



## Meeting Minutes

Commissioners' meeting  
Lake Helen Protection & Rehabilitation District  
Date: 7.15.2023  
Time: 1pm  
Location: 3060 E Lake Helen Dr.

Commissioners Present: Glen Bersie, Kara Boghossian, Bill Pingel, Justin Ehlenbeck, Jeff Rasmussen

Guests:

- Nick Hefter – DNR Warden
- Fred Stoeger
- Mark Lynaugh
- Dylan Abler

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Pingel at 1:02 pm.

### Regular Reports

Kara shared minutes from meetings to review.  
Justin motioned to approve the 6.21.2023 meeting minutes. Motion was passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

- Glen presented and reviewed the balances and the checks that were written.
- Current Balances as of July 12, 2023

○ Checking	\$1,748.13
○ Savings	\$5,611.97
○ Non Lapsable Fund EWM	\$8,6223.98
○ TOTAL	\$15,984.08
- Jeff Rasmussen motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was passed unanimously.

### Guest Business

Nick Hefter (DNR Game Warden)

Introduction

Contact information:

Phone: 715-401-0644

Email: [Nicholas.hefter@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Nicholas.hefter@wisconsin.gov)

Nick Hefter, the local DNR game warden, joined us. He provided us with an introduction and his contact information. We discussed how to we all can work together to ensure that we have a lake that is safe for all who use it. The commissioners brought up some unsafe issues that they observed. Nicholas said that we should talk to the people that we have concerns with. He also noted that issues can be reported to him or to the hotline. It is helpful to provide the boat registration number when reporting a violation.



## Old Business

- Blue Green Algae Issue
  - Status – Concerns

Glen noted that BGA popped up on July 4<sup>th</sup> and that the clouds of algae have been moving around the lake. He noted that the water level has dropped as well.
  - Culvert and Wetlands

Glen stated that a survey of the Lake Helen Drive wetlands area has not been done yet. He noted that Ray Oksuita, Alban Town Chairman, stated that he will help do it. – Survey not done. Ray Oksuita will help do it. Glen also noted that Scott Provost, DNR, said to see what the town wants us to use to seal the culvert. According to the town, Bentonite (well sealer) is what should be used. It comes as a 50 pound bag.
  - Glen stated that he has not been able to find a DNR Grant for electricity, but would continue to work with Scott P.
  - Glen mentioned that he learned about an alum treatment to encapsulate the bottom of the lake that is supposed to help prevent BGA. The estimated cost is ~\$40,000.00 over 4 years. Grant available at a 75/25 split. It would cost us \$2,500/year for 4 years. This is not a permanent fix. He asked if we should consider it.
  
- EWM control plans for this summer
  - Hand pulling with volunteers on July 15 & 22
    - Good participation in the hand pulling today. Eight volunteers. Went well.
    - 7/15 evening – cleaning up what is on the top of the lake.
    - Repeating handpulling again next weekend.
  - Are there any snorkelers or divers from the lake district so we could consider purchasing our own equipment for diver assisted pulling? None at this time
  - DASH plans – we will continue to evaluate if DASH will be effective.
  
- EWM DNR grants
  - Extension application – working through the approval
  - Continue tracking volunteer time
  - Education ideas
    - Newsletter - completed in 2023
    - Picnic training
    - Rosholt Record article (Lake Emily, Tree, and Helen)
    - School
    - Post on Facebook/website
  
- Boat Landing monitoring/CBCW
  - Going well
  - Need to update the posters in the bulletin board
  
- Fishing Committee
  - Regulations change (DNR change date error, Next step)
    - Lucas Koenig: pan fish regulation change. The draft for the DNR to move it forward is in process. It must be approved through the conservation congress. Will be submitted in 2025 and will go into effect in 2026.



- Posting at the boat landing: Dylan will learn from Lucas if they are DNR signs
- Stocking recommendation, timing, approval
- Fish Committee Resolution:

Based on our meetings and reviews with Portage County Fish Biologist our committee would like to make the following resolution to the board:

To purchase, and schedule fish stocking from (contact Jim 920-982-6623) at Taal Lake Hatchery New London Wisconsin, for Lake Helen Rosholt Wisconsin 89 acres lake.

We are looking to purchase and plant 1000 "Lake Michigan strain" Walleye (6"-9") (\$3.6ea) (Cost \$3,600.00) and 1000 crappie (4"-6") (\$1.85) (Cost \$1,850.00) Total spend \$5,450.00.

And 1,000 Perch in 2024.

Our goal date for planting November 3rd or 4th 2023, but we must be flexible.

The DNR will approve the walleye strain and crappies from Minnesota.

We will fill out the DNR permit in September after Teal Lake Hatchery has received updated license number.

"Due to Lake Michigan strain requirement, we are limited to Teal Lake Hatchery, and while we requested largest size available, were told between 6" and 9"

They do not have availability of perch in 2023, however if we can place more fish sticks this winter we should submit a grant application because perch require wood for spawning, thus our fish sticks goes toward perch habitat.

- Kara motioned to approve the fish committee resolution. Motion was passed unanimously.
- Fish stocking grant money through the county. Dylan reached out to Tracy to learn more.
- Healthy Lakes Grant (this year and next)
  - Fish Sticks for next year – we need forms filled out.
  - Native Plantings, etc
  - Add a link to the applications on the website and Facebook page.
- Lake Management Plan update & next steps
  - Get new plan info to residents
  - Share during the picnic
  - Approval of the big updates by the Lake District, Town, County, and then the DNR.
- Social Event Plans
  - Picnic Preparation - Sat August 5<sup>th</sup>
    - > Nitrate screening – communication plan: Kara post on the Facebook page
- Communication Teams (Annual Meeting follow-up)
  - Web site: Jeremy DeForge & Mike Ubl
  - Social media
  - Kara schedule Zoom meeting among Bill Pingel, Kara Boghossian, Jeremy DeForge, and Mike Ubl to discuss website and social media.



New Business:

- Zebra mussels
  - Colten from Golden Sands said Equinox is being tested in the US.
  - Nothing being done in Wisconsin yet that we are aware of.

Schedule next meeting: Early September.

Adjournment

Glen motioned to adjourn and was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:53PM.