

Minutes Fish & Waterways Committee meeting February 26, 2021

Present – on Phone call in – John & Louise Purdin, DuWayne Mott, Linda Flickinger
In Office – Larry Raymer, Steve Flickinger, Rudd Turner, Tracy Lofstrom

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Agenda

1. Runoff & Drainage
2. Lakes & Canal
3. Riparian Area
4. Fish

Larry discussed the first three agenda items - In General:

Flooding that occurred on Monday January 11th through Tuesday January 12th F PI and G St 344th-345th with some water in garages, H PL 351st, I St across street at 351st – from 12 ¼” rain January 1st through the 6th saturating the soils, followed by 6 ¾” rain January 10th through 12th (heavy 3 ¾” Jan 11th between 8am and 8pm). Some areas of flooding were 6-8” of water, and water over septic systems, causing failure. Outfalls dug out numerous times January 3rd, January 10, 11, 12, 13, due to King tides and sneaker waves with westerly winds; including a wave that came up the Oysterville Rd. Beach approach.

A member on Seabreeze Lake granddaughter caught a 10” fish, very thin, only about 5 ounces, and questioned do we have healthy waters for fish growth?

Riparian area (25ft buffer area from water's edge) – Larry mentioned he observed approximately 200 lots that were in violation of Covenants and CARL, cutting trees and shrubs right down to the water's edge – and some lots just sand alone left to erode into the Lakes and Canal. Trees and shrubs in the Riparian area help to absorb water in the soil from runoff, filter water in the soil before entering waterways, and help to shade waters from getting too warm in the summer. There is a need to create areas for fish habitats to thrive.

Item 1: Runoff & Drainage

February 25th Larry attended the quarterly Pacific County Flood Advisory meeting. The County has hired a new County Engineer, starts March 1st. There is \$250,000 in the County Budget for working on the two outfalls in Surfside; \$125,000 each outfall.

There was discussion in two topics: 1. **Drainage System (for flood control)** 2. **Two Ocean Outfalls.**

1. Drainage System (for flood control). East of J PI everything working well. J PI west are the water drainage challenges. Does County have location drawings on installed catch basins and pipe draining to Seabreeze Lake and the Canal? (only recent, last 5 years or so). County has very limited staff. Should SHOA hire an engineer and make proposal to County – for a community wide Drainage plan. Should SHOA create a Land Use Program? Conclusion – Need a community wide Drainage system plan. Review I-Lane Agreement, May 1998 “Agreement between Flood Control Zone District No.1 of Pacific County Washington and Surfside Homeowners’ Association for the Surfside I Lane Sub-Basin Stormwater Management Plan”. Work with the County Engineer, helping to make priorities.
2. Ocean Outfalls. Cost approx. \$3500 each dig out, each outfall. January 3, 10-13 clean/dig out cost \$50,000; equipment was left on location for days. See I-Lane Agreement regarding agreement between Surfside and the County. Both outfalls need improved. Rudd considered Tide Gates in 5-year Reserve Study, after discussion with Scott McDougall and Frank Wolfe, decided not to at this time. Conclusion, Rudd, “work with the County”.

Item 3: Riparian Areas:

Historically the State has RCW's for buffer areas – the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (RCW 90.58) – for ocean & bay & estuaries facing properties. Pacific County has Ordinance No. 183 Shoreline Master Program (adopted December 12, 2017, effective January 14 2018) with a 200 foot from winter grass line buffer area. For Riparian areas (along streams, rivers, lakes) the State Growth Management Act of 1990 36.70A RCW was followed by Pacific County Ordinance No. 180 CARL Critical Area Resource Lands (adopted August 23, 2016, effective January 14 2018) has regulations for plants & trees within a 25 foot buffer area of water.

For those 200 lots of cleared vegetation, should we try to enforce CARL? Perhaps consider educating lot owners on the waters.

Steve and Linda are working on a Plant list recommendation for Riparian/Shoreline areas, with mature heights (for our limited tree height areas), Native plant species, and deer resistant species. The possibility of a community wide plant sale was discussed – no plans made at this time.

Item 4: Fish and Item 3: Lakes & Canal

Steve counted 596 lots on our waterways; see attached document.

Larry wants to test the waters for contaminants, he believes contaminants from storm water runoff may be in the waters. Are our bodies of water healthy to plant fish in? What do we want to test for? Linda recommended contact fisheries or hatcheries we buy from, or perhaps WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife? Tracy said she would look into, Steve said he'd help Tracy.

Fish last stocked/planted on or near April 2, 2020 and September 29, 2020; a larger number in the spring. Should we plant fish this spring 2021 was discussed, no decision.

Fishing Derby – from DuWayne – traditionally the last Saturday in May; not last year – Covid19 restrictions....what about this year.....will enough people be vaccinated to feel safe? Traditionally plant fish in March/April/May – hence no fishing allowed in March, April, May. Still do not know what COVID-19 restrictions might be in place late May. Discussed possibility of moving to Labor Day weekend (discussion was probably not because of the potential presence of Blue Green Algae bloom at that time of year), and then discussed maybe 4th of July weekend. Traditionally DuWayne buys food stuffs (hot dogs, sodas) locally in March to May; he needs decision by May 1st to either plan for May event or let the Board know of when this year or not. Continue discussion next meeting in March. Eating Fish caught from Blue Green Algae waters, was discussed. So far, the flier Oregon Health Department created seems to be acceptable.

Rudd mentioned he put in the 5-year Financial Strategic Plan a repeat of report “Surfside HOA Waterway Recon” by The Watershed Company, December 2018; so that someone remembers to have this done again in 2023; \$10,000 cost in \$2018, + inflation considered, Rudd put in rough \$12,000.

Meeting was adjourned 2:50pm.

Next meeting March 26, 2021 1:00 PM

Submitted by Steve Flickinger, to Larry Raymer, Co-Chair