

Village of Balsam Lake  
Park/Dam Committee  
August 28, 2013 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Meeting called to order by Caroline Rediske.

Members present: Caroline Rediske, Chris Sondrol, Keith Swenson  
Others present: Ed Slaminske, DNR - NR Financial Assistance Specialist; Darryl Ince,  
Director of Public Works; Jim Duncan, Assistant Director of Public Works.

Water Levels and Dam: Property owners on Balsam Lake were in attendance and voiced concerns regarding the water level of the lake. Questions were directed to Ed Slaminske and members of the Village crew. Property owners on both sides of the issue stated their concerns. Jim Duncan distributed graphs charting the water levels in May through August from the year 2000 to the present. The levels were discussed, the monitoring system was explained and that the DNR requires the water at the dam to flow. Dredging and harvesting areas of the lake were discussed. Duncan invited residents to tour the dam and operation.

Grant Review with Ed Slaminski, NR Financial Assistance Specialist: The Village had applied for and was turned down for a Stewardship Grant. A discussion was held with Ed Slaminski regarding areas for improvement and suggestions for future grant applications submitted by the Village. Increased cost sharing, historic properties, improvements near water and linking the trail system were suggested.

Motion by Keith Swenson to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Sondrol. Carried.

Mary Kjeseth  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer