

Rock Lake Improvement Association

Executive Board Meeting

Minutes for 10/16/23 6:30 pm

**1) Call to Order** - 6:36 pm by Susan Trier

Members present: Jim Kerler, Tom Krejcie, Doug Mulay, Danny Durow, Susan Trier, John Thode, Lisa Kissing Kucek, and Cynthia Chmell

Absent: Mary Ann Jackson

Guests: Patricia Cicero LWCD, Brandi Browskowski-Durow

**2) Good News Minute** – Participants shared recent good news

**3) Motion to accept the agenda** – Tom made a motion to accept the agenda. Doug seconded and it was unanimously approved.

**4) Secretary's Report** – Tom made a motion to accept the amended minutes from the August 21 board meeting. Jim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

-A motion to approve the minutes of the September 16 meeting was made by Tom, seconded by Jim and unanimously approved.

**5) Treasurer's Report** – Tom reviewed bank account balances and reported the newer higher yield CD's are earning approximately \$200 in quarterly interest. -RLIA will absorb all fees associated with the PayPal account which are about \$30/year. -Total assets as of September 30, 2023 are \$41,648.73 The \$5,000 pledge to Jefferson County Parks for the Trelloff property still stands. Doug made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Lisa and motion carried.

**6) Public Comments** – Brandi suggested an educational topic to consider: Invasive buckthorn identification and eradication. She noted that many people do not know how to identify it and that herbicides used to remove it also affect wildlife and the lake. Brandi agreed to make a recommendation to RLIA on the most effective timing for education and also agreed to write some educational materials (such as an article.)

**7) Other Reports**

A) JRLC -no report

B) LWCD: Patricia reported that she has two candidates to fill Zach's position.

-Clean Boats/Clean Water responsibilities (grant writing and hiring) will be handled by Jefferson Co. next year. The City of LM and Town of LM will contribute to the funding. The DNR grant does not cover the cost of tools, which the city pays to replace at their launches. The town does not have a plan to do so.

-The Rock River Coalition in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) created a groundwater flow model (GFLOW) for the Rock River basin in 2009. Patricia gave a copy of an article on the effort as well as some potential contacts in case RLIA is interested in further research.

-A summary of the September 6 shoreline boat tour was sent to attendees and the full City's Planning Commission per Vice Chair Ryan Grady's request. There has been no additional information or clarification requested

-Patricia will give a presentation on the Millpond's ecology at the City Park Board meeting on October 18. She explained that the pond is designated a Sensitive Area by the DNR because of the plant and animal life and is getting shallower because of sediment. The DNR has already issued a permit to dredge sand between the bridges.

## 8) New Business -

A) Meetings for December, January and February will be conducted via Zoom. November will be in-person.

B) Danny proposed the purpose of the yard signs be to encourage membership and increase awareness of RLIA. There was agreement that we build on the momentum of high membership numbers and move forward this fall. Danny will accept suggestions for the design and wording of the signs.

C) 48 people attended the educational meeting on October 9. Susan's presentation will be available as a document on the website.

D) Discuss initiating an estate planning program for members is tabled at this time.

E) New Homeowner Packet content was reviewed by Mary Ann, Doug and Lisa. They agree that there is information for all interests. Doug will update the cover letter and add information on RLIA's recent accomplishments.

F) Danny developed a detailed schedule for the offseason to amend the bylaws. He proposed changing **Section 1: Mission to Purpose**. John made a motion to accept changes to the bylaws as described by Danny. Tom seconded and the motion carried.

9) Old Business

A) Cynthia reported six people attended the walk in Korth park sponsored by Jefferson County parks and Fort Healthcare.

B) Saturday, November 4 will be the date for the stormwater drain cleaning event.

Tom made a motion for printing of door hangers not to exceed \$150.00, which was seconded by John and unanimously passed.

10) Next meeting: 11/20 at city hall

11) Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Chmell