

LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following agenda topics were discussed:

1. **Call to order:** The Lake Committee met in regular session on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 5:00 pm, in the Public Works conference room. Roll call was taken with commissioners: Kim Mello, Bruce Baker, Hal Burnham and Lamont Kiefer present. Steve Ewers arrived at 5:58 pm. Quorum present. Absent: Blaine Meyer and John Rusch. Also present: Kirk Arity, Dir. Public Works.
2. **Approve the minutes:** A motion was made by Hal Burnham, seconded by Lamont Kiefer, to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Adaptive Management update:** Bob Micheel, not present, sent Director Arity an email stating that the position for the land use planner was filled and will begin March 18. Working with John Kelly to continue adaptive management project. No final numbers/cost at this time.
4. **Warden Update:** Matt Modjeski reported that fish are still biting and wanted to let the committee, and public, know that there was not a fish kill.
5. **Dredging Project:** There is \$300,000 in the budget for the project. Working with two companies, have not received quotes. Brian Berquist, Town and Country Engineering, working on permitting process.
6. **Fish Sticks:** Five trees have been dropped around the lake. The City moved three trees across the lake and fastened the other two down in front of the property they came from. A complaint was received about the amount of sticks left behind from dragging the trees. Lamont Kiefer, along with help from Mike Weber and Eric Jensen, cleared all the sticks and burned the brush pile.

A motion by Bruce Baker, seconded by Hal Burnham, to give Mike Weber a \$20 gift card and to give Eric Jensen a \$50 gift card for their help clearing sticks. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Fish Cribs:** Steve Ewers and the Middle School Science Club assisted in assembling the fish cribs. The cribs consisted of six pallets with four cement blocks that are about 30" tall. Very successful project. Will be adding branches in next couple of days.
8. **Life Jacket Station:** Project currently on hold; Public Works department is working on snow removal.
9. **Boat Dock Repair:** Project currently on hold; Public Works department is working on snow removal.

10. Lake Tomah Ice Fisheree: Successful event; large amount of fish caught. Would like to donate prize next year.

11. Tomah ATV/UTV Route: Tabled until more committee members are present.

12. Chairperson's update: Attended Red Cedar Water Conference with Kim Mello. Went well, excellent conference.

13. Comments from the committee members regarding agenda items for next meeting: Kim Mello attended the Monroe County Land Stewardship Awards Banquet in January. Stated that he really enjoyed it and would like to become more involved. Kim Mello also would like to attend the Advance Lake Leaders course this fall. Matt Modjeski informed the committee that he received a call inquiring about a bass tournament at Lake Tomah.

Motion by Lamont Kiefer, seconded by Ewers, to make the secretary job a paid position.
Motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjourn: Motion by Hal Burnham, seconded by Bruce Baker to adjourn at 6:20 pm. All ayes.
Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Date:

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