

**LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
April 28, 2021  
Zoom Conference Call**

*Due to the current public health concerns regarding COVID-19, Government organizations are permitted to conduct public meetings remotely. Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District met via Video / Telephone Conference on April 28, 2021.*

The Lake Helen P&R District Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm

Commissioners Present: Bill Pingel, Tom Gerlikovski, Glen Bersie, and Tyne Hoffman

Commissioners Absent: Robin Novak Nelson and Mildred Neville (County Appointed Commissioner)

Guests: Tracy Arnold (Portage County Planning & Zoning) and Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands)

➤ **MINUTES**

- Glen made a motion to approve the March 31, 2021 meeting minutes. Tom seconded. All in Favor.

➤ **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- \$1,469.50 Checking Balance
- \$4,110.57 Savings Balance
- \$7,000.00 Non-lapsable Fund Balance
- \$12,580.07 total balance in All Accounts.
- \$1,000.00 donation received from Mary Ann Weisbrod in Remembrance of Joseph Weisbrod.
- Tom made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tyne Seconded. All in Favor.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

• **ANNUAL MEETING**

- Commissioners' ran through the proposed Annual Meeting Agenda. The Annual Meeting will take place June 5, 2021 starting at 8:30am @ Lake Helen County Park Shelter.
- Recommended to bring chairs, masks & social distance at your comfort level. Bring your own drink and snacks as these will not be provided this year.
- Tyne will make 20 copies of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes for property owners to review.
- Glen will gather a list of those who worked on Aerator installation, fish committee, librarian, etc.
- Tyne will retrieve the meeting signs from Robin, have them updated and post them on East Side and West Side.

• **EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL**

- Immediately following the Annual Meeting, a training session is to follow. Anyone is welcome to attend and ALL are encouraged. The Training session is to help property owners to identify EWM and what they should you do if they find EWM.
- Tyne will make a Facebook post looking for property owners that may know how to dive. It has been suggested by Tom that we dive the deeper hole in the bay, earlier than later.

• **FAMILY PICNIC**

- We have the budget for the Annual Family Picnic, but Commissioners are unsure if we will have a picnic. We are waiting to see how the COVID-19 trends show.

• **TAX LEVY**

- Glen made a motion not to assess a tax levy for 2021. Tom seconded. All In Favor.

• **MISC**

- Tyne mentioned that we have a total of 3 Rental Cottages on the lake, whether it be through Air Bnb or other sites. She suggested that we make a binder up and offer it to the Property Owners. The information included would be Garbage / Recycling, Local Restaurants, Non-Emergency Numbers, Cleaning boats due to invasive species, Boater Safety and information, as well as the importance of life jackets whether in a motorized or non-motorized watercraft, and wake times.

➤ **NEXT MEETINGS:**

• **BUDGET APPROVAL**

- A follow-up meeting to approve the budget will be held Wednesday May 5, 2021 4:30 pm Via Zoom.

• **ANNUAL MEETING WALK THROUGH**

- June 4th, 2021 7pm Commissioners' will meet at the L.H. County Park Shelter to walk through the Annual Meeting Agenda.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

- Glen made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. Tom Seconded. All In Favor.

**LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
May 5, 2021  
Zoom Conference Call**

*Due to the current public health concerns regarding COVID-19, Government organizations are permitted to conduct public meetings remotely. Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District met via Video / Telephone Conference on May 5, 2021.*

The Lake Helen P&R District Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm

Commissioners Present: Bill Pingel, Tom Gerlikovski, Glen Bersie, Robin Novak-Nelson, and Tyne Hoffman

Commissioners Absent: Mildred Neville (County Appointed Commissioner)

➤ **LEARNINGS FROM WISCONSIN LAKES SEMINARS**

• **"ANNUAL MEETINGS FOR LAKE DISTRICTS DURING COVID IN 2021"**

- Annual Meetings will have to be held in person.
- "QUARTERLY MEETINGS" can continue via Zoom.
- Tom made a motion to approve \$175.00 from the "Office Expense Budget" for Zoom Unlimited. This would mean our meetings would not be cut off after 40 minutes with participants having to dial back in in order to continue the meeting. Robin Seconded. All in Favor.

➤ **ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING**

• **Review and approve final documents to be mailed to property owners**

- Meeting Notice and Agenda; Pass out copies of Tracey Arnold's business cards, would like to introduce Sam who is monitoring our boat launch again for Clean Boats Clean Water.
- Tom made a motion to approve annual meeting notice and agenda. Robin Seconded. All in Favor.
- Glen walked the Commissioners through the Proposed Budget and recommended that we NOT levy a property tax assessment in 2021, as voted on in previous meeting.
- Tom made a motion to approve recommended budget. Robin Seconded. All in Favor.

➤ **MISC**

- It was suggested that instead of having an Annual Picnic in light of Covid-19 pandemic, that we speak with the Bob & Lisa Desai Family and see if we can help with the Annual Walk by providing the snacks and drinks.
- Bill suggested that the Picnic Fund budget line be changed to Social Events Budget. The group agreed.

➤ **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

- Friday June 4, 2021, 7pm at the Lake Helen County Park Shelter to walk through the meeting

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

- Glen made a motion to adjourn at 5:09pm. Robin Seconded. All in Favor.