

Papakeechee Protective Association

LAPSI Team Meeting 5/10/13, 7:00pm

Minutes

Attendees (Alphabetically): Kendall Floyd, John & Georganna Hart, Mark and Jan Laurent, Diane Tulloh, Jodi Hedges, Anthony Serianni , Virginia Surso, Jerry Yoder

Guests: none

Old Business:

Wetland Mitigation Monitoring - now wholly in board hands

WACF: Next Meeting – Corrected Date: Wednesday 5/15/13 at 4:30pm. Tony hopes to be back in town in time to attend. John plans on going.

Summer Testing Preparation:

Preparation for Hannah Becker:

Hannah's Grant Proposal: Two parts. 1. Natural science portion (water testing) 2. Lake residents on Papakeechee and Wawasee, includes some sort of questionnaire.

Hannah has made arrangements with Brook Pointe Inn for mid-June.

Chemical Boat – John: The board has approved Hannah' use of the Chemical boat. Terry likely to train Hannah. The boat is kept at Terry's house near the ingress.

Access to PPA building – John to clear with board.

Laboratory: Tony purchased the oven and it is in the PPA building.

Critical: Tony still needs to write up the protocols for measurements for Secchi work and e Coli testing (which may be available from test vendor). He will complete this prior to Hannah's first day here.

Some of us may want to participate in water testing so that we can learn how to make the measurements.

John was to e-mail the manual to the depth sounder to Hannah.

Mapping Software: John is encountering problems. The Dr. Depth company was acquired and the software is no longer available for purchase. He mentioned again that Lowrance has their own mapping called Insight Genesis, where they create the map for you but you don't own the map. It is a subscription model. When he attempted to upload the sounding data to Lowrance it didn't work. Lowrance said our unit doesn't work with Insight yet. John called this afternoon and downloaded v2.0 for the Lowrance unit. He mapped some more today (after the 2.0 upgrade) and Insight still wouldn't take it (the data). Next he will try to find somebody with a Windows PC (since he is running a Mac with

a Windows running “in parallel” (dual partition/Windows emulation?). Kendall and John will try using Kendall’s Windows PC.

John asked for volunteers to map close to shore.

Miscellaneous Old Business:

Kendall to add Hanna to LAPSI mailing list.

Bookkeeping software – Virginia: She needs instructions. It was suggested that she check the Help area. Tony will also check since he has the software also.

Notre Dame Grant: Nothing definitive yet. Proposal has not yet gone to donor, but will shortly.

Virginia mentioned: Grace College opens gym and people can put booths in and students will man it.

Lake Level: Decided by Dam Manager (Terry) who has extensive history and experience.

John shared a map of the WACF owned properties.

Margaret Mead: Tony did find that Papakeechee was mentioned in the book I mentioned in the last minutes, which was *‘Lead Thou Me on’: Reflections from Lake Papakeechee* by Vincent J. Giese.

Last WACF meeting: They use the same e Coli tests that we are going to use.

Per Tony: We should make lists of grant resources and deadlines for submission.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Approved and ready to send to the Board.

Review of action items:

Web Site: Backups – Kendall to check Host Gator SLA for how HostGator handles backups, or what they promise. (I was puzzled by this question from Tony who was referring to the e-mail I had sent the board. In retrospect, he was likely referring to how we would handle our own backup of data which also resides on the site. - kaf)

Other old business, etc...

Archiving: Still needs attention.

New Business:

Old water tests/studies – Virginia: Found several old lake studies and also an old lake management plan. One of them implies the weed harvester was purchased in 1983. Virginia will work on getting them scanned and then e-mailed.

From Cruzin’ – Virginia: Lake Levels of Wawasee and Syracuse are 11” above legal level of the lake. She also mentioned the grants several nearby lakes received for weed control.

DNR Controls – Virginia: Her neighbor was told (due to an addition they were putting on their house) that they needed flood insurance. Has something to do with the DNR being able to empty water into Papakeechee. The point Anthony made was that it sounds as if the DNR is in control of water levels and that the decisions are made in Indianapolis. Also, water control issues may become much more of an issue in the future. Possibly make recommendation to board that they become aware of water control done by DNR in tri-county. Tony added that any projections over next 20-30 years he has read said it is going to become an issue.

PPA Building Septic/Sewer Connection – Virginia: She raised the concern that we may have to connect to the sewer rather than using the septic. John's experience has been that there is a choice. Tony: Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District. 260-856-4341. They are the overseer of sewer projects. Tim Woodward is the person we would talk to. Tony spoke with a woman there about sewer costs. She gave the following numbers: Capital Charge fixed fee \$893; we would be responsible for the trench from the building to the sewer, then we call the Sewer District for connection; Connection fee \$1800; Ongoing fees \$52.70/month thereafter.

Team agreed to move forward on the use of the septic and address the possibility of potential requirements of sewer at such a time were our usage changes (i.e. the addition of a stool, etc...)

Next meeting: 7:00pm on 6/7/13 at PPA Building