

CITY OF WOODLAND
HORSESHOE LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2012

The regular meeting of the Horseshoe Lake Management Committee was held on the above date, at the Woodland Community Center, 782 Park Street, Woodland, WA 98674.

Chairman Tom Golik called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Roll call found the following:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Tom Golik, Chairman
Walt Church
Mike Curry
Terry Jones
Francis Patnode (Absent)
Pat Rychel (Absent)
Jeff Sullivan (Absent)
Neil Van Horn (Absent)

MAYOR/COUNCIL:

Grover Laseke, Mayor
Scott Perry, Councilmember

STAFF:

Jody Bartkowski, Secretary
Bart Stepp, Public Works Director

MINUTES

The November 8, 2012 minutes were approved as presented.

Mayor Laseke introduced Cowlitz County Commissioner Jim Misner.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

A. Lake Pump. Bart Stepp reported that the pump is on and running according to guidelines (50-minutes on, 10-minutes off). Discussion ensued regarding conflicting reports from those viewing the pump, testing phosphorous levels in the river, committee concerns that pumping capacity is not adequate, what is happening with the new pump design, the need for additional pumping in summer when the river is low, turning the pump off in winter, and contacting the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Councilmember Perry requested that the WSDOT be notified in writing that current pumping capacity is not adequate.

B. Water Quality & Sampling. Staff reported that the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) completed another round of testing on December 6th and that the results will be available next week. Further testing, is planned for the first full week in January and then again 2-3 weeks later. The Public Works Department will assist with testing at the Lake Pump.

A review was conducted of the draft field manual "Horseshoe Lake Water Quality Protocols". Mayor Grover Laseke will facilitate sending to the plan to Cowlitz and Clark Counties as necessary.

Commissioner Misner was brought up to date regarding water quality testing at Horseshoe Lake and then discussed the processes being used at Silver Lake, near Castle Rock and Toutle, WA.

Committee member Walt Church requested that everyone review the Horseshoe Lake Restoration Final Report, Appendix N - Aquatic Plant Control Contingency Plan.

C. Decoys/Wildlife. Committee members reported that this year's flock is smaller and seems to be concentrated in the playground area rather than near the skate park.

D. Budget. Staff reported that the 2013 budget was approved and that Stacie Kelsey, WDFW is providing information to purchase supplies from the funds left in the 2012 budget. Grover Laseke reported that Clark County has agreed fund the portion of water quality testing costs that we requested.

Commissioner Misner spoke regarding funding for Silver Lake testing. Funds are received by the flood control district based on the number of people living on the lake. The County's solid waste tipping fee was recently increased to help fund water quality countywide. Both Silver Lake and Horseshoe Lake will benefit from this when the revenue begins coming in.

Commissioner Misner cautioned the group to "not reinvent the wheel", to look at what others had done and follow suit. To remember that there is no finish line to water quality, that it is a continuing process. He discussed how one solved problem can lead to another. Grass carp were successful in removing the vegetation from Silver Lake, but now they need to be removed due to oxygen demands.

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of relocating grass carp from Silver Lake to Horseshoe Lake. Commissioner Misner recapped the process they are going through to legally remove carp from Silver Lake and urged the Committee to further discuss the idea with WDFW. He believes that it could be successful and can be coordinated.

E. Goals & Priorities. Discussion ensued regarding pollution control at the east end of Horseshoe Lake near the Rolling Freedom Skate Park.

Commission member Walt Church moved to recommend to the City of Woodland Park Board/City that the skate board parking area be "Red Tagged", closed south of the Park Road until such time the parking area is brought up to City standards for storm water runoff to prevent further erosion and pollution of Horseshoe Lake.

Walt Church discussed the process that the cemetery district went through to update their parking area and holding the City responsible for standards that are set up in their regulations.

Commission member Mike Curry second the motion.

Public Works Director Bart Stepp reported that he visited the site with crew Leadman Dennis Ripp and that ditching and rock work will be done on the land side of the fence. This temporary, low cost solution will not require extensive work and permitting.

Open discussion was held regarding shorelines permitting, the use of Diking District equipment, land ownership by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), vehicles parking at the edge of the water, launching small boats/canoes in this area, the contour of the parking lot, WDFW

recommendation for the placement of pea gravel to slow down the flow of oils, etc.

Bart Stepp reported that a Community Development Block Grant application was submitted for construction of a paved trail through Horseshoe Lake Park along the water's edge. If this grant is funded it will help solve the current drainage issues.

No quorum, no vote taken. If action is desired beyond what the Public Works Department has planned then this matter may be presented directly to City Council due to extensive work, costs, and permitting requirements.

Mayor Laseke and Chairman Tom Golik excused themselves from the meeting. Vice-Chair Walt Church assumed the role of Chairman.

- F. Public Education.** Scott Perry reported that Mrs. Nelson has taken on another project and is no longer available to assist with newspaper articles. Discussion ensued regarding making her an ex-officio (non-voting member) and inviting her to attend meetings if she becomes available in the future.

Commissioner Misner presented a flyer (and will provide a digital copy) that is distributed with flood control newsletters to educate the public with methods to prevent lake pollution. This flyer would take the place of the letter that has been sent to residences surrounding the Lake.

- G. Department of Ecology (DOE) Aquatic Weeds Management Grant.** Staff reported that the grant application was submitted and that information will be passed on as it becomes available.

OTHER

Other discussion included:

- Chemicals and the need for clarification of what is allowed and what is not;
- Looking into aeration;
- WDFW discouraging weed harvesting;
- Working relationships with WDFW;
- Sending an official letter to John Weinheimer at WDFW regarding relocation of Silver Lake grass carp;
- Keeping plan language open to allow for contingencies (for example, do testing 4-8 times vs. 8 times to limit problems with grants and why we are not following our proposed plans);
- Meeting jointly and working with the Silver Lake watershed group on grant applications, etc;
- Blue green algae becoming more prevalent; and
- The need to continue testing after the scope of a project ends.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, January 10, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at the Woodland City Hall, 100 Davidson Avenue, Woodland WA 98674.

Tom Golik

Tom Golik - Chairman

1-10-13

Date

Jody M Bartkowski

Jody Bartkowski - Secretary

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