

MINUTES OF THE WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 13, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

Dunes City Hall

A meeting of the Water Quality Committee of Dunes City was held at the Dunes City Hall, on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Members present were Chairperson Jamie Mills, Mark Chandler, David Gosselin Carlton Smith and Ken Pesnell. Also present was Steve Hager. John Stead, Milt Farrand and David Dumas were absent and excused. There were no others present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. Upon motion duly made by Ken, seconded by Mark, and carried, the minutes of the April 18, 2012 meeting were read and approved as amended.

Water Testers Report: Mark reported that Woahink looks good with the Secchi disc readings at 20' to 25'. Stratification is apparent now, with temperatures of 12.6°C at the bottom and 16°C at the surface. Mark reported Siltcoos Secchi at about 5' and the water is green. He and Steve put a sample under the microscope on May 30th and there was some anabaena present. Steve reported that on June 11th he took and examined another sample and there were no anabaena present.

Mark also reported that the State will be taking its samples for the full spectrum analysis some time during the week of June 25th.

Weir Task Force Report. Jamie reported that no further progress has been made.

OLD BUSINESS:

Signage: Upon motion made by Ken, seconded by Carlton, and passed unanimously, the Committee approved a recommendation to the City Council to order 15 signs, at a cost of \$30 a piece, for installation in various locations around the lakes.

IGA: Jamie reported that she had not worked on the IGA and had nothing more to add at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

TMDL Meetings: Steve explained that at the moment, the stakeholder meetings are focused on developing the process for determining the TMDLS and what contaminants they will be looking at. He reported that working groups had been established for bacteria, temperature and sediment. He also reported that the current consensus of the group is to focus on rivers and streams first, then estuaries, then oceans, and lastly the lakes. Discussion followed. Steve was asked to take a concern back to the stakeholder group that perhaps lakes that serve as primary drinking water sources could be moved up on the priority list for consideration. Steve said he would do that and report back.

Referendum Petition re: Septic Maintenance: Jamie reported that a referendum for a ballot question had been presented to the City regarding a mandatory septic maintenance program and that the petition is available for interested parties. She stated it is her understanding that the petition is ready to be circulated for signatures, but she was not sure.

Questions were raised about the outcome in the LUBA appeal on septic. Jamie stated it was on the agenda for consideration by the City Council, but that she was not informed enough to answer any questions at this time.

INPUT/SUGGESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC: NONE.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Water Quality Committee, upon motion made by Mark, seconded by Dave, and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Jamie Mills, Secretary of the meeting

The proceedings of the Dunes City Water Quality Committee meeting were recorded on tape, and are on file at Dunes City Hall. Once approved by the Water Quality Committee, these written minutes will be available at Dunes City Hall and online at www.dunescity.com

*VOLUNTEER HOURS (this meeting only, includes minutes, document, and meeting prep):
11.0 HOURS (Does NOT include water tester volunteer time)*