

Save Black Lake Community Lake Management
Meeting Notes
January 28, 2013 6:30 PM

Present: Vernon Bonfield, Nita Sell, Deb Wallace, Linda Tobin, Gail Schaller
Lake Stintzi, Thu Ngo, Tim Erickson

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Items to be discussed include:

- Formally decide whether we will form an SUD or an LMP;
- Fine-tune the budget estimates on the expense side;
- Review and fine-tune the draft petition;
- Discuss the upcoming community meeting to be held on March 7th.

Most of the group felt that a Special Use District (SUD) would be the better vehicle for organizing management of the lake. Deb voiced her concerns about the longevity of the SUD model as it is based on the efforts of a board comprised of volunteers rather than being directed by County employees. One way to address this concern could be to set up a checkpoint in the petition, requiring that the structure be revisited every 3 years.

Vern moved to set up the management structure as a Special Use District rather than a Lake Management District (LMD). Tim seconded the motion. Deb amended the motion to include accountability measures to ensure ongoing viability, reviewing results to date to be sure the SUD structure continues to be appropriate and effective. The review is to be done every 3 years at the anniversary date.

The motion passed with 7 in favor and one abstention.

There was a discussion about the rules governing the number of votes per property owner in a Special Use District. Linda will check into the matter and report back.

Next the group discussed what the name of the Special Use District should be. Black Lake Aquatic Management District is the preferred suggestion so far, but the group will hold off on making a final decision until after fine-tuning the petition.

Lake has been looking into a way to get accurate measurements of waterfront footage for each parcel. After talking with the County and a title company, he found that there is no official measurement. The footage changes with lake levels and so is not very useful in specifying property lines. It is subject to interpretation on plat maps and subdivision maps. Vern also contacted a realtor friend and learned that not all realtors post the waterfront footage when listing a property for sale. The group agreed that we could use 2 resources, GeoAccess and the MLS report from the most recent sale of each parcel. The MLS may turn

out to be the better source of information.

The fee structure and boundary sections of the petition were discussed. The most recent revision of the petition will be shared out to the committee so that work on it can be continued at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 4th at 6:30; an additional meeting was scheduled for Feb. 11th at the same time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.