

## LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following agenda topics were discussed:

- 1. Call to order:** The Lake Committee met on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Lamont Kiefer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, in the Public Works conference room. Roll call was taken and members present included: Kim Mello, Bruce Baker, John Rusch, Hal Burnham, Blaine Meyer and Lamont Kiefer. Quorum present. Steve Ewers was not able to attend. Also present: Kirk Arity, Dir. Public Works, Bob Micheel, Land Conservation Dept., and Matthew Modjeski, WI DNR.
- 2. Approve the minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Kim Mello to approve minutes, Seconded by Hal Burnham. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Introduction of new members:** The Lake Committee took a moment to welcome its newest member, Blaine Meyer. Blaine is resident of the City of Tomah, who lives by Lake Tomah.
- 4. Elect Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary:** A nomination, made by Bruce Baker, seconded by Kim Mello, to elect Lamont Kiefer as chair. No other nominations were made. Lamont Kiefer was elected chair by a unanimous vote. All ayes, motion passed. A nomination, made by Bruce Baker, seconded by Hal Burnham, to elect Kim Mello as vice chair. Lamont Kiefer made a motion to close elections, seconded by Bruce Baker. Kim Mello was elected vice chair by a unanimous vote. All ayes, motion passed. A nomination, made by Lamont Kiefer, seconded by Bruce Baker, to elect Steve Ewers as secretary. No other nominations were made. Steve Ewers was elected secretary by a unanimous vote. All ayes, motion carried.
- 5. Adaptive Management update:**  
Town and Country Engineering flew a drone over the Linehan farm in April. Due to the amount of erosion, the riprap on the stream banks will be touched up at the end of summer and will also look at reshaping the filter strip. In the second part of fall, everything will get seeded and graded. In one year, the drone will again fly over the farm to survey the improvements; should be a major difference. The field will have to be maintained and mowed, regularly, for the first couple years.
- 6. Columnaris update:**  
There has been a major fish kill in Lake Tomah. This has happened in the past, however, this year it is happening at a higher level. Columnaris can happen anywhere and can be caused by water temperature change, overcrowding, from the bio-load or water quality. This is not contagious to people.
- 7. Storm Sewer Pollutants:**  
The Lake Committee would like to remind residents of in the City that they should not be placing grass clippings into the street. Clippings left in the street, for the street sweeper to pick up, usually end up in the storm sewer, which leads to clogging. It was mentioned that the ordinance should be updated to include a section on proper disposal of grass clippings.

**8. Boat Landing and Dock Discussion:**

The Lake Committee would like to improve all the boat landing and docks. They would like to see all improvements be done at one time and then move on to the next.

**9. Shoreline Tree Management:**

In the event that a tree falls on the shore line, it was asked what can be done to remove tree. Property owners with fallen/dead trees on shore line, can obtain a permit to remove said tree.

**10. Veterans use of Handicap Pier:**

Would like to see a program put into place that brings veterans to Winnebago and Butts Park to utilize the handicap piers.

**11. Vandalism of Trail below the Dam:**

There has been an increase in vandalism on the trail between the railroad tracks and Napa. The Lake Committee would like to see the use of trail cameras to help deter vandalism. It was mentioned to do a clean up to remove the paint.

**12. Discussion on catch/release and size limit**

The Lake Committee would like the DNR to update them on regulations for the catch and release program. Having this information, would be a good way to educate the youth and teach them the proper way to catch and release.

**13. Information for Lake Committee website:**

The Lake Committee would like to have a special page dedicated for the lake on the City of Tomah website. This page would offer updates on the lake, committee member information, basic information and a section to report complaints/concerns.

**14. Chairman's report and updates**

Attending the Boys and Girls Club meeting to listen in on the Grassman property on Juneau St. The Club does not use the property often and was looking for alternative uses.

Lamont attended the WI Lake Partnership Convention. He informed the committee that Lake Tomah was very ahead of the times and cutting edge with the adaptive management project.

**15. Other discussions**

For the next meeting, the committee would like an update on the fish cribs, the dam painting, and would like to begin receiving conservation updates from Matt. It was also brought up about having life jackets available to the public, would like to discuss next meeting.

**16. Comments**

None to report.

**17. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Hal Burnham to adjourn, Blaine Meyer. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.