

**Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Summer Board Meeting – June 25, 2016**

Location: Ellen Butler's cabin (and Dave B via phone)

Time: 9:00am

Agenda:

1. Call to order – called to order by John at 9:02
2. Roll call – John Weber (Chair), Bud Ericksen (Vice Chair), Ellen Butler (Treasurer), Dave Balestri (Secretary), John Briegal (Fisheries), Harlen Hegdal (Township).
3. Approval of previous minutes: Dave had sent minutes right after the May 2016 meeting. Motion to approve, seconded, approved.
4. Committee Updates:
 - a. Treasurer Report: Ellen reported on finances:
 - RCU Bank:
 - 1 yr. CD 1.06% matures 3/25/17- \$75,133.83
 - Money Market- \$12,865.20
 - Checking Acct. - \$20,698.05
 - Savings acct- \$5.14
 - Fireworks Fund- \$1,209.78
 - Total Income: tax(29,089.61), lottery(298.89) and interest(22.75): \$29,411.25
 - Expenses since 7/18/15: \$16,816.75
 - Newsletter ad revenue collected as of 6/24/16: \$2,883.00
 - Paperworx(newsletter publisher) owes additional ad revenue to District: \$1617.00 to achieve agreement of \$4500.00 ad revenue (to pay for fireworks 2016).
 - District paid Paperworx \$500.00 on 8/10/15 to begin ad sales for newsletter.
 - This year we ordered a \$3,000.00 fireworks show, which includes the \$300.00 insurance. The fireworks show cost \$2,700.00 for the past 2 years.
 - Milltown township will obtain the permit for fireworks.
 - Ellen Butler loaned the district firework fund \$1,000.00 last year to cover the show.
 - She was paid back from district funds this year.
 - The district loaned another \$550.00 to the firework fund last summer.
 - The district has been paid back from the newsletter ad revenue.
 - Motion to approve Treasurer report; seconded; motion carried
5. Old business:
 - a. Camera at boat launch: one ticket has been issued. Question as to whether it is worth the cost. Could use the boys monitoring the launch. Could they just forward info to sheriff's department? The camera takes a picture of the trailer. Consensus is that we'll leave it in place through the year and see how it goes. Harlen makes motion that we keep contract for this year; seconded. Motion carries.
 - b. Fourth of July fireworks: selling of ads in Fall newsletter came up short of financial goal. We have about \$2,900 of advertising sold as of a few days ago – short of what we need. John looked at history; some people think District should have nothing to do with fireworks. Right now, the Township is no longer doing insurance. A firetruck needs to be there. Fire department isn't

enthusiastic about that. District is financially involved. John thinks it's time to either get the Board involved and run it or to explicitly get completely out of the fireworks situation. Ellen talked to Pat McMahon. Historically, challenges were in voting process. There are a number of people who want to host the fireworks. The District has the legal power to do it. We are already involved because the District manages the money. We need to find volunteers to manage it in the future. For this year (2016), plans are in place and they will proceed as planned. For next year and subsequent years, we need to come up with a different plan. Harlen expressed concern that a lot of people may be opposed to District managing fireworks. He thinks we need to bring it to annual meeting for a vote. Concerns are around tax dollars, liability, and whether to bring a potentially contentious issue to the lake. John thinks the only way to keep it going is to take it over completely as a District or to turn it over entirely to a volunteer, private group. Dave expressed his personal opinion that the District should get out of the business due to liability. He suggested that if no volunteers step up at the annual meeting, then we got at least one year without and see if it causes enough pain to encourage someone else to manage it. Bud prefers that the district doesn't have anything to do with it, but if we defer to volunteers, it'll die out. Consensus is that we present two options at the annual meeting. Agreement that the issue has to be clearly articulated, written down, and passed out at the meeting for the vote. Harlen and John W will write up 1-page summary to be handed out at annual picnic.

- c. Other discussion: ordinance says boats need to be 100' from shore, docks, and rafts. We thought it was 200' when we purchased the buoys. Discussion of possible sites at which to put them. Decided on Butlers.
 - d. Annual picnic: caterer pulled out this week. Will need to find another on short notice. Also, guest speaker declined invitation. Decided not to have a guest speaker this year.
6. Adjourn: motion to adjourn. Seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35.