

# Lake Committee

Call to Order/Roll Call: The Lake Committee met in regular session on Thursday, January 20, 2022, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Kiefer at 5:02 PM. Roll call was taken with Commissioners, Lamont Kiefer, John Rusch, Kim Mello, Hal Burnham, Duane Chapman and Lee Lang. Also present, Director Kirk Arity. Warden Patrick Seybert appeared via zoom. Bruce Baker was absent.

Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Burnham to approve minutes from previous meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

Phosphorus sampling has been collected from 2015 to 2021 at 14 different sites. All trending down except for Glendale Ave.

Warden Patrick Seybert stated that the DNR still has restrictions on meeting in person due to covid. The ice is good on the lake and he has seen vehicle traffic on the lake. February 12<sup>th</sup> is the fishery. March 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to remove all shelters off the lake and game fish season closes. New regulation goes into effect on May 7<sup>th</sup> for pike on Lake Tomah, only one (1) pike greater than 40" are allowed to be per person. Lake Tomah is now in "trophy" status for pike. The new signs that were placed around the lake in November stated this new regulation on pike but it does not go into effect until May 7, 2022. New signs should be placed prior to the fishery on February 12<sup>th</sup> that states the current regulation on pike.

Skipped to item number 6 – Goose Management. Kim Mello met with Joe Protz and former City Administrator Brad Hansen to discuss options. The option of early goose hunting was strike immediately. Oiling the eggs with vegetable oil was the proposal that Protz brought to Counsel and it was approved. Protz will work on getting an oiling permit. Goose season runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>. 4 groups of hunters can hunt comfortably on the lake at a given time. Limit of 5 geese for early season and 3 in late season.

Line item number 5 – Weed management control. Kirk Arity, Lamont Kiefer, and Kim Mello had a meeting with Jodi from the DNR to discuss options on weed management for Lake Tomah. Weed survey needs to be completed first before anything else. Depending on what the weed survey finds, weed harvesting could be an option. Lake Tomah maybe eligible for a 1 year weed harvest with the DNR starting around August 2022. DNR may be willing to enter pilot program with the City of Tomah and SolarBee. DNR needs a proposal before making a final decision. If the SolarBee project moves forward, the machines would be placed early spring 2023. Motion to accept Golden Sands bid of \$7318 by Lang and second by Burnham. All ayes. Motion passed.

Winnebago Phase 1 – Boating landing update – fishing pier. Project is moving forward. Meeting with Arity and Protz went well. Leaving the main boat landing but dressing it up to make it for foot traffic only. Project should be completed by mid-summer. Public was asked to stay out of robed off areas during construction at Winnebago Park. A donation by Lamont and Dilynn Kiefer was given for the construction of a more handicapped accessible fishing/observation area with a couple benches and a table.

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No boat dock approvals. Motion to send Bob Dippin a letter reminding him to take his boat dock out of the water by the deadline by Kiefer and second by Mello. All ayes. Motion passed.

No communications on the tree cutting as of yet.

No updates from the Climate Change Task Force.

Chairman updates: Landscape project will be ready for planting in fall/next spring. Ice races on Lake Tomah have been finalized.

Next meeting will be held on March 17, 2022 at 5:00PM.

Motion made by Burnham, seconded by Chapman to adjourn at 6:39 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

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