

Minutes FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee was held on **Thursday, May 18, 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, May 18, 2023, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Kiefer at 5:00 PM. Roll call was taken with Commissioners, Lamont Kiefer, Kim Mello, Hal Burnham, Duane Chapman, Lee Lang and Kevin Arkeketa present. Also present, Director Kirk Arity and Shane Rolff. Absent was John Rusch.

2. Approve Minutes

Motion made by Lang, second by Arkeketa to approve minutes from previous meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

3. Elect Chairperson & Vice Chair

Chapman and Arkeketa nominated Lamont Kiefer as Chairperson of Lake Committee. Kiefer accepts.

Lang and Chapman nominated Kim Mello as Vice Chair of Lake Committee. Mello accepts. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Adaptive Management

Bob Micheel was not present to provide an update. Director Arity stated that they are looking at a project along the trail in Fireman's Park where part of the bank is eroding. Phosphorus samples have been taken and are at the sewer plant for testing.

5. Climate Change Task Force Update

No update.

6. Warden Update

New warden has been assigned to Tomah.

7. Weed Management

No significant weed activity is present on the lake.

8. Winnebago Park Phase I

Landing is in, dock is out, life jacket station is up, and the informational sign board is up. New trail going in from the point to the boat landing due to public response. Restrooms should be open by Memorial Day.

9. Lake Informational Sign Boards

Director Arity went over the different possible signs that could go on the informational boards. Informational board placement for Butts park needs to be decided.

10. Boat Dock Approvals

Motion made by Lang, second by Arkeketa to approve the dock permit for 1101 Lakeside Dr.

11. Review & Possible Action on Dock Ordinance

Discussion on dock ordinance and regulations. Zoning Administrator Rolff did research on Wisconsin State Statutes for docks and could not find definitive answers. Ordinance update states each lake resident can have one (1) boat dock, one (1) boat lift, and two (2) personal watercrafts. Personal watercraft definition has been added to the ordinance. Motion made by Chapman, second by Arkeketa to recommend ordinance amendment to Council. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Request for Condo Tree Removal

Willow tree is within the 15 ft right away. Public Works will commit to cutting tree down but cannot commit to timing. Motion made by Chapman, second by Mello to remove the willow tree. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Request for Fish Stocking Lake Tomah

No update.

14. Stormwater Inlet Monitoring

Jodi Lepsch, DNR Water Quality Specialist, has agreed to meet with Kiefer and Mello to brainstorm ideas on how to monitor inlets.

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16. Chairman Updates

Hal Burnham stated that he will be stepping away from the Lake Committee due to health reasons after 12 years. JoAnne Klinker is interested in being apart of the Lake Committee. Motion made by Arkeketa, second by Mello to recommend to the Mayor to put Klinker on the Lake Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dam inspection was approved from 2021 and 2023 Dam inspection is coming due.

17. Future Meeting Date - July 20, 2023

18. Adjourn

Motion made by Lang, second by Chapman to adjourn at 7:01 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.