

Minutes March 9, 2017
Maple Lake Improvement District

President B. Wavra called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Board members present: L. Abel, G. Radke, R. Behm, M. Moore, B. Wavra, M. Schulz
Absent: B. Floan

Also present: Bonnie Abel, Steve Swanson, Kristi Thorfinnson

It was moved by G. Radke, 2nd by R. Behm to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by L. Abel, 2nd by M. Moore to approve the February 2017 minutes. Motion carried

It was moved by G. Radke, 2nd by M. Moore to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The balance of the accounts as of February 28, 2017: General Fund - \$46,160.26. Special Events account - \$2,247.07.

Planning and Zoning:

Mark Morvig on Maple Dr. SE requested a Conditional Use Permit to hook a compliant septic system to a proposed new building on a proposed backlot. The Board did not see any problem with this request.

Old Business:

Steve Swanson from Lake Cabin Directories reported that the 17-18 directory updates had been made and presented the 1st draft for the Board's review. He also brought several pictures for the Board to review for the Directory cover.

It was also discussed to add a story of Maple Lake history to the Directory as submitted by Cindy Hutchins on behalf of Barb Doster, making sure to add a disclaimer that the facts of the story had not been validated.

Steve will continue to update the directory with the 4th quarter sales information from the county and bring the final proof to the April meeting.

New Business:

Kristi Thorfinnson from Friends of the Rydell Refuge was at the meeting requesting a letter of support from the board for more local support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to maintain the Rydell Refuge and Glacial Ridge properties. The board will be glad to help by sending a letter.

Loren Abel gave an update on the watercraft inspections performed by MN DNR staff through the prevention grant that supplied 160 hours of inspection time during the 2016 watercraft inspection season. The DNR completed 372 inspections during 173 hours of inspection time at Maple Lake. During entering inspection 15 watercraft were observed arriving with their drain plug installed. A total of 47 surveys indicated that users had not spoken with an inspector within the last month (or ever). While this is a low number, it still shows the need for continued education especially considering 27% of the users surveyed came from North Dakota and may not be entirely familiar with all of Minnesota's AIS laws.

However, it is encouraging to see that only 3 entering boats were found to have a threat on them. Both July and August appear to be busy times on Maple Lake. The DNR classifies an access as a busy access when it sees greater than 0.9 inspections per hour. Maple Lake saw 2.39 and 1.84 inspections per hour in July and August, respectively. The survey also showed that over half of the users (58%) are using the lake for recreation as opposed to fishing (41%).

Mike Schulz reported that the Polk County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Taskforce will be installing cameras at the Maple Lake East access to monitor the boats entering and exiting the lake.

It was moved by M. Schulz, 2nd by M, Moore to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Bonnie Abel
Sec'y/Treasurer

The next meeting of the MLID will be
Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Mentor Community Center, Mentor, MN