

Save Black Lake Community Lake Management
Meeting Notes
February 27, 2013 6:30 PM

Present: Vernon Bonfield, Gail Schaller
Lake Stintzi, Tim Erickson

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

Vern advised that he has confirmed that only registered voters who own property within the Special Use District boundary are eligible to vote on matters of the District, sign the petition to form the District, and so on. The applicable reference is RCW 85.38.010.

Vern also looked into the matter of how many votes are needed on the petition to put formation of the District onto the ballot. The minimum number is 10 - not 10% or 20%, just 10. Per Rich at the County, an LMD (lake management district) is based on 20%. The 20% figure is a good way for us to demonstrate the level of interest in our Special Use District.

The County Auditor's Office and an IT person at the County are figuring out the number of registered voters within the boundary.

Our estimate of 170 properties along the shoreline and another 336 homes in Evergreen Shores comes to roughly 500 homes in the boundary area. We'll be trying for about 100 signatures.

The group reviewed the most recent changes on the language of the petition.

Lake relayed his progress on getting the footage of lakefront and verifying each parcel's footage with a second source. Vern asked for volunteers to do a survey of lakefront parcels this Saturday, by boat, to work out approximate percentages of habitat lakefront vs. recreational lakefront per parcel.

We discussed the timeline for the District. The Community Meeting will be held on March 7th, and we hope to get most of the needed signatures on the petition at that meeting. The petition is then filed with the County in time to be included in the November 2013 election. The funding for the District can then be billed on the 2014 property tax statements. Funds will become available to the District around July of 2014.

Lake discussed the Thurston County website, which shows details about the blue-green algae blooms in September and October of 2012. The high concentration of phosphorus at the bottom of the lake "turns over" when the surface water gets colder and sinks below the surface, effectively stirring up the layers, or strata, of the lake. That's why we see the algae

bloom in the fall rather than in the summer.

Turning attention back to the details of funding the District, the group talked about the approximate numbers of swimmers and boaters at Columbus Park and Kenney Dell Park.

After some discussion about the upcoming meeting on March 6th and the Community Meeting on March 7th, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.