

LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
July 15, 2020  
Zoom Conference Call

Due to the current public health concerns regarding COVID-19 and the executive orders issued by the Governor and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, government organizations are permitted to conduct public meetings remotely in order to comply with the Safer At Home Orders. Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District met via Video / Telephone Conference on July 15, 2020.

The Lake Helen P&R District Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 4:18pm  
Commissioners Present: Bill Pingel, Robin Novak-Nelson, Tom Gerlikovski, Glen Bersie, and Tyne Hoffman  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Guests: None

➤ **MINUTES**

- Glen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 4, 2020. Tom seconded. All in Favor.
- Tom made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 15, 2020 upon removal / corrections made. Glen seconded. All in favor.

➤ **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Robin set up the Non-Lapsable Fund with a balance of \$2,000.00
- Checking account has a balance of \$1,341.44
- Savings account has a balance of \$2,844.94
- May 31 to June 30, 2020 Boat launch fees earned \$320.01
- Robin has not received an invoice yet for the Clean Boats Clean Water from Golden Sands Natural Resources.
- Glen made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Tom seconded. All in favor.

➤ **REGULAR REPORTS**

- Bill attended a DNR workshop for the new grant cycle. Final applications are due by November 1, 2020. Bill recommended using Chris Hamerla again to help him put together the invasive species grant application.
- We need to make all property owners aware that they need to be observant and work to manually pull the Eurasian Water Milfoil. DASH (Divers Assisted Suction Harvesting), can cost upwards of \$20,000 over a three year period.

➤ **ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING**

- The Commissioners' will be providing Lysol and hand sanitizer at the Annual Meeting. Masks are recommended and social distance guidelines. Umbrellas and chairs should be brought by those attending. No refreshments or cookies / muffins will be served.
- Tom will bring masks, sanitizer, and Lysol. Tyne will bring index cards for the ballots and pens.
- Glen is the only commissioner up for re-election.
- Due to COVID-19 no paper materials / minutes will be provided. Please see the website to read the minutes.
- Mike Ubl will be providing microphones and speakers / sound system.
- Tyne will get volunteers to help out with the sign in. Tables will be separated by East side, West side, and Heights / Hwy 49.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who have dedicated time to installing aerators, librarian Maryann Weisbrod, Cory for putting out the bench and library, Hoffman's for taking temperatures, Water Quality Testing, Dock Notices before EWM Treatment, notices put up at the boat landing / park area.
- Robin will acknowledge the passing of Del Anderson and Joseph Weisbrod and their accomplishments on the lake.
- Eurasian Water Milfoil will be discussed by Tom Gerlikovski and Chris Hamerla. Chris will talk about the zebra mussels.

- Glen will follow up on the Japanese Knotweed treatments. Weisbrod property has been successful. But the shared property of 3002 & 3004 has many, many plants. Looking into a company called Jenson Brothers, professional removal of invasive species.
  - The Proposed Budget and Treasurer's Report were reviewed and adjustments were made.
  - Annual Picnic has been cancelled due to COVID.
  - Ray will update all property owners on the Lake Helen Road project and culvert.
  - Tyne will discuss boaters' safety and issues on the lake. Life jackets not being worn when needed and boater distance.
  - Glen mentioned that the treatment of the Eurasian Water Milfoil was perfect timing. He has kayaked it three times and has not seen any EWM plants. A member of Golden Sands also came out to the look and after three hours found no traces of the invasive plant, EWM.
- **NEXT MEETING**
- The next commissioner meeting will Friday August 14, 2020 3pm at the Lake Helen County Park Shelter to prep for Annual Meeting.

Glen made a motion to adjourn at 5:43 pm. Tom Seconded. All in Favor.