

# Valley Lake Conservation Committee

A Committee of the Board, Wildwood Park District

Meeting Minutes – 1/20/2005

## CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7pm and was attended by Steve Gauthier, Joan Healy, Karen Kowalski, Randy and Denise Munding, Bill and Margaret Hill, Maj Kowalski, Jeanne Turf, and Mike Matelski.

Guest speaker – Mary Colwell; Lake County Health Dept. Lakes Unit

After brief introductions discussion was had regarding the formalities of a committee of the board and the rules for such. Joan Healy suggested that Steve Gauthier be committee chair. The other attendees agreed. Steve accepted.

Mary Colwell gave a brief review of the current condition of Valley Lake including stating that the Phosphorus levels are much higher than normal but the oxygen levels were typical.

Ms. Colwell recommended the following items:

- A full Watershed Evaluation be completed by the Lake County Health Dept.
- Consider discontinuing the use of aerators at Valley Lake as they are probably doing more harm in stirring up sediment than oxygenating the water
- Request the LCHD assist in preparing information from chemical companies proposing lake treatments so information can be compared and understood before establishing a treatment plan and vendor for 2005

Finally Ms. Colwell stated that she may be able to get the LCHD to test out new Bathymetric Mapping equipment on Valley Lake and thereby make the testing free or at a drastically reduced rate.

Discussion by the group reached an agreement to request from the board the use of space in the seasonal brochure to publish information related to Valley Lake (e.g. recommended fertilizers, treatment schedules, activities, etc...)

Chairman Gauthier requested of the group a volunteer to act as Committee Secretary responsible for meeting minutes. Karen Kowalski volunteered. The Committee members accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

As recorded by Steve Gauthier