

LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
2022 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Via Microsoft Teams (virtual)
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
3104 East Lake Helen Dr.

The Lake Helen P&R District Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 4PM

Commissioners Present: Todd Wierzba, Keith Hoffman, Tyne Hoffman Kara Boghossian, & Glen Bersie

Commissioners Absent: Dave Peterson

Guests: None

REGULAR REPORTS:

MINUTES: Glen made a motion to approve September 14, 2022 & November 6, 2022 minutes. Kara Seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Glen provided the Treasurer's report as follows. Review of Expenditures; Central WI Electric Co-Op, payment to Onterra, & Golden Sands. Tyne made a motion to approve corrections on Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Todd. All in favor. Tyne made a motion to approve to approve Treasurer's Report. Kara Seconded. All in favor.

\$1,364.07 Checking
\$2,851.06 Savings
\$122.62 Non-Lapsable invasive species fund

Total \$4,337.75

- Boat Launch \$616.75
- Fish Stocking Donations \$3,146.57

OLD BUSINESS:

BLUE GREEN ALGAE ISSUE: Scott Provost not available to attend meeting. Keith has requested that we follow up with Scott regarding DNR sampling update & results.

Lake Profiles: Keith updated the Commissioners on lake profiles; haven't been done in some time due to new job demand.

Flow Gate: The flow gate was installed in October. Volunteers included Keith & Tyne Hoffman, Glen Bersie, Cory Nelson, Mike Ubl, and Raymond Oksuita. Ray was able to volunteer his backhoe to make digging and setting in place easier.

Native Plantings / Fish Sticks: Tracy Arnold not able to attend meeting. Keith updated that Tracy would speak with Parks & Rec regarding a fish stick installation at the County Park. Todd Wierzba would like more information regarding a fish stick installation. Two property owners have signed up for Native plantings.

Aerators: Glen will follow-up with Keith regarding oxygen levels to determine when to turn aerators on. Glen will follow-up with Scott Provost regarding an electrical grant reimbursement for aerator usage. After winter season the plan is to shut off aerators but turn them on again at the end of April beginning of May.

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL:

CBCW 2022: Glen took over the grant process after Scott Nyman left Commissioner position. Grant was submitted November 2, 2022. Grant money to be received January 2023 \$1,536.55

EWM CONTROL & GRANT PROGRESS:

EWM Grant Volunteer Reimbursement: Glen submitted all volunteer hours; \$6,643 spent on removal process, \$3,979.64 qualified for EWM grant which includes Bill Pingel's newspaper article & newsletters that were sent out to property owners. \$547.00 is the amount we should be getting back in grant money.

2022 EWM Control Plans: Keith discussed that hand pulling should continue & be more aggressive. More volunteers are needed in the efforts of controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil and the upcoming DASH (divers assisted suction harvesting). Many bags of EWM were removed from the western bay. Some areas to focus on would be Abler Point, Stoeger's shoreline, the deep hole, & northwest shoreline.

Japanese Knotweed: Glen; no update due to winter.

Lake Management Plan: Kara has made great progress with the assistance of Tracy & will continue their efforts. Survey project to be released soon for Commissioners' review.

FISHING COMMITTEE: Keith updated that Mark Lynaugh is in the process of contacting fish hatcheries.

Boating: Concerns regarding safety & distances brought up at the Annual Meeting. Commissioners will continue to address topics at Annual Meeting & send out information in the Newsletter.

New Property owners: Tyne updated that the Welcome packets are coming along and will be ready to be handed out to new property owners in the spring.

Road Safety Concerns: Concerns regarding golf carts, atv's, & utv's will be addressed at the Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Todd Wierzba was welcomed to the board as a new Commissioner and reviewed Todd's responsibilities.

Other: Keith announced that the Wisconsin Lakes Conference is coming up April 19, 2023, all commissioners' are encouraged to attend and sign up for items related to our lake that can be beneficial, sign ups start January 2023.

- Start discussing hand pulling for EWM.
- Keith would like everyone to review current by-laws. Lake Helen by-laws conflict with the state of Wisconsin Chapter 33 by-laws. Add changing the by-laws to Chapter 33 to the agenda and vote. Chapter 33 would follow suit with the whole state of Wisconsin.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2023, 4pm via Microsoft Teams (virtual)

ADJOURNEMENT: Kara made a motion to adjourn at 5:20pm. Glen Seconded. All in favor.