



Lake Orono Improvement Association INC.

Annual Meeting Thursday March 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes

- 1) **Meeting Called to Order** by Ray Miller Meeting at 7:50 PM
- 2) **Meeting Guests** included Nick Zerwas, City of Elk River City Council and his wife Julie, Mayor Stephanie Klinzing, Tiffany Determan, Watershed Coordinator for the Elk River, Sherburne County Soil & Water Conservation District.
- 3) **Secretary's Report** – Paul Sheets, Judy Dirkes

a. Motion was made and seconded to approval the minutes for the March 27, 2008 Annual Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

b. Paul Sheets provided a brief recap of the Feb 11, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting

- 2) **Treasurer Report** – Charlene Sheets

a. Charlene Sheets provided an update on the Bank Accounts status. All funds have been successfully transferred to the Bank of Elk River. All remaining accounts and safety deposit box at the 1st National Bank have been closed. This action was the result of a resolution passed by the regular membership at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

b. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2009 Budget and Financial Report. Motion unanimously approved.

- 3) **Local Government Updates** – Stephanie Klinzing and Nick Zerwas reported on the City Budget situation. Even with the Gov. Pawlenty cut the Local Government Aid for cities, they were in relatively good shape but still need to cut.

Three people at the City were laid off.

There is still \$1500 available to us for fish stocking and water quality testing, however. If we need the money for something else such as a sedimentation study, we will have to go to the Council.

The City seriously looks at the budget in July. Stephanie suggests that reps from our group meet with the Council for a work session so they can better understand our needs.

The Chamber of Commerce has eliminated the fireworks from their events, and the City has earmarked \$6,000 to help pay for the fireworks only, but is not going to carry the event. The fireworks display is estimated to cost about \$14,000, but with police and overtime, porta potties, trash pickup, etc. it can run an additional \$20,000 for a full's day events.

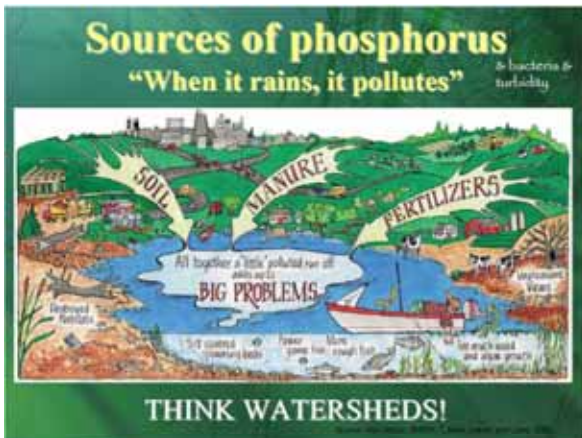
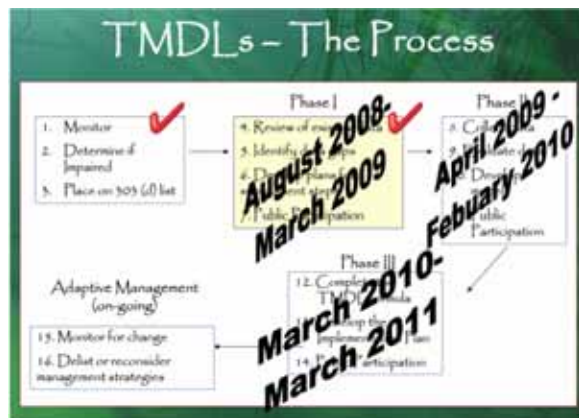
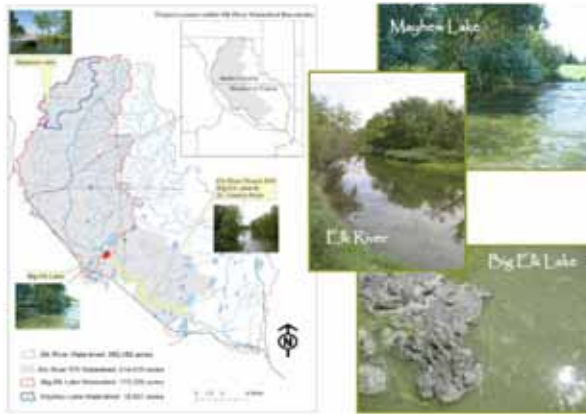
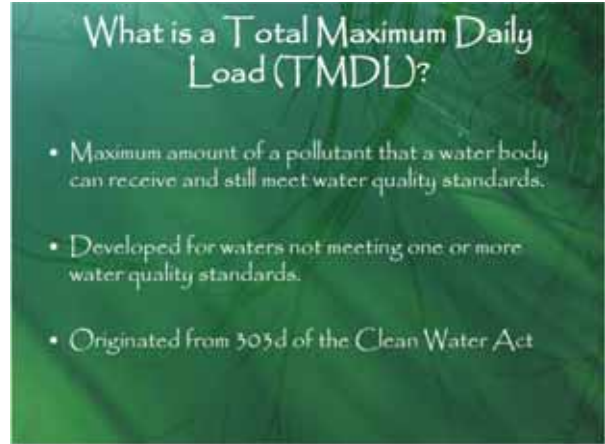
On a separate note, Nick said that the Dragon Boat races are postponed for a year.

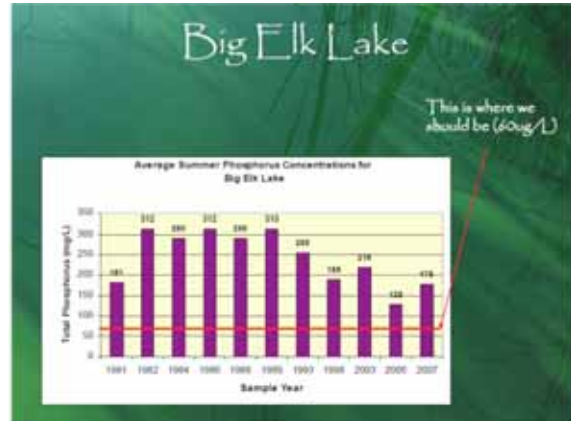
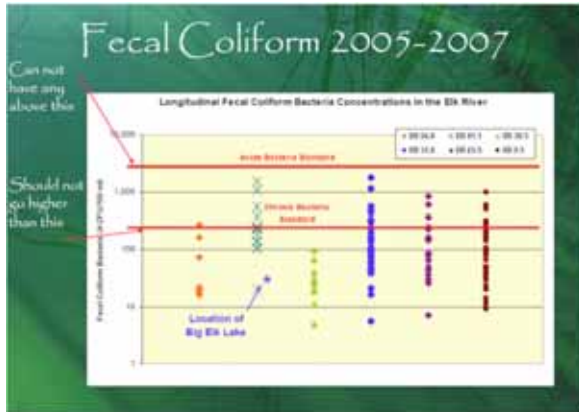
Andrew Hulse moved that we use the \$1500 as planned but that the officers meet with the City to pursue the sedimentation study issue; motion passed.

Tiffany Determan, SWCD gave a report regarding the Elk River watershed Total Daily Maximum Loads (TMDL) study. This is the maximum amount of a pollutant that can go into the river and still meet standards. The studies are mandated in the Clean Water Act. In 2008, the Elk River watershed received money from the MPCA for three waters in Sherburne County: Mayhew Lake, Big Elk Lake and the Elk River. These waters are classified as impaired for fecal coliform and turbidity (lack of water transparency).

After the a waterbody is declared impaired there are 3 phases for further consideration. *Phase I*: Review the data, identify gaps, develop plans, and conduct a public meeting. *Phase II*: Collect data, evaluate, develop models, present to the public. This phase will start Mar. 2009 and end Feb. 2010. *Phase III*: Complete the TMDL formula, develop an implementation plan, and conduct a public meeting. This phase will be from Mar. 2010 through Mar. 2011.

Tiffany's Presentation:





4) Committee Reports – Committee Chairs

- a. Membership – Ray Miller reported no activity in the past year.
- b. Safety – Patrick Plant reported the Lake Orono law enforcement statics over the past year.
- c. Conservation – Vance Zehringer
 - i. The 2008 DNR Fish Counting Results are post on the LOIA Web Site.
 - ii. Stocked Sun fish last year. No w alleye. We w ill use the \$1,500 from the City to Stock Fish this year.
 - iii. Did not need to trap Geese last year.
- d. Communications – Cindi Edw ards-Plant

5) New Business

- a. It w as announced that Kimberly Hiltbrand passed aw ay this w eek. A motion w as made and Seconded to send a floral arrangement to the Funeral Home in memory of Kimberly and her past valued contributions to the Association as a long standing Member and Officer. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Paul Sheets took over the meeting as the new President. (The Bylaw s dictate that the previous Vice President automatically becomes the new President).
- c. Open Positions – Paul Sheets
 - i. Paul Sheets opened the floor for nominations of Vice President and Treasurer. Andrew Hulse w as nominated and voted in as Vice President for a tw o year term. Andrew w ill automatically become President after his current tw o year term. Charlene Sheets w as nominated and voted in as Treasurer for a tw o year term.
 - ii. District Representatives 6,7

Bothe Incumbent Reps, District 6- Charlene Sheets and District 7- Renee Lupien were nominated and voted in for the next three year period.

d. Other New Business. A discussion was started regarding the 2009 4th of July Fireworks display on Lake Orono. A motion was made and Seconded to donate \$1,000.00 to the Fireworks event [if there is an event]. Motion carried unanimously.

e. 2009 – 2010 Event Poll Results

- i. Smelt Fry Wed, May 13
- ii. Progressive Dinner Sat, Jul 25
- iii. Luau on the Lake Sat, Sep 12
- iv. 2010 Annual Meeting Thursday Thu, Mar 25, 2010

6) **Adjourn** – At :9:15 pm a motion was made and seconded to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.