

Minutes FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee was held on **Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Lamont Kiefer at 5:00 PM

Call to Order / Roll Call

Roll call was taken with Commissioners, Lamont Kiefer, Kim Mello, JoAnne Klinker, Duane Chapman, Lee Lang, Richard Yarrington, and Kevin Arkeketa present. Also present, Bob Micheel.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Chapman, second by Klinker to approve May 2024 Minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Donation From Warrens YAK Club/Kayak Launch

Sara Moseley from Warrens Yak Club presented a donation of \$800 to the Lake Committee. Sara stated that the Warrens Yak Club Facebook page has a how-to video for the new kayak launch.

Discussion & Action on Use of YAK Club Donated Funds

Lake Committee allocated \$10,000 for a new kayak launch. The kayak launch came in just under that amount. Kiefer suggested the donation from Warrens Yak Club be used to pour a pathway from the parking lot to the kayak launch. Motion by Lee, second by Chapman to use the donation of \$800 for a pathway to the kayak launch. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adaptive Management

Bob Micheel discussed flooding from recent rain events in the southern part of the county. Bob Micheel announced Tomah Lake Committee was awarded Conservationist for the 2024 Land Stewardship Award. Banquet to celebrate all the winners of the 49th Monroe County Land Stewardship Award will be held at Sparta American Legion on January 25, 2025 at 5pm.

Climate Change Task Force Update

Bob Micheel talked about Monroe County Climate Change Task Force Tour on July 31, 2024. They will be making 4 stops; first stop is the National Weather Service, 2nd is Vernon Electrical Cooperative, 3rd will be Organic Valley, and final stop is All Seasons Farm.

Warden Update

No update.

Lake Tomah Management Plan/Weed Survey

Golden Sands Weed Survey Council Approval – Council approved the weed survey and Lake Tomah will have weed survey done in 2025.

Jordan Moore of 1326 Lakeview Dr stated trying to get his boat out of his dock is a headache and would like to use chemicals to kill weeds around dock. Kiefer stated DNR will not allow chemicals to be used but Jordan can try to get a permit from DNR.

John Shuck of 1208 Lakeview Dr inquired about the possibility of a larger silt trap as the current one is full and not functioning. Kiefer stated he would look into getting that cleaned out.

Daryl Urban of 1015 Lakeside Dr stated the City cannot keep putting off the weeds and the need to be harvested.

Mike Weber of 1320 Lakeview Dr stated that these discussions are the same discussions the City had 2 years ago and nothing has been done.

Kiefer stated that in 2022 Lake Tomah had a weed survey done and 20 out of 1000 points had weeds. The DNR has now requested another weed survey prior to harvesting or dredging permit. Golden Sands will do another weed survey in 2025.

Lake Tomah Collaborative Effort the Key – Kiefer requested the committee to look over and send him changes that maybe needed.

Water Testing

June water temperatures were 69 deg on the surface and 72 degrees below. July water temperatures were 77 deg on the surface and 68 degrees below.

Warm Water Impoundment Research-Academia

Kim Mello has been making calls to colleges to speak with anyone that has experience in large management impoundment.

Boat Dock Approvals – No boat dock approvals.

Ordinance 30-84 Removal requirements; construction and anchoring specifications Amendment will go to Council for approval in August.

Discussion on 50th Anniversary of Lake District

Background of Lake Tomah. Klinker will take lead on ideas for 50th anniversary celebration.

Chairman Updates

1220 Lakeview – tree fell on Lee Lang's house. Tree is located within 15 ft of lake.

Future Meeting Date: September 19, 2024

Adjourn Motion by Yarrington, second by Mello to adjourn at 7:00 PM.

Written and submitted by Casey Kinnear