

SPRINGVILLE POND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
March 15, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Plan Members Present: Sherri Galle-Teske, Jason Nafe, Gary Wolf, Adam Raabe

Members Excused: Michael Hom

Members Unexcused: Mike Kochinski

Others Present: Steve Kunst, Dominique Swangstu, Ross Ballard, Angel Gebeau

1. Dominique Swangstu called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Dominique Swangstu asked for nominations to elect a chair for the meeting.

Mr. Wolf nominated Adam Raabe. After three calls, there were no other nominations.

Mr. Wolf motioned and Ms. Galle-Teske seconded to elect Adam Raabe as chair for the meeting. Motion carried.

3. Ms. Galle-Teske motioned and Mr. Nafe seconded to approve the minutes of the Springville Pond Management Committee meeting of January 26, 2015 as printed.
4. Introductions and Welcome
 - a. Committee Members, Village and County Staff, Other Present Organizations/Entities

Steve Kunst – Village of Plover Community Development Manager, Dominique Swangstu – Natural Resources / Recreation Planner, Angel Gebeau – Engineer for the Village of Plover, and Tracy Arnold – Portage County Land and Water Conservation Committee, were introduced to all in attendance.

Mr. Kunst explained why the committee hasn't met since 2015. The dam is nearing completion making it prudent to start meeting again now.

5. What is the Springville Pond Management Committee (SPMC) and what is its purpose?
 - a. Village of Plover and Portage County Staff overview
 - b. Committee member input

Mr. Swangstu explained this committee is a residence-led committee to take in input and make recommendations regarding the Springville Pond. The SPMC is a sub-committee of the Village Board, therefore any action which requires funding requires Village Board approval prior to being implemented. Mr. Swangstu stated this initial meeting was intended to get everyone together to get the conversations started again given the pond has been filled to its operating levels and the dam work is nearly complete. Staff looks to the committee and residents to provide input related to the community needs and wants for the pond. From

the discussions and meetings in 2022, an updated Springville Pond Management Plan will be drafted and then formally adopted which will guide future enhancement efforts, recreational improvements, and shoreland education topics.

6. Springville Pond Dam (Post Road) update AECOM (staff TBD) to present on the status of the Project.
 - a. Timelines and next steps

Ms. Gebeau gave a presentation on the progression of the dam project from beginning to the present. During the project, an old wall was discovered, which they were able to use for structural support. A large box culvert was installed which has more capacity than the previous 2 pipes that were in place. The changes the DNR required were discussed, which included the need to increase the size of the culvert to 1000 year flood levels. The increase in cost due to those changes were shared by the DNR and the TIF in which the project is located. Although grating for over the culvert was not in the current plan, Mr. Kunst stated that staff is looking at doing something about it to ensure there are adequate safety measures taken to prevent someone from climbing into the culvert. It was noted that now that the pond is at operating levels, there is constant water flow through the culvert which would make it difficult to climb into the culvert, yet the issue will be discussed and addressed in the future. There is also a plan in place to prevent the dam from being plugged with debris. Ms. Gebeau stated there still needs to be a final inspection as well as final approval from the DNR. During the project, leaking was discovered around the pipe, so the water level had to be brought back down to repair the leak and then was brought back up. There was discussion on the aesthetics of the chain link fence which will also be discussed and addressed in the future

7. Springville Pond Management Plan (SPMP)
 - a. Need for an update (last updated and approved in 2015)
 - b. Executive summary of the existing plan (Portage County Staff – Tracy Arnold)

Ms. Arnold discussed the Springville Pond Management Plan and stated the whole plan can be found on the county website. She reviewed the executive summary (included in the packet and on the Village website) of the existing plan, identifying the purpose, goals, next steps, and processes, while noting the goals shown in the summary have more specific objectives and actions within the full plan document that were created to help reach the different goals. She also discussed the Healthy Lakes & Rivers Grant which provides residents with the opportunity to receive up to \$1,000 worth of grant funds to make improvements along the pond. Projects that would be eligible include activities such as planting native vegetation along their shoreline. Ms. Arnold stated nearly all of the logistics, paperwork, and planning is done by the county and all the residents are tasked with doing is working with the county to establish a proposed project and are involved in the implementation. The grant is limited in the number of recipients that receive funds each year yet residents are encouraged to contact the county for additional information and details

8. Appointment of new SPMC members (one current vacancy)
 - a. Appointments may be made at a later date/meeting if needed

Mr. Swangstu distributed his business card to those in attendance who were interested in filling the current member vacancy and asked them to contact him. The new appointment would be made by the Village President but approved by the Village board. Residents can contact the Village President directly or submit their name and any supplemental information to staff and the information will be forwarded to the Village President.

9. Springville Pond Management – Survey
 - a. Suggestions, questions, and outcomes
 - b. Accessing and completing the survey (Google Forms)
 - i. Where to find the survey (Village website: <https://www.ploverwi.gov/>)
 - ii. How to complete the survey

Mr. Swangstu advised the survey will open on March 16, 2022 at noon and encouraged everyone to participate. Mr. Swangstu walked the committee and those in attendance through the process of finding and accessing the survey from the Village website and ensured those in attendance that if they have any additional comments, concerns, or issues related to the survey or pond they can reach out at any time. Mr. Swangstu concluded by stating the data that is collected from the survey and the resulting plan is only as good as the information and input provided, therefore those who complete the survey are encouraged to be as honest as possible while providing as much information as they can.

10. Future Meetings, Communication, and Notices
 - a. Village of Plover Website
 - b. Email (optional sign in sheet)
 - c. Q and A

Mr. Swangstu asked that people give us their email if they would like to be notified about future meetings by email. Mr. Kunst stated this committee meets as needed. Our goal is to update the management plan and get as much input from the community as possible. As such we can expect a minimum of 2-3 additional meetings to finalize the plan. Ms. Arnold said this survey is the best way to get information and get grant dollars. Discussion ensued about the determination of who is completing the survey, the possibility of restocking the pond, the possibility of installing a dock for the community, and the issue of the vegetation that grew during the drawdown. There was also discussion on the actions needed to complete the goals of the committee as well as the cost share for completing them being between the Village of Plover and the residents.

11. Mr. Wolf motioned and Ms. Galle-Teske seconded to adjourn at 7:10pm.

Submitted by Tammy Wojtalewicz