

LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
2022 ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2022 8:30 AM
AT LAKE HELEN COUNTY PARK SHELTER

Commissioners Present: Keith Hoffman, Tyne Hoffman, Glen Bersie, Tom Gerlikovski, and Bill Pingel; Portage County Lakes Appointed Commissioner David Peterson

Commissioners Absent: None

Guests: Tracy Arnold (Portage County Planning & Zoning), Mike Guth (3177 W. Lake Helen Dr), Michele Mandel (795 Ridgeview Dr Hartford; Guth property), Joe Cronk (Clean Boats Clean Water), Carol Whitney (3224 Welsby Ave Stevens Point; Ubl property)

Before the meeting was started Attendees were asked to sign in and update any personal information. Lisa Briquet, Kara Boghossian, Tammy Rasmussen, & Jeff Rasmussen greeted property owners and helped sign in, update information, collected ballots, and counted votes.

REGULAR REPORTS:

- MINUTES FROM THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING
 - Bill Pingel stated that the meeting minutes were available online before the meeting and Tyne had provided copies at the meeting. Cory Nelson made a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes. Mike Ubl seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Glen Bersie reviewed Checking, Savings, and Non-lapsable Fund Account Balances as of April 30, 2022
- Checking \$883.20
- Savings \$5,700.44
- Non-lapsable Fund \$10,040.09
- TOTAL \$16,623.73
- Total past year income for the Boat Launch \$671.00
- Tammy Rasmussen made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report as mailed out. Peg Muenzel Seconded. All in Favor.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

- John Delie reviewed the Audit Committee's Report of the last 12 months (checks, receipts, and all account balances.) Auditors included John Delie and John Reck.

REVIEW OF PAST YEAR:

Tyne recognized our volunteers from the past year; FISH STICKS: Dylan Abler (ran mini excavator), Adam Forstner (donated Mini Excavator), Kelly Forstner (donated 4-wheeler), Glen Bersie (side x side), Tyne & Keith Hoffman, Glen Boedecker, Steve Grill, Mark Lynaugh, Cory Nelson (side x side), Scott Nyman (side x side), Jeff Rasmussen (side x side), Ben, Brett, Braden, & Fred Stoeger, Erica Stoeger (provide a hot meal), Jim Tomsovic (tractor). AERATOR INSTALL & MAINTENANCE: Dylan Abler, Glen Bersie, Cory Nelson, Adam Forstner, Mike Ubl, Ray Oksuita, Ben Stoeger, Brett Stoeger, Tom Gerlikovski, Jeff Rasmussen, Tyne & Keith Hoffman. LITTLE LAKE HELEN LIBRARY: Maryann Weisbrod (Librarian) and Cory Nelson for set up / take down. THE 4th of JULY WALK / RUN: The Desai Family. 4th JULY BOAT PARADE: Geri Sannes. BUOYS: Cory Nelson & Glen Bersie. CITIZEN LAKE MONITORING (CLMN): Bill Pingel. 2nd ANNUAL JUMP INTO SPRING EVENT: Tyne & Keith Hoffman (hosts), Ray Oksuita (professional ice carver), Scott Nyman, Dylan Abler, & Jim Tomsovic, and everyone who attended & donated towards fish stocking / fish projects. \$100 General Donation in Memory of

Mike & Lee Weir from the Weir / Binash Family. \$100 General Donation from Hunt Em' Hook Em'. Thank you for all the support from our outside resources: Tracy Arnold (Portage County Planning & Zoning), Scott Provost (DNR), Tim Parks (DNR Fish Biologist), and Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands), Raymond Oksuita (Town of Alban Chairman), and ALL Commissioners for donating your time Energy into helping keep Lake Helen our little piece of paradise.

PROJECTS & COSTS

- **Blue Green Algae:** Keith reviewed BGA issues with current and future mitigation plans.
 - Temporary Plug, Flowgate, Lake Profiles (dissolved oxygen / temperatures), Aerators, DNR testing plan, shoreline plantings, rock infiltrations, buffer zones, and Rain Gardens.
 - Recommended to refrain from fertilizing, use natural if you can. Soil testing kits available (See Tyne & Keith Hoffman). Don't mow buffer zone.
 - 9 Shoreline Plantings, 1 rock infiltration, and 1 Diversion Rock Project happening through a Grant Program. (See Tracy Arnold for more information)
- **EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL 2020:** Tom Gerlikovski reviewed EWM.
 - Chemically treated 2020 by Schmidts Aquatics and mostly successful, Hand-pulling via diving, was done by Tom Gerlikovski & his brother. All EWM removal canceled remainder of year due to loss of visibility.
 - 2022 project DASH (Divers Assisted Suction Harvesting) scheduled for July 26 & 27th Andrew McFahern Aquatic Plant Management.
- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** Joe Cronk is our new CBCW inspector for summer of 2022, he introduced himself and explained his position and what he looks for when inspecting boats.
- **JAPANESE KNOTWEED:** Glen Bersie reviewed the JKW, to date only 9 plants have been found and he will continue to chemically treat them. JKW is an invasive species found on land. Currently only found on two properties. Treatment thus far has slowed the spread over the years.
- **SWIMMING AREA BUOYS:** Bill reviewed the importance & safety of purchasing swim buoys for the Lake Helen Public Beach. The buoys will define a swim area of 100' x 100' x 100'; keep swimmers safe & define area for boat traffic.

2022 – 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

- Glen reviewed the Proposed Budget with a Total Income of \$12,808.15; \$29, 431.88 (Total Income + Bank Acct Balances).
 - Proposed to spend \$900 on Flowgate, up to \$1,000.00 on swim buoys, \$9,500.00 into Non-Lapsable Fund, Invasive Species control, CBCW expenses, and other expenses for the year; \$19,931.88
 - Tax levy approximate \$62 per \$100,000.00
 - Mike Ubl made a motion to approve the budget as mailed out and presented including the Non-Lapsable Fund and the proposed tax levy. Wayne Muenzel Seconded. All in favor.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS 3 YEAR TERMS

- It was reported that 35 Property Owners attended; (24 East, 10 West, & 1 L.H. Heights)
- 5 guests
- Bill Pingel & Tom Gerlikovski will not be seeking re-election; We thank both for many years of serving
- Craig Forstner Nominated Kara Boghossian and Keith Hoffman Nominated Scott Nyman; Brief Introductions of both Nominees. Scott Nyman was not in attendance due to Coaching his daughter's soccer team at a competition.
- Secret ballots were cast, each Nominee received 35 Votes, Unanimous
- Congratulations & Welcome Kara Boghossian & Scott Nyman

2022 LAKE HELEN ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENTS

- Tyne reviewed the upcoming Social Events: 4th of July Boat Parade Sunday July 3rd 4:30pm, 4th of July Family Walk / Run Monday July 4th 9am the theme is CAMO / MILITARY, Annual Family Picnic Saturday August 6th 3pm, and 3rd Annual Jump Into Spring late February early March. Watch the Facebook page “Lake Helen Our Happy Place” for updates on all events.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

- **FISH MANAGEMENT**
 - Keith reviewed the 6 new fish stick complexes that were installed on 3 different properties (18 total trees used); brings in all new wildlife and fish to help improve healthy fisherees; Seeking volunteers to implement another 6 fish sticks in 2023; DNR grants available
 - 2022 Northern Pike limit to 5 daily no size limits; (2023) 10 panfish per day
- **HEALTHY LAKES GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**
 - Tracy Arnold reviewed the approved Grant projects that have taken place in 2022 on Lake Helen; Currently this year she has 21 practices going in around the County
 - 25 more practices can be done in 2023 for more information please contact Tracy Arnold Portage County Planning & Zoning
 - Practices Included: Native Shoreline Plantings, Rock Diversions, Rain Gardens, and Rock Infiltration
 - Tracy WARNED about WILD PARSNIP being spotted on the corner of Highway 49 / Lake Helen Road; DO NOT TOUCH if you find more contact her or the DNR
- **BOATER SAFETY**
 - Keith reviewed boater safety & regulations; Direction of travel on the lake and distance from swimmers and boaters when on personal water craft or in a boat.
 - New sign installed at Boat Landing highlighting invasive species and boater regs / safety.
- **TOWN OF ALBAN**
 - Ray Oksuita, Town of Alban Chairman updated that WPS will not be bringing natural gas lines out to Lake Helen, too costly
 - All Town of Alban projects are on hold due to the fuel prices and inflation

NEW BUSINESS:

- **VOTING ELIGIBILITY**
 - In 2023 voting rules will be changed and Lake Helen Protection & Rehabilitation District will follow the State of Wisconsin Chapter 33 regulations, governing Lake Districts

ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn at 10:25am. Craig Forstner Seconded. All in Favor.

Minutes submitted by Tyne Hoffman