



Village of Wauconda
Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Linda Starkey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Trustee Linda Starkey	X	
Trustee Chuck Black	X	
Trustee Tim Howe	X	

Village Staff Present: Brad Fink, Director of Public Works, Sergeant Timothy Burke, Ryan Jacobsen, Marine Patrol

Others Present: Jennifer Biancalana, Clarke Environmental

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairman Starkey asked if anyone in the audience wanted to comment on the agenda. There were no comments at this time. Audience members saved comments for the individual agenda items.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 8, 2015:** The minutes of the October 13, 2015 Natural Resources Committee were unanimously approved.

- 4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Bangs Lake Spring Weed Control Program Development - EcoCAT. Director Fink informed the Committee the EcoCAT was completed for a residential cost-share herbicide treatment project and submitted to the IDNR on December 1, 2015. The IDNR has 30-60 days to review the EcoCAT before providing comments on the proposed project. Director Fink informed the committee the Village received verbal approval from the IDNR for the proposed program on January 12, 2016. Director Fink will start preparing a program for the committee to review.

The Committee discussed a dates for an informational meeting on shoreline herbicide treatment of Bangs Lake with Jennifer Biancalana from Clarke Environmental. It was the consensus of the Committee to inquire the availability of a room at the Park District for March 16, 2016.

Snowmobile/4-Wheeler Regulations. The Committee reviewed the current Village ordinances regulating the use of snowmobiles and was satisfied with its current state. The Committee raised concern about the regulation of 4-Wheelers and requested staff

to prepare an ordinance amendment to include 4-Wheelers. The Committee requested the regulations be more publicized for greater awareness.

Bangs Lake Advisory Recommendations. The Bangs Lake Advisory Committee Chair, Ed Lochmayer requested the Natural Resources Committee consider reducing the limits of Bluegill, Sunfish, and Pumpkin Seed from 25 to 10. This request is a result of the recently completed fish survey of Bang Lake. The Committee unanimously agreed to amend the ordinance to reflect the recommendation. Mr. Lochmayer continued to request the Committee consider a Non-Resident Seasonal Winter Ice Fishing Permit. Director Fink questioned the legality of the Village requiring Non-Residents to pay a higher permit fee and recommended consulting Village Attorney Magna before moving forward.

Ice Fishing Shelter/Shanty Inspection. The Committee requested the Village increase patrol and enforcement of the ordinances pertaining to ice fishing and the winter recreational use of Bangs Lake. The Committee requested the Chief of Police be notified of this request and trusts that he will initiate the appropriate response.

Bangs Lake Advisory Recommendations Update. Director Fink informed the Committee Village Attorney Magna had prepared the ordinance amendments to reduce the limits of bluegill, sunfish, and pumpkin seed from 25 to 10. The proposed ordinance amendments will be presented to the Village Board on January 19, 2016. Additionally, Director Fink informed the Committee Village Attorney Magna had provided an opinion on the ability of the Village to initiate an increased fee for non-resident use of the lake or inspections. It was Village Attorney's opinion that additional fee could not be charged. Inspection fees, for any legitimate non-home rule Village purpose, must be uniform and of general applicability and bear some reasonable relationship to the Village's cost of administering the ice shack inspection program. Uniform building permit fees are good examples of this principle.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** No New Business was introduced.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee Black at 7:55 p.m. Chairman Starkey called for a vote and all members voted in favor, none were opposed.