

Lake Committee

Call to Order/Roll Call: The Lake Committee met in regular session on Thursday, September 16, 2021, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Keifer at 5:01 PM. Roll call was taken with Commissioners, Lamont Kiefer, Bruce Baker, John Rusch, Kim Mello, Hal Burnham and Duane Chapman. Also present, Director Kirk Arity and City Administrator Brad Hanson. Absent was Lee lang.

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

Looking for ideas on the adaptive management plan.

Warden Eric Anderson spoke about the early goose season and had thought there was only 5-10 geese shot. There has been an uptick in fishing and more successful with large mouth bass and lots of pan fish.

Amy Gebhardt from Warrens WIKCR Northeast Club asked to use Lake Tomah for a snowmobile race on February 26th, 2022, from 9-4ish PM. There are usually fifteen families and about 35 kids that participate in the snowmobile race. They are on the ice around 7Am day of race. A week before they would need to plow a track. A motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Mello to recommend to the City Council to allow the use of the lake for the event. All ayes. Motion carried.

A machinist has quoted roller gate parts for \$2640 apiece. A motion was made by Rusch seconded by Burnham to purchase with surplus the needed parts. The commission will need to have this go before the City Council for approval because of the cost over \$10,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

Property owned by Weber's would like a large willow tree that is within the 15' of the cities owned lake frontage cut down. Property owner is ok with equipment going through yard. Director Arity recommended the project be done in the winter months. A motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Burnham to remove the tree this winter. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rusch, seconded by Chapman to approve a dock permit for Larkin's property. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Burnham, seconded by Mello to allow Kiefer to make the final decision on the landscape project. All ayes. Motion passed.

There were many concerned citizens willing to speak on the algae growth in Lake Tomah. Ideas that were brought up were to oxygenate the water, use of chemicals, increase the water depth, floating buoys, use of solar power to operate machines and harvesting the weeds.

A motion was made by Burnham, seconded by Baker to hire Golden Sands to conduct a study on the aquatic vegetation and come up with a report. All Ayes. Motion carried. Information will be put on website and Facebook.

Next meeting will be held on October 13 at 5:00PM.

Motion made by Chapman, seconded by Burnham to adjourn at 7:46 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.