

## LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following agenda topics were discussed:

1. **Call to order:** The Lake Committee met in regular session on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 5:00 pm, in the Public Works conference room. Roll call was taken with commissioner: Kim Mello, Bruce Baker, John Rusch, Hal Burnham, Blaine Meyer and Lamont Kiefer, present. Quorum present. Absent: Steve Ewers. Also present: Kirk Arity, Dir. Public Works.
2. **Approve the minutes:** A motion was made by Kim Mello, seconded by Hal Burnham, to approve minutes from previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Adaptive Management update:** Bob Micheel reported that the shaping and seeding at the Linehan farm is complete. Director Arity stated the first payment has been made and will continue for the next 5 years. Currently working with other farmers in the area to continue project, looking to start in the spring/summer. Held first round for land use planner; received four applicants. Will start interviews in February.
4. **Warden Update:** Matt Modjeski reported that fish were biting early in the season, offering a good variety.
5. **Aeration of Lake Tomah:** John Rusch brought information regarding aerators. His findings included a wind/battery powered windmill. Discussion was held to decide if an aerator would be beneficial for the lake. Many thought it would not be beneficial to the lake, as it would not be used during the winter months.
6. **Discuss Lake Walter:** The Commission discussed possible interest in stocking pond. Camille Bruhn said she would look into what species used to inhabit the pond. Aeration in the pond was also discussed, but worried about effects on winter ice.
7. **Fish Cribs:** Blaine Meyer is still working on creating fish crib. Will bring results next meeting.
8. **Tree Removal:** Kari Johnson, 1212 Lakeview Dr., has three trees on her property that she plans to remove. She would like to give the trees to the Lake Committee. The committee agreed to take the trees and place at the islands on the west side.
9. **Life Jacket Station:** Director Arity reported that plans have been made and work will begin shortly. The life jackets will be purchased this spring.
10. **Boat Dock Repair:** Work has been started; working on replacing dock boards and joints.
11. **Dredging Project:** Dredging will begin the sediment pond in July/August. The water will be pumped behind Dora and Bow St. A grading plan will be set to have the water drain correctly. This will also help the drainage issue in the field.

**12. Lake Tomah Ice Fisheree:** The Committee agreed that they will no longer do the fish survey, received negative feedback from prior year. Discussion about making poster boards to give the public information on what the Lake Committee does for the lake, and all those who help with the lake. A motion was made by Blaine Meyer, seconded by Hal Burnham, to endorse the Lake Tomah Ice Fisheree. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Ice Races:** The Committee would like to endorse the ice races, if the event happens.

**14. Chairperson's update:** Have been doing a lot of fishing; caught some good-sized fish. There has been an average of 12 portable shacks daily, as well as 20 perm shacks. Special thanks was made to the Ft. McCoy dive team for all their help.

**15. Comments from the committee members regarding agenda items for next meeting:** Lamont Kiefer would like the committee to discuss the proposed ATV/UTV trail within the City and to discuss the possibility of a fulltime secretary that is not on the committee.

**16. Adjourn:** Motion by Blaine Meyer, seconded by Kim Mello, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

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