

Minutes FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee was held on **Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Lake Committee met in regular session on Thursday, November 16, 2023, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Kiefer at 5:03 PM. Roll call was taken with Commissioners, Lamont Kiefer, Kim Mello, JoAnne Klinker, Duane Chapman, Lee Lang, and Kevin Arkeketa present. Also present, Director Kirk Arity. Absent: John Rush

2. Approve Minutes

July 20, 2023: Motion by Lang, second by Chapman to approve July 2023 Minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

September 21, 2023: Motion by Mello, second by Arkeketa to approve September 2023 Minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Hal Burnham Tribute

Brief discussion on bench. John's Welding was used for previous bench at a park.

4. Adaptive Management

No update.

5. Climate Change Task Force Update

No update.

6. Warden Update

No update.

7. UniverCity MuniPartners Update

The City will not move forward with the partnership at this time.

8. Weed Management

Committee would like recommendations from DNR. Motion by Arkeketa, second by Klinker to approve up to \$10,000 for Town and Country to study lake bottom for dredging quantification. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Boat Dock Approvals

None

10. Lake Informational Sign Boards

Positive comments on new sign boards.

11. Tree Removals

No update on timing for tree removal by condos.

12. Kayak Launch – Winnebago

Estimate for a kayak launch was roughly \$12,000. Estimate for an ADA compliant kayak launch was roughly \$50,000 with installation. The footprint of the ADA compliant launch is considerably larger and may not fit into the lagoon. Motion by Arkeketa, second by Mello to install a single kayak launch at Winnebago Park. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Fish Stocking

No update.

14. Stormwater Inlet Monitoring

No update.

15. 2024 Budget Discussion

Rescue boat was purchased by the Tomah FD. It meets all the criteria for FD and for Lake needs.

Annual Lake District Meeting is November 21, 2023.

16. Long Range Plan for Lake Tomah

Discussion on long range planning for Lake Tomah was discussed throughout the meeting.

17. Agriculture Updates

No updates.

18. Chairman Updates

Kiefer saw people fishing by the hospital and stopped to speak with them and the gentlemen was fishing with live baits and had pictures of northernns that he previously caught. One was a 47in Northern that he kept and mounted, another was 42in that he released, and the last was a 40 inch.

19. Future Meeting Date – January 18, 2024

20. Adjourn

Motion by Klinker, second by Mello to adjourn at 7:15PM. All ayes.