

LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
2022 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Saturday, June 18, 2022
3104 East Lake Helen Dr.

The Lake Helen P&R District Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9am

Commissioners Present: Keith Hoffman, Glen Bersie, Kara Boghossian, Scotty Nyman, & Tyne Hoffman

Commissioners Absent: None

Guests: Tracy Arnold (Portage County Planning & Zoning), Bill Pingel (CLMN), & Tom Gerlokovski

OUT GOING CHAIRMAN HANDOFF ITEMS

- Bill Pingel will hand off website information to Tyne to be shared with all Commissioners to form a team, in effort to keep website updated. Bill will help to teach how to update the site
- Annual newsletter will be a team effort, led by Keith and Tracy Arnold will help with content. This is needed for grant purposes & lake management.
- EWM Grant has been a lengthy process done by Bill Pingel, Scott Provost, & Chris Hamerla. Newspaper publications, newsletter, websites, aquatic plant management, & volunteer hours need to be maintained. Scott Nyman has experience writing grants and Glen will work with Bill Pingel in this transition.
- Lake Management & Aquatic: Bill Pingel worked on this with Tracy Arnold's support. Lake Helen sitting in a good place. For more processes to update. Kara will take this on with help & support from Tracy.

REGULAR REPORTS:

MINUTES: Glen made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3rd, 2022 annual meeting prep. Kara seconded. All in favor. Glen made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4th, 2022 Annual Meeting. Scott seconded. All in favor.

- Tyne will post the minutes to the website for publication.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$1,367.20 Checking
\$4,700.87 Savings
\$10,040.90 Non-Lapsable invasive species fund

Total \$16,108.97

- Glen made a motion to increase the current \$1,000.00 for swim buoys to \$1,072.62. Kara Seconded. All in favor.
- Recommended by Dave Peterson Portage (County Lakes Appointed Commissioner), to run aerators on setback meters, savings of about 16% per month.
- Motion made by Tyne to add Scott Nyman as a check signer and remove Tom Gerlikovski. Glen seconded. All in favor.
- \$165 to date in boat launch donations
- \$739.83 to date Fish Stocking Donations
- \$100 donation Michael & Beth Ubl
- \$500 donation Steve & Lynn Cook (split 50/50 to general account & fish stocking / fish mgmt.)
- \$28.99 check from Tyne Hoffman Can Recycling (Wellers Auto Salvage)

SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR:

- Scott Nyman made a motion that Keith Hoffman be Chairman, Glen to remain as the Treasurer, and Tyne Hoffman as Secretary. Kara seconded. All in favor.
- Glen's term will be expiring June 2023 and plans to run for another term.

ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOW-UP:

- Overall, the meeting went well and the power point presentations were great. The screen / projector was very helpful. Next year streamline all power points together, Kara can assist Keith in this.
- Improving attendance was discussed, make it more of a social event; offer drinks and snacks, post more often on "Lake Helen Our Happy Place" Facebook page, spark more conversation up with neighbors.
- New Commissioners received current By-Laws of the Lake Helen Protection & Rehabilitation District and "People of the Lakes: A Guide for Wisconsin Lakes Organizations". All commissioners will review these documents.

OLD BUSINESS:

BLUE GREEN ALGAE ISSUE BLOOM

- Topic was not discussed as all Commissioners attended an Emergency Blue Green Algae Meeting on June 16, 2022

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL:

- Tom reviewed what he does regarding grants and Eurasian Water Milfoil removal processes. Tom will hand off and assist Scott Nyman.
- June 6, 2022 Divers Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) was performed, positive response but cut short due to water clarity being 5'. Will be back in fall to continue DASH process.
- Be sure to keep track of volunteer hours. Pinpoint locations of EWM when found or contact a commissioner.
- Educated neighbors via Facebook posts on how to properly identify & remove EWM.

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

- Hand off to Kara with Tracy's assistance & guidance.
- Fish sticks will be added to current Lake Management Plan

FISHING COMMITTEE:

- Keith reviewed the fishing regulation changes; Panfish 25 daily bag limit to 10 daily limit goes into effect 2023. Northern Pike has a bag limit of 5 daily with no size limit. Encourage people to catch, keep, and share recipes.
- Rosholt Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club has given zero response to working with Lake Helen regarding donation to put towards fish restocking. R.B.B.S.C. hosts annual fisheriee on Lake Helen for the last 34 years, big impact on fish population. The fish committee will try to encourage them to do a catch and release.

BOATING:

- Boat landing sign has many new updates and looks great with lots of great information regarding safety and invasive species.
- Swim buoys were purchased by Lake Helen Protection & Rehabilitation District for safety purposes to define swim area. Installed by Portage County Parks Department and look great.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL MEETING TOPIC FOLLOW-UP

- No new additional topics to follow-up on; Current location at the Lake Helen County Park Shelter works great.

Other:

- Commissioners discussed reaching out to Portage County Parks Department and request that they contain the sand at the beach somehow, whether it's by using railroad ties or some other structure. Sands continue washing into the lake causing a dangerous situation regarding swimmers going too far out to reach deeper waters and entering boat traffic. Swim area becoming increasingly more and more shallow. Swimmers use boat landing dock for deeper swim hole. Shallower waters at the boat landing / beach area can make it potentially harder to

get boats in and out of the water. Tracy Arnold will reach out to Ryan Rose with the Parks Department to discuss this matter.

- It was discussed that residents cannot put sand on their own shorelines even via containment system due to Portage County Planning & Zoning Regulations.
- Large sign near boat landing with misc. smaller signage containing fishing / DNR information starting to lean and needs to be repaired. Tracy Arnold will reach out to the DNR and see if it belongs to them.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

- September 14, 2022 via Microsoft Teams, send an email if you would like to attend.

ADJOURNEMENT:

- Kara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am. Scott Seconded. All in Favor