

Minutes of the Wildwood Park District

Board of Commissioners Valley Lake Committee Meeting

February 1, 2016 7:00pm Rule House 33325 Sears Blvd Wildwood IL

Present, Dan Bundalo, Cindy Bundalo, Alicia Corrigan, Dave Johnson and Anne Nelson

Commissioner Dan Bundalo called the Meeting to order at 7:00,

Open session, residents were asked for input on any issues.

Dean Fritz expressed his concern over some recent statements made at the last Wildwood Park District board meeting he viewed online. The board made comments over too much in financial resources is being spent on Valley Lake. He noted the following in researching his previous tax bills: In 2014 \$573.95 went to the Wildwood park district for taxes. These taxes were raised 113.00 in just one year, from 2013 to 2104. Based on that figure and averaging over 50 homes on Valley Lake, nearly \$30,000.00 yearly is paid by the residents on Valley Lake to the park district which would seem is more than the district pays yearly to treat Valley Lake. This is just with the amount these Valley lakeside residents pay.

Also a concern is one board member who is calling Valley Lake a "retention pond". According to Mike Adam from the Lake County Health Department who answered back that the general rule in Lake County is any Water Way greater than 6 acres is a **LAKE** and the County does and would classify Valley Lake as a Recreational Man-Made Lake. There was information shared on how much of the watershed was added in the flow of the drain installed by the Township as there is conflicting numbers from different sources. An example he explained that if you covered all the area of homes around Valley lake with a tarp when it rained the overflow of water would not run through the grass and open areas to be naturally filtered as it would without the tarp, but now go directly through the streets and sewers into the lake unfiltered. This may be accounting for our increased Chloride (road salt) levels at rates in 2014 of 304, 264 and 396 where the levels of 1-100 are acceptable rates and at rates of over 250 the lake water will start to taste of salt. The increase of rates of both the Phosphorus and Chloride levels all began to soar in 2004 when the drain was installed.

Dan Bundalo addressed he would like Mr. Fritz's documents and will plan with the committee on meeting with the Warren Township to address the issue.

Richard Wodek brought up his concerns and would like to help with any meetings with the Township as he has information from attending many meetings on issues with the Big Oaks Drain project both with the park board and the Township board. He has done a lot of research on how to slow down the flow of water and has some engineering plans and research he wants to share. He talked about the sediment flowing into the lake and filling it up since the drain was installed. He also wants to work with the DNR on a fish study for Valley Lake.

Mr Wodek Sr. asked about Security issues and residents parking on the road on Greentree near the Valley Lakes South area. Dan talked about new Park Security that has been hired.

Open Meetings Act

Dan Bundalo addressed the committee on rules to be followed for the Open Meetings Act.

Aerators

Alicia Corrigan shared her documents regarding the companies she has contacted for quotes for the aeration systems for Valley Lake. More information will be available at the next meeting.

2016 Lake Management contracts review

Anne Nelson shared a spread sheet with breakdown on treatment pricing. Cindy Bundalo shared thoughts on the companies she has been communicating with and compared bottom line prices.

A short discussion followed. The Committee was in unanimous in agreement to meet with two companies on Monday February 8th for interviews to finalize recommendations. Times for interviews will be 5:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. All committee members will try to attend.

A monthly meeting was agreed on for March on March 7th at 7:00 P.M. to be finalize and address the recommendations for the Lake Management contracts and pricing on aerator systems.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.