

Draft Meeting Minutes
Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Board Meeting

9:00am, Saturday May 26, 2007
Milltown Fire Hall, Milltown, Wisconsin.

Committee Members:

Present

- X Sheila Waldoch – New Chairperson – Term Expires: July 2007
- X Todd Hanson – Treasurer – Term Expires: July 2009
- X Craig Johnson – Vice Chair – Term Expires: July 2009
- X Rick Miller – Secretary/WEB page – Term Expires: July 2008
- Stfan Milberg – Polk County Commissioner – Term Expires: N/A
- X Harlan Hegdal – Chair, Milltown Township – Term Expires: N/A
- X Stan Murzyn – Security Committee – Term Expires July 2008

Other Person(s) Present:

Jim Smith

1. Welcome visitors and guests

2. Secretaries Report

- a. Motion made to approve the September 30, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes – motion seconded – chairperson placed the question to the Board - all in favor – none opposed – motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Motion made to approve the May 26, 2007 financial report – motion seconded – chairperson placed the question to the Board - all in favor – none opposed – motion passed.

4. Committee and Other Reports

- a. Milltown Township (Harlan Hegdal):

Due mostly to high oil prices, the cost to rehabilitate/replace one mile of tar roadway now costs \$73,000.

There are a number of problem (poorly maintained / hazardous) properties – the township has no ordinance – therefore the township can do little.

The Polk County Zoning department has moved to change shore land ordinance (size, impervious surface limits, etc.). The Board of Adjustments will directly deal with building code variances – and size and height of structures. This change will probably save homeowners about \$500 per construction projects. This change has not passed yet.

Milltown Township is losing territory. Milltown Township has entered into a border agreement with the County to expand their zoning rules beyond the Township's border.

The sanitary sewer is being expanded around Balsam lake – may eventually extend to half moon.

Balsam lake is starting boat inspection program this year.

The Balsam lake Association is contributing funds to pay for the cost of the 4th of July fireworks.

b. Polk County (Stfan Milberg):

Stfan was not present.

c. Safety Committee (Stan Murzyn):

No Report

d. Craig Johnson (HML Conservation District):

Over the past six months the Conservation District has started writing a mission statement. This statement is to describe the goals and objectives of protecting the water and wetlands associated with Half Moon Lake. Harmony Consulting continues to service the Conservation District.

Most of the District's members are impressed with the results of the Deer and Balsam lakes conservancy programs. The District will meet again next Saturday and will inspect the Tamarack Bay property on the North Side of Half Moon. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has approximately a one-million dollar grant program and the Half Moon Conservation District has been tentatively been allotted \$100,000 for projects.

e. 2007 Annual Meeting and Picnic

A plant specialist will probably speak at the meeting – the specialist is a friend of Keith Zygowitz – Harlan will make contact.

Date – July 21 2007

The same caterer and rental supplier as last year will be contacted to provide services this year – same number of rental items as last year will be requested.

The north beach pavilion has been reserved.

f. Seasonal Resident Association meeting feedback:

The Wisconsin Waterfront Owners workshop was held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on 4/27/07. The meeting addressed new tree diseases, property tax issues, legal issues, habitat protection, etc. Some of this information may be placed on the HML web site.

g. Boat & Lake inspection program (talk about the Bone Lake program):

Bone lake has an active program. Balsam lake is starting one (Milt Stanze?). State level contacts for training and program establishment on Half Moon Lake have been identified. Half Moon Lake needs volunteers – a request will be made at the picnic.

5. Old Business

a. Sara McCurdy (Polk County Land Information Director) was unable to determine the Class of the wetlands near Tamarack bay and Half Moon Lake during a contact last week. Will continue to investigate.

b. At this date, the www.halfmoonlake.net over 4,559 visits. Updates usually made about every other week.

6. New Business

Sheila will pursue obtaining invasive species warning signage at boat launches – motion made to get large sign for the north beach boat launch and a “take care of your trash” sign at the south lake ice fishing access – \$1,5000 approved for three signs. These signs can possibly be ordered through Milt (at the Balsam Branch Watershed District).

A draft copy of the spring newsletter was handed out. It looks very nice – both quality and content.

Discussion of potential uses of treasury funds. Perhaps purchase of land or easement on sensitive properties.

7. Open Dialog or Visitor Reports - None

8. Issues for next meeting:

9. Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 am.