FINDLEY LAKE WATERSHSHED FOUNDATION

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 22, 2024

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am by President, Ed Mulkearn. One amendment to agenda, under New Business add town work group.

**Quorum**

A quorum was declared to conduct business.

**Present**

Lex Brumagin, Christine Craffey, Paul Fellinger, Ben Fergus (virtual), Jeff Ireland, Lant Lictus, George Mihalik, Erin Miller, Ed Mulkearn, Bill Simpkins and Debbie Thresher.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the regular meeting on May 11, 2024, were reviewed and approved. Lant Lictus made a motion to approve and Christine Craffey second the motion.

**Treasure’s Report**

Jeff Ireland reported that as of June 20, 2024,

Operating account $9227.73

Payroll. $3402.06

Jeff reported that a check for $4650 has been sent to Ready Scout for treatment of North End. Ed Mulkearn suggests that we settle all monies and paperwork which Jeff said he has a running record of all transactions.

Bill Simpkins motioned to approve the treasurer’s report and Paul Fellinger second the motion.

**President’s Report**

Ed Mulkearn opened with a reference to the movie, Jeremiah Johnson, he let the group know how much he appreciates all the hard work everyone does. Ed reported his disappointment we will not get the grant money for the south end next year. The county gave 4 grants and we were number 7. The positive is the county gave us $100,000 this year, $50, 000 for the study of the sedimentary with Princeton Hydro and another $50,000 for the north end treatment.

Ed reported on some changes for the Annual Meeting on July 20th, this year. After a lot of discussion, it was decided to proceed with a new approach.

1 vote per membership

Possible restructure on membership form going forward

Family members can attend/ with no vote.

Payables at the door are welcome.

6:00 pm. Board meeting

7;00 pm. Meet and greet

7:30 pm. Meeting with membership

**Membership**

Lex Brumagin reported there are 153 members this year, so far. There is still time to get your membership form and check into the Watershed. He thanked Erin Miller for getting the word out to everyone.

**Lake Management**

**Physical**

Lant Lictus reported the gear box on gate is in need of being replaced. Ours is obsolete, after some checking around, a new gear box will cost $2,250, which includes shipping costs and wheel, it will have a hand wheel, lockable and safer. An additional, monies are needed for labor and parts to raise the wheel. Jeff Ireland made a motion for $4000 to replace the gearbox, parts and labor costs. Christine Craffey second the motion. It will take 3-4 weeks to finish the project.

**Water Quality**

Christine Craffey reported on the treatment in the north end of lake. A little confusion about what, how it will look and whats happening from several people. The application was to kill the milfoil and it’s doing exactly that. It’s only been a few weeks and unfortunately mother nature is in a season for growing. The weed harvester needed to stay away from the treated areas and has concentrated on the sound end. The north is being harvested in 3 coves now and huge improvement is happening. When is the last time you could visibly see the bottom of the lake. Let’s put on our patience hat for a little while.

Some conversation for possible underwater cameras on the harvester, to help with navigating to keep efficiency of where to harvest. Christine Craffey said maybe a conversation with Penn State Behrend on GPS uses. Ed suggested a possible grant to cover the cost. Paul Fellinger is looking into GPS on harvesters and how well it works.

**Building and Grounds**

Bill Simpkins reported that a few bricks on waterwheel pathway need fixed. He will fix them this week. Also, the ramp and front door need some fixing. Bill plans to paint the front of building to clean it up for Bicentennial. Ed reminded Bill, we need to work on the flagpole, too.

Paul Fellinger shared a photo and announced, a new shanty for the harvester has been purchased and will arrive in a few weeks. The old shed will be resale and taken away. Lant will be there when it’s delivered in case the gas tank needs moved. Paul will be there to take delivery. Paul suggested for all board members to take a ride on the Harvester and see how it works.

**Communication**

Erin Miller is working on an article with information about the north end treatment. She has a couple of educational articles in the works and will be sending an email to inform more about the Annual Meeting.

Ed Mulkearn suggested adding Erin Miller to the board as Communications. Christine Craffey thought it was an excellent idea. Jeff Ireland made a motion to add Erin in the Communications role, Christine Craffey second the motion. Ben Fergus reminded the board that Erin will need to have approval from the membership at our Annual Meeting.

**Fundraising**

George Mihalik reported on 3 ideas for raising funds.

* Attempting to get a meeting with Mercyhurst about helping to fund with lake improvement for their team.
* A raffle for a Buffalo Bills game, 2 tickets, parking pass, experience on field with players and goodie bag. Raffle is $20 a ticket or 3 for $50. It will be early October against the Tennessee Titans.
* Another football game with 2 tickets, on field pass for pregame, goodie bag and parking pass. The Steelers vs. the Browns on December 8th. It’s in a private box with food and drinks throughout the game. There will be 100 tickets sold at $100 a ticket!
* Opportunities to get tickets at the Duck Race, Booth on July 12, Annual meeting, Bicentennial and Harvest Fest. Winners will be announced on Sunday of Harvest Fest at the gazebo.
* Lex Brumagin motioned to go forward with the Buffalo Bills package, Jeff Ireland second the motion.
* Jeff Ireland motioned to move forward with the Steelers/Browns package and Bill Simpkins second the motion.

**Old Business**

Ben Fergus suggested putting a presentation of the Strategic Plan together for the Annual Meeting. All chairs must get your info for the slide to him as soon as possible.

**New Business**

Ed Mulkearn announced that Barton & Logidice is taking a look at restoration of all the ponds. There is a new group called the teamwork group. More info to follow at a later date.

**Action Report**

* Paul Fellinger will investigate pros and cons of GPS systems for Harvester.
* Paul Fellinger will be taking delivery of the new Harvester shed with assistance from Lant Lictus.
* George Mihalik will be working with Erin Miller on the raffle fund raisers. They will organize the tickets for both.

Respectively Submitted,

Debbie Thresher, Secretary

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