

**GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY
WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN
Board of Director's Meeting Official Minutes.**

March 19, 2015

The GLEA meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm, Thursday March 19, 2015 by Chairman D. Bowman at Lower Association Hall, on Lewis Dr., George Williams College Campus, Williams Bay WI.

Members Present: R. Bowman (W. B.), L. Lundberg (W. B.), T. Leith (Linn Twn.), J. Lovell (Walworth Twn.), D. Jameson (WB), G. Ahnert (LG).

- **Members absent** C. Jones (Linn Twn), P. Kenny (Fontana), E. Chappell (L.G.),
- **Also Present:** Ted Peters (director). C. Schultz (Regional News) D. Malmin (Care for Lake Geneva).

D. Malmin was present to discuss the Big Foot Beach State Park road relocation. Rather than have him sit through the whole meeting till it came up on the agenda under new business item 2, the board agreed to let him talk at the beginning of the meeting before any agenda business was address.

D. Malmin went through the history of the Big Foot Beach State Park planning and recent Wisconsin DNR and City of Lake Geneva's meetings on revisiting the road relocation. He handed out a packet with information on the project. He basically is not in favor of the preferred alternative which includes moving the road east behind the lagoons and into the woods. He stated that it would pretty much destroy the only remaining woods in the park. T. Leith who was the park ranger from many years mentioned that they had built many trails in the woods. There are about 60 acres of woods and the project would remove about 40 ac of them for parking and misc. Concerns include extended length of road (50% longer) curves on the road, pedestrian safety, animal movement across the relocated road to the ponds, future maintenance and funding for it, and impacts on water quality. The GLEA board also discussed loss of beach to erosion, boat traffic in lagoon and its impact on the shoreline and sediment, water quality of lagoon and impact on lake, additional boat launches, impervious areas, lake elevation difference and how this will impact the recreational use of the park and beach. The question was asked as to why the City and the DNR are interested in doing this. It was mentioned that since the highway was re-routed to the east and around the park, traffic patterns have changed significantly. Is pedestrian safety still a major issue? D. Malmin strongly encouraged the GLEA to express its feeling regarding the project.

General Business:

1. **Motion by J. Lovell to accept the February 19, 2015 minutes. CU**
2. Action on Monthly Items
 - a. **Motion by T. Leith to accept the February 2015 Income Statements. CU.**
 - b. **Motion by J. Lovell February 2015 Balance Statements. CU**
 - c. The board reviewed the donations and disbursement reports for February 2015.
 - d. Staff Report:
Director's Report:

-Peters mentioned that the staff gages were install in KNC Wed. 3/18. He passed out a listing of the fish stocked in Geneva Lake by the WDNR since 1972. He briefly mentioned the zooplankton change that has been noted by the analyst. Option are being explored and discussed with WDNR, USGS and others. Causes may include but not limited to; impacts by fish, changes in trophic level and biasing in the sampling. He will monitor it. **Motion by D. Jameson to accept the Director's Report.**

Old Business:

1. The final draft of the audit was passed out to board members. Discussion followed on the included letters that pointed out some items that need to be addressed by the Board. It was suggested that in the future bank statements be included with the monthly bookkeeper's report. **Motion by J. Lovell to accept the audit noting the auditor's comments. CU**
2. KNC stream gages have been installed. Readings will now be taken with the water table recordings
3. A new investment policy was discussed. Peters sent info out prior to the meeting. Some did not get a chance to review. A Risk Tolerance Questionnaire and Investment Strategy forms were discussed but not completed. The attorney felt that he needed to investigate whether the GLEA can conduct this type of investment. He will report back at the next meeting.
4. Peters updated the board and the registration for the Earth Day Event and Reception. It may be full.

New Business:

1. Posters for the Wisconsin Lake Convention are progressing. Most of the work is being done by the other co-presenters.
2. Big Foot Beach State Park road re-location was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Commissioners' Report:

The Lake Use Committee will be meeting Thur. of April 15 and will discuss the Big Foot Beach road relocation.

The next GLEA meeting date is April 16, 2015 same time and same place.

Motion by D. Jameson 8:45 pm to adjourn.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by T. Peters.