

**VILLAGE OF PLOVER**  
**SPRINGVILLE POND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**6:00pm**

**Members Present:** Adam Raabe (Chair), Jason Nafe, Sherri Galle-Teske, Kristina Smith, Al Haga, and Mike Kochinski

**Others Present:** Dominique Swangstu, Adam DeKleyn, Gary Wolf (Village President), and Lucas Koenig (DNR)

**1. Call to order**

Mr. Raabe (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

**2. Approval of the last meeting minutes (June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023)**

Mr. Raabe called for a motion to approve the minutes, motion was made by Ms. Galle-Teske and was seconded by Mr. Haga.

**3. 2023 Springville Pond Management Plan (SPMP) Implementation**

Mr. Swangstu introduced the next steps and the background regarding the recently approved Springville Pond Management Plan and indicated there should be two different speakers at this meeting, but it appears the Golden Sands representative was not in attendance at the start of the meeting. Staff referenced the DNR Surface Water Grant which the Village could apply for in Fall (2023) to help improve the waterway.

Given the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and Fisheries discussions were related and they are the first two goals of the updated plan, staff thought it would be beneficial to discuss them at the same meeting.

a. Golden Sand Inc - Aquatic Invasives and Vegetation Discussion and Options

Given the Golden Sands representative was not in attendance, the committee moved to discuss the fisheries portion of the agenda first. Staff indicated these items are intended to be informational only (with no action required) to address the first two goals of the updated management plan.

b. Wisconsin DNR – Fisheries Discussion and Options

Mr. Koenig (DNR Fisheries Biologist) gave an overview of the DNRs efforts in Springville Pond and Little Plover River, indicating the DNR intended to do a survey in Spring 2023 but due to the abundance of weeds and algae they were unable to do so. The DNR is planning a survey in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 to identify fish species and assess the populations within the waterway. Mr. Koenig referenced some considerations related to why the weeds may be worse this year as well as gave the recommendation that if a full drawdown is going to be completed in the future it should be a gradual drawdown to avoid impacts on the fishery.

The DNR did a (shock) survey in Spring 2023 in the Little Plover River with children in the area and provided examples of the types of species that were found during the survey. It appears the predominant species in the pond is trout, yet they are hoping to get a better idea regarding the different populations in the waterway through the upcoming survey(s).

The committee and staff asked Mr. Koenig questions related to the fish population in the pond and Little Plover River. Discussions continued regarding possible stocking options, limitations, and future survey objectives and considerations. Staff and the committee are considering holding off on any definitive action to address the fishery until the surveys have been completed to ensure any stocking or other fishery strategies are coordinated correctly to not negatively impact other strategies related to AIS or aquatic vegetation. Mr. Fritz (Parks Development Committee Chair – In Attendance) inquired about the weevils and where they were at as it relates to their populations and impact. Mr. Swangstu indicated it appears after the drawdown their population have decreased. Additionally, through different grant sources, the Village can propose to implement mechanical, chemical, and natural strategies to improve overall water quality.

Mr. Swangstu read an email from Scott Provost (DNR Water Resources Management Senior Specialist) related to his recommendations to minimize nutrient loading in the pond given increased nitrogen and phosphorus in the water allow weeds, AIS, and algae to grow. The committee again asked about the possibility of dredging in the pond, staff indicated it can be an option, but dredging would be very costly and given the pond is an impoundment, sediment deposition is going to continue to take place and the positive impacts would be temporary. Staff indicated they will talk with the DNR to see what options and recommendations they have for the pond.

The Committee discussed and asked about the possibly of establishing restrictive covenants for the shoreland property owners limiting fertilizer use and other negatively impactful practices. Staff indicated there are some potential options relating to taking a regulatory approach to this, yet it likely wouldn't be something the Village would establish an ordinance for or enforce. Education of the residents would be more appropriate and impactful in this instance.

The Committee and staff discussed grant options, strategies to address the algae and AIS, as well as how the road/dam project has negatively impacted the water quality in the pond. Staff were given the direction to look for short, medium, and long term options to improve and maintain water quality while also developing some educational programs/projects for the pond residents to educate them on conservation practices and the negative impacts related to fertilizers, etc.

#### **4. Future Meetings, Communication, and Notices**

- a. Village Website – Information and Materials
- b. Future agenda items
- c. Next meeting date/time (TBD)

Staff gave an overview of the next steps the Village and partners will take moving forward prior to applying for any grants or implementing the actions in the management plan.

#### **5. Adjournment subject to call of the chair**

The Chair called for a motion for adjournment, Ms. Galle-Teske motioned to adjourn and Ms. Smith seconded at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by Dominique Swangstu