

LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following agenda topics were discussed:

1. **Call to order:** The Lake Committee (L.C.) met on March 23rd, 201⁷ Lamont Kiefer called the meeting to order at 5:05pm in the Public Works conference room. Roll call was taken and members present included: Kim Mello, Bruce Baker, Steve Ewers, John Rusch, Hal Burnham, and Lamont Kiefer. Quorum present. Dale Trowbridge was not able to attend. Also present: Kirk Arity, Dir. Public Works, Nellie Pater, Mayor; Bob Micheel, Land Conservation Dept.; Matthew Modjeski, WI DNR; Camille Bruhn, Water Quality Biologist, WI DNR; Kirk Olson, new WI DNR Fish Biologist; Jordan Weeks, past WI DNR Fish Biologist; Bill and Ruthann Nydstrom, citizens.
2. **Approve the minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the October 27th meeting. Motion made by Kim Mello to approve minutes, Seconded by Hal Burnham. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Award of Tainter Gate coating Rehabilitation Project:** The city received 2 bids – Low Bid: 45,623 Badger Specialty Coating, High Bid: 87,000 TMI Coatings John Rusch made the motion to accept the Badger Specialty Coating for \$45,623. Hal Burnham seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Additional information: Kirk Arity, is applying to lower the water level of the lake by 1 foot to, provide an additional buffer in case of a significant rain event during the painting process. This will begin after July 4th and concluding in August.
4. **Update on Phosphorus trading**
The paperwork has been signed between the Linehan farm and the Monroe County Land Conservation Department.
5. **Dock Repair**
The main dock is being evaluated for updating. The approximate cost for update should be around \$2500. The city is looking to reinforce the structure, tires as well as resurfacing them with a durable composite deck board. Docks will be placed back into the lake after April 1st. After more information/data is collected a final estimate for refurbishing the docks will come back to the L.C. for final approval.
6. **Resignation of Dale Trowbridge-replacement**
Lamont and Kim thanked Dale for his years of service to the L.C. The committee is looking for a replacement for his position. Blaine Meyer is potentially considering joining the L.C.
7. **Lake Tomah Fishery update**
We had a wonderful turn out for the Lake Tomah Fishery Event.
8. **Acceptance of \$500 donation from TWSA**
The money accepted will be used to supplement the costs of middle school trap shooting club.

9. Fish Crib Update

The L.C. heard different fish habitat designs provided by Jordan Weeks. An eagle scout working with Bob Micheel may be interested in assisting with the fish crib project next winter.

10. Butts Park Walking Trail Project update

The city council has approved a walking trail extension, approximately 5000ft, which may impact citizen access to the lake. This new walking trail will begin at Alyssa Ave providing access to the lake that terminate at Winnebago park.

11. Red Cedar Conference update

Bruce Baker, Kim Mello and Camille Bruhn attended the Red CedarA superb conference communicating the most cutting-edge farming and land conservation practices being implemented in Wisconsin.

12. DNR Fisheries

Kirk Olson, DNR Fish Biologist reported that we are working on netting to assess the Pike populations in Lake Tomah. After 2 days of netting caught 125 Northern Pike with the largest netted being 39 ½ inches. No carp were netted.

13. Northern Pike size limit discussion

Discussion took place regarding the potential for raising the minimum size limit for Northern Pike to 40". Kirk Olson reported that he is new to the evaluation of Lake Tomah and is not ready to make a recommendation regarding changing the minimum size limit. Raising the minimum size limit to 40 inches would make Lake Tomah one of only a handful of lakes in our area with that high of minimum size limit.

14. Future project requests

Lamont requested input from the committee and community members regarding improvement project ideas, which could be put on the L.C. agenda to discuss possible implementation in the future.

15. Other discussions

A community member asked about how the L.C. can assist the Boys and Girls Club with future projects and or with snow removal. The L.C. will make contact the Boys and Girls Club to discuss potential future projects that could be done on the property. (3.9acres)

16. Comments

John Rusch brought up some concerns regarding the number and quality of the signage in Winnebago Park. The signs will be reviewed and updated where necessary.

17. Adjourn

A motion was made by John Rusch to adjourn, seconded by Hal Burnham. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm