LAKES COMMITTEE  
November 12, 2014

Meeting Summary

- Jason Temple and Brad Meredith are attending the North American Lake Management Society conference in Tampa, Florida.
- Harv Shelton stated that the golf partnership with Troon should allow Public Works to purchase lake treatment chemicals at a 5% to 15% discount from previous prices.
- Lake Pineda is currently down 33” and work should begin on Pineda in early December, mostly near the inlet and boat launch area.
- Lake DeSoto is currently down 30” and the dredging work should begin in early January 2015.
- It was stated that now is the time to do launch ramp repairs on DeSoto and Pineda since the ramps are exposed. Lake DeSoto is in dire need of replacement.
- A contractor has been hired to remove trees from spillway areas on all lakes.
- Peter discussed creating a volunteer group that could help with tasks like taking water temperature readings, lake level measurements, and water clarity readings. He’d like to see the program started by next spring.
- Arkansas Game & Fish did a fish census electro-shocking of Lake Estrella. Official results of the work have not yet been received, but they shocked approximately 40 to 60 bass, with the largest one being just 13”.
- The plan for doing further fish census may need to be postponed until next year since electro-shocking provides inaccurate results when lake water cools and fish move to deep water.
- Jason has requested a list of shoreliners, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses, for each lake to improve communications for specific lake news and issues.
- Alicia Fetters announced that she was resigning from the committee. Alicia has spent many hours obtaining safety-related information in an effort to better police our recreational waters.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Peter Trabant.

Approval of Minutes: Peter Trabant asked for approval of the October 8, 2014 minutes. They were unanimously approved by the committee.

Members in Attendance: Peter Trabant, Chairman; Charles Hartmann, Bob Trowbridge, Len Dombrowski, Bob Bowers, Alicia Fetters, and George Maxey.

Members Absent: None
Others in Attendance: Billy Graves, Public Works; Harv Shelton, Board Liaison; George Bollier, GAC; Jeff Meek, Village Voice; Frank Leeming, POA Board; Don Langston, Maxine Klein, and Joanne Pegler, guests.

Board Liaison Comments: Harv Shelton reported on activities from the October 15th Board meeting and the November 5th Board work session. He also reported that the golf partnership with Troon will allow Public Works to purchase lake treatment chemicals at a 5% to 15% discount from previous prices without the need for a whole-year purchase arrangement. This also allows the purchases to be tailored to Village needs as they occur, rather than estimating needs for the upcoming year for a one-time buy as has been done in past years.

POA Staff Report:

- Billy Graves reported on the following:
  - Jason Temple and Brad Meredith are attending the North American Lake Management Society conference in Tampa, Florida.
  - Lake Pineda has been drawn down 33” as of this meeting. Boulder-sized rock will be placed in the inlet area to better divert water into the lake and away from property owner seawalls. We should begin work in Pineda early in December, mostly near the inlet and boat launch area.
  - Lake DeSoto is down 30” as of this meeting date and the dredging work should begin in early January 2015. Water is being drawn down approximately 1” per day.
  - It was suggested that now is the time to do launch ramp repairs since the ramps are exposed. Billy estimated that replacing a ramp would cost approximately $3500 each for the concrete. Lake DeSoto is in dire need of replacement.
  - He had a good report for the new remote controlled mower. It has worked well in 90% of the areas, mostly on the back side of the dams.
  - Brad has cut some trees growing in spillway areas, and a contractor has been hired to remove trees from spillways.
  - Brad needs lake depth measurements and water clarity to be reported on a regular basis. He’d like depth reported weekly and clarity reported bi-weekly (2nd and 4th Sundays) through the winter.

Chairman’s Remarks: Peter Trabant stated that he would like to create a volunteer Village Fools (Friends of our Lakes Society) group that could help with tasks like taking water temperature readings, lake level measurements, and water clarity readings. He’d like to see the program started by next spring.

Committee Member Reports & Comments:

- Five-Year Plan Update – Peter Trabant asked the sub-committee to meet after the regular meeting to discuss, update, and edit the five-year plan.
- Dredging Schedule – Charles Hartmann reported that all boats have been removed from the marina. The lakes are being drawn down approximately 1” per day. Work on Lake
Pineda will be done with in house personnel and equipment, while Lake Desoto will require rented equipment and more personnel. All scheduled tasks to have been completed were done on time. All in progress tasks are on time.

- **Lake Estrella AGFC Electro Shocking** – Charles Hartmann reported that the AGFC came to the Village and did a fish census electro-shocking of Lake Estrella. Official results of the work have not yet been received, but they shocked approximately 40 to 60 bass, with the largest one being just 13”. He stated that we have a stunted bass situation. AGFC workers said the lake needs to be harvested of small bass and the bluegill population built up. We may need new signage at lakes with stunted bass populations urging fishermen to harvest the small bass. The shocking was done down to an estimated depth of eight feet, so it is possible this may not be an accurate reflection of the number and size of fish in the lake due to the colder water temperatures.

- **Fish Census** – The plan for fish census may need to be postponed until next year since electro-shocking provides inaccurate results when lake water cools and fish move to deep water. Jason has mentioned in the past that he would like to rent electro-shocking equipment from Bell Vista so that his staff can do this work in house.

- **Lake Needs Assessment** – Charles Hartmann reported on the lake needs report, and committee members commented on their individual lakes.

- **Public Safety Committee** – This new committee has had one meeting and will meet again on December 4th. The Lakes Committee would like to have a representative attend those meetings. Peter will check further.

**Old Business:**

- **E-mail Lists of Shoreliners** – Jason has requested a list of shoreliners, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses, for each lake to improve communications for specific lake news and issues. Peter will work with the POA office to get a list of names and addresses, but committee members will need to add the other information.

- **Survey of Non-Motorized Boats for Lakes** – Peter thinks the POA must have a list of the people that purchase stickers and he will check further on this issue.

**New Business:**

- **Resignation** – Alicia Fetters announced that she was resigning from the committee. Alicia has spent many hours obtaining safety-related information in an effort to better police our recreational waters. The committee thanked her for her service. Len Dombrowski will take over as Secretary for the committee.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held December 10th at 9:00 a.m. at Coronado Center.