

MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020 – 9:15 AM
LAND & WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Draft minutes until Committee approved

Meeting called to order at 9:15 AM by Ken Linzmeyer, Chair.

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Ken Linzmeyer, Chair; Al Stranz, Secretary; Leonard Wahl; Greg Sekela

ABSENT: Dennis Kroll

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Virtues, Zoning Administrator; Brian Gross, LIS Administrator/Surveyor; Ken Dolata, County Conservationist; Monty Brink, Forest & Parks Administrators; Shelley Zahm, Administrative Assistant

1. Approval of Agenda

A. Change of Sequence

B. Removal of Items

Moved by Stranz, seconded by Wahl to approve the Agenda. Motion voted on and carried.

2. Committee Reorganization

Sekela nominated Ken Linzmeyer for Chair. Nomination seconded by Wahl. Unanimous vote for Ken Linzmeyer. Linzmeyer nominated Al Stranz for Secretary, nomination seconded by Wahl.

Unanimous vote for Al Stranz.

3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Moved by Stranz, seconded by Wahl to approve the minutes of August 22, 2019. Motion voted on and carried.

4. 2021 Budget Considerations

Committee reviewed proposed budget for 2021. Shelley Zahm advised that the proposed budget will remain the same, unless the Town of Lakewood increases the monthly rent for our northern office, or an enhanced internet service is available. Moved by Stranz, seconded by Wahl to present the proposed 2021 budget to the Finance committee on September 23, 2020. Motion voted on and carried.

5. Reports by Department Heads

A. Monty Brink discussed storm clean up and the impact the storms had on timber revenue, which will be down considerably for 2020 and 2021. We have received some reimbursement from FEMA and insurance. Discussed work to be done on the footbridge at Chute Pond. Campgrounds, parks, trails and boat launches have been busy. A few sites at North Bay Shore were closed due to being under water. There will be a credit card pay station for the boat launch and campground at North Bay Shore, which will insure correct fees are paid. An automatic gate was installed at the shooting range, and works well. Brink reported on status of dams in the County.

B. Brian Gross advised that enhancements have been made to SOLO. We just received new Lidar information and are reviewing contours and building footprints, etc so they may be added to SOLO.

New GPS unit has been purchased by the department. Will be looking at the possibility of new orthophotos for next year, and a new plat book.

C. Ken Dolata reported on the lakes study, with six more lakes done this year. High water has caused issues with shoreline erosion. Three large erosion projects have been completed.

Contractors have been very busy this year. Some inland lakes have imposed temporary no-wakes to prevent erosion. He discussed manure spills and discharges into creeks and streams. We are experiencing some loss of small farms, but expansion of medium and large farms is continuing.

Discussed Northern pike project and Frog pond scrapes.

D. Pat Virtues stated that the participating municipalities in the recycling program have been billed for hauling costs for the first six months. Hopefully we will not have to invoice them for the second half of 2020. Electronic waste pickup has been done by staff; however, we are looking at contracting out the work. Almost 4000 filled sandbags, and over 4000 empty sandbags have been sold so far. Zoning permits are up so far in 2020, many of them accessory structures and home improvements. Permits are also up along the Bayshore. A new Enforcement Technician has been hired, and he is working on resolving some older files. The DNR has submitted new FEMA maps to reflect coastal wave run up, and we are in the process of reviewing them.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Wahl, seconded by Sekela to adjourn. Motion voted on and carried. Adjourned at 9:48 AM.

Ken Linzmeyer, Chair

Al Stranz, Secretary