

# SAINT GERMAIN, WI Lake District

## Elected Commissioners

Steve Sward, President  
Erv Stiemke, Treasurer  
Lou Mirek, Secretary

## Appointed Commissioners

Todd Wiese, Town of Saint Germain  
Craig Weberg, County of Vilas

## July 27, 2007 Meeting

**09:30** Meeting was called to order by Steve Sward.

In Attendance: Steve Sward, Lou Mirek, and, Erv Stiemke

Dick Hertzler voiced concerns about area treated near his home. Is weed growth continuing? Sward explained the procedure for monitoring weed control. We will need continued observation of the treated areas. E.W.M. must continually be controlled. Funding for this treatment will always be an issue.

Weed harvesting was done in South Bay last year and this year. Weed concentrations are down this year from last year. Lee Holthaus showed pictures of muck that was washed up on his shoreline. The bay that they are located in is a collection point for the weed harvester. Ritter said there is a problem with dealing with removing the debris left from weed removal. Dredging is a consideration but that would require a permit and Ritter would review that with the county. Ritter said we probability won't get a permit to dredge.

Ritter talked about algae and that it is an organic issue. Ritter asked if there is a deterioration of water clarity in West Bay. Holthaus responded that there has been deterioration during the past 5 years.

Sward said that water clarity in East Bay is a problem. Water clarity problems start in June and continue through the summer. The treatment chart from Barr Engineering shows several options with projected water clarity depending on the treatment plan. We will need a cost review with all the options and projected results. The treatment, if we go with the plan will be done in October to maximize the treatment. There will be a need for permits from the DNR and this is a long process. We will need to review the cost of the treatment and options to finance it.

Barr Engineering will be at the annual meeting to explain the plan and answer any questions.

Ritter asked if we had Bonding authority. Sward said that bonding and underwriting will need to be reviewed and we will see if we can sell the bonds.

### **Curly Leaf update:**

Stiemke reported that our 2007 bill was \$37,776 and our second treatment was \$3,345. Our total bill from Cliff Schmidt was \$41,121. Our 2007 total this far is \$50,080. Our

share of the bill is 50% of the total. Our budget for weed control for this year was \$11,000.

### **Weed cutting.**

Sward asked if we have any areas that need cutting. Steimke reported that we do have weed problems in South Bay. Cliff Schmidt is scheduled to cut the second week of August. Sward asked what our budget is for weed cutting in 2007. Stiemke reported that we have \$15,000 in the budget. We will use ½ of that amount.

### **Web Site update**

Ritter reported that he has experience in writing and developing a site. If the Town purchases the software for \$1,500 Ted will build and maintain the site at no cost to the town. The site will have to be registered and the site fee will be \$20 a month. The Lake District will have an annual cost of \$240 for the site.

### **Finance**

Sward said the proposed budget for 2007 will be \$62,000.

### **Annual Meeting Agenda**

Sward said we need to include 15 planned minutes for John Manki for an update on our weed management plan. We need to plan 45 minutes for Barr Engineering, time to address custom weed cutting. We will also need time to review Cliff Schmidt's cost and permit fees. In addition we need time for the nominating committee to replace Steve Sward as his term is up.

There were no comments from the floor.

Erv Stiemke made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Steve Sward.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 A.M.

Recorded by Lou Mirek