

Lake Committee

Call to Order/Roll Call: The Lake Committee met in regular session on Thursday, March 24, 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, Bruce Baker and Lee Lang. Also present, Director Kirk Arity. Kirk Olson, Bob Micheel, and Jodi Lepsch appeared via zoom. Warden Patrick Seybert was absent due to scheduling conflict.

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

Phosphorus sampling has been completed at the Kelly property. Bob Micheel said there's another property interested in having sampling done if the City was interested.

Warden Patrick Seybert was absent due to scheduling conflict.

Kim Mello stated they are going ahead with oiling the goose eggs to try to cut down on the goose population around the lake. Squirrel Foundation has offered their boat if it's needed. At ice out Mello will start looking for the nests and marking them on a map.

Jodi has received some technical information from Solar Bee. Information is being looked at internally. Golden Sands will be contacted at ice out for the plant study. Still looking for a harvester if needing to go that route this year.

Kirk Olson, fish biologist, will be on Lake Tomah at ice out. He will be doing a fish survey to verify if stocking of the lake needs to be done. 40-inch pike regulation will go into effect at opening of fishing season.

Boat landing construction will start soon. Designs for bench and table top from Lamont were presented and the committee is satisfied with the designs.

Tree cutting went well and is all done. Mr. Ritter did the tree cutting by going out on the ice. That service will not be available again due to liability reasons.

No boat dock approvals.

Bob Micheel stated they are wrapping up the climate change strategy. With the help of a grant, 20 weather stations for the southern part of the county will be put in.

Chairman updates: reorganizational time for the lake committee. Kim Mello and Bruce Baker are up for renewal. Bruce Baker stated he is stepping down from the committee and Kim Mello said he will give it some thought. Kevin Arkeketa stated he would be interested. Wildflowers have been picked out by Lamont for the wildflower project on the trail.

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Next meeting will be held on May 19, 2022 at 5:00PM.

Motion made by Burnham, seconded by Mello to adjourn at 6:27 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

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