

# *Fall Creek Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District*

## *Minutes of Meeting*

*July 1, 2020*

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m., Keller Park, 535 N State St., Fall Creek
2. **Roll Call: Members Present:** President Dane Zook, Karen Strasburg. **Members Absent:** Matt Mattoon. **Also Present:** Buzz Sorgi (retired DNR Water Quality Specialist), Greg Leonard (EC County Land Conservation Supervisor), and 15 citizens.
3. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted in the three public places and newspapers were notified.
4. **Adopt Agenda:**
  - **MOTION (Strasburg/Zook)** to adopt the agenda as printed. **PASSED**, without negative vote.
5. **Restore Fall Creek Pond**
  - A. **Discuss Progress-to-Date:** President Zook updated the committee on the research that had been done so far, as well as some of the future items that need to be completed. He introduced Buzz Sorgi - management plan writer for the Fall Creek Inland Lake District, and Greg Leonard – advisor to the committee.

Sorgi pointed out important items to consider. He asked the attendees to explain why the pond is important to them, and to include a basic comment on what they would like to see going forward with this project.

Mike Wilhelm: doesn't like the geese-would like the pond cleaned up, concerned about cost.  
Aaron Wilhelm: same concerns as Mike.  
Sawyer Sterd: as a young fisherman he would like the weeds reduced for better fishing.  
Wally Walter: would love the pond returned to its former glory for everyone's benefit.  
Karen Strasburg: would like to see cleaner water & less weeds.  
Chester & Lisa Goodman: consider it a great resource that should be utilized more – boating, fishing, and even a swimming beach.  
Joe Sanfelippo: wants to keep the pond and area available for all the educational opportunities it provides.  
Andrew Martin: should never give up an area that provides so much, including its natural beauty.  
John & Michelle Kuehn: want to save the great view of nature it provides.  
Curt Van Auken: should do what is necessary to clean up the pond.  
Randy & Brandon Wathke: want to save the pond's value at a reasonable cost.  
Richard Ziemann: preservation of this valuable & historic feature is a great plan.  
Tim Raap: want to save the fishing & boating opportunities.
  - B. **Discuss Plans for Future:** The following comments were made by those attending –

Make this area a destination	Have a diverse area with more uses
Improve fishing and recreation	Add accessibility
Enhance the visual beauty	Keep a safe environment
Provide educational opportunities	Make plans to avoid previous mistakes
Try to always keep the pond clean	Keep sediment problems from reoccurring
Redo things that provide more local activities in the pond and the park	
Save this priceless asset	

Plans for future meetings for the committee were discussed.
6. **Adjourn:**

**MOTION (Strasburg/Zook) @ 7:12 p.m. PASSED**, without negative vote.

Dane Zook, Recording Secretary