to Order – Called to order by Chairman Donlin at 6:00 p.m. Present: Joe Donlin (Chairman), Bonnie Wilcox, Don Funseth, Dave Eustice, Jim Root, Ben O'Brien and April Little.

Also present: Sandy and Carey VanKleek, Dave Ace, Jean Kringle, Jean and Mike Tretow, Brad Peterson and Jeff Hruby, Montgomery Associates

Funseth made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2010; seconded by Root. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. **Permitting** – Hruby said he believed that the dam will be classified by the DNR as low hazard. However, they will require spillway modification at the same time the berm is built. The DNR will not allow a time delay. There will be cost implications for the project. A confirmation in writing will be coming from the DNR. Donlin said that the cost should not come out of the lake restoration project. Ace asked about why money would be stuck into the dam. Hruby said the dam is needed to maintain the lake level. If the river level comes down, lake water will seep to the river. The dam is a hydraulic control for upstream waters.
 - a. **WDNR / USACE** – A provisional USACE permit is received but it cannot be finalized until the DNR provides its permits. They are requiring a lot of long-term monitoring. Some of the conditions did not seem to make sense for this project. Conversations with the Corp are continuing.
 - b. **Local** – On hold until the DNR and ACE permits are completed. Stewardship grants are being held up because of a pending archeological review.
2. **Design Development** -
 - a. **Berm / Walkway Entrance** – Hruby presented a concept plan for the berm entrance at the North Shore neighborhood. It would have a collapsible bollard, fieldstone boulders, accent plantings, sign, and landscaping with shade and evergreen trees along the path to increase privacy. Stormwater grading would be on either side of the path. A mailbox and existing planting bed may need to be moved. No-mow grass would also be included. Ornamental trees would be 2 ½ caliper. Cost estimate is \$12-17,000; this might be included in the contingency

fund. Montrose Town Board may comment on the plan. Sandy VanKleek thought the plan looked good. Maximum slope is 4 percent; grade will be adjusted to tie the entrance path to the berm. It is designed to DOT trail specifications. Jim Root said Mr. Mellenberger, the other neighbor, does not have any problem with the proposal.

3. **Funding Update** – Little reported that a meeting is scheduled with the DNR April 6 to discuss upcoming grants and one will be scheduled with the Army Corp of Engineers in mid-April. Appropriations requests were submitted to Senator Baldwin and Senator Kohl. It is expected voting for the Pepsi Refresh lake project submission may begin April 1.
4. **Project Schedule** – Jean Kringle asked about the draw down. Hruby said yes, it is still beneficial to the project as it helps to dewater sediment. The berm will help dry it further. The berm construction is independent of the water level. There will be a time lag for excavation after berm construction. Dredging is where the draw down is most beneficial.

Hruby is recommending having bidding documents ready June 1 for maximum flexibility and approve bidding in May. Could possibly start construction August or September. Delay would also help with fund availability and permitting. Flexibility on dredging and restoration will be built into the documents. The project will be bid in its entirety - civil works and restoration. The berm is the first item to be constructed. Dredging may also begin in 2010.

Funseth was concerned with the slow timeline of the project. Hruby said contractors were still anxious to bid. Village Board has to yet approve the bidding out. May 3 could be the date to take to Village Board; recommendation at the April Lake Committee meeting. Project manual is about a month out. Bid documents are being worked on currently.

5. New Business: none

Next meeting: April 21 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment – Wilcox made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Eustice. Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

By April Little, Executive Director