AGENDA FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 5:00 PM**
in the **Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.**

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1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**
2. **Approve Minutes**
   September Minutes
3. **Warden Update**
4. **Weed Management**
5. **Friends of Tomah Parks**
6. **Update on 2027 Budget**
7. **Chairman Updates**
8. **Future Meeting Date: January 21, 2027**
9. **Adjourn**

NOTICE: It is possible that a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice. Please note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, contact Nicole Jacobs, City Clerk, at 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660.

Minutes FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee was held on **Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Roll Call was taken with members Duane Chapman. Kevin Arkeketa, Travis Scholze, Richard Yarrington, and Kim Mello, also present was Director Brandy Leis.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Yarrington and seconded by Arkeketa to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

North American Squirrel Association (NASA)
The North American Squirrel Association (NASA) has requested permission to modify the boat dock at Winnebago Park to resolve accessibility issues with the current ramp. Under the proposal, NASA will assume full responsibility for all associated project costs. The Lake Committee has formally reviewed and approved this request.
Additionally, NASA requested authorization to host a water ski show on the lake during **Squirrelfest 2027**, which has also received approval from the Lake Committee.

Warden Update
Nothing to report

Kim Mello – Lake Matter Discussion
Kim Mello presented a historical overview of the Lake Committee to the members, outlining past initiatives, strategies, and long-term developments concerning the lake. This briefing served to provide foundational context for current and future committee objectives.

Lemonweir Bank Stabilization
Motion by Arkeketa and seconded by Chapman to recommend to Council to budget $7500 to split the cost with General Fund in FY2027. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fountain Aerator in Pond – Covered Bridge
The Lake Condo Association is seeking a partnership with the Lake Committee to purchase a fountain aerator in the pond and split the electrical installation cost by the Covered Bridge.
Motion by Arkeketa and seconded by Mello to recommend to the Council the approval of purchase of the pump this year and enter into an agreement with the Lake Association to split the cost of the electrical installation and the City would be responsible for taking the pump in and out on an annual basis. Lake Condo Association will be responsible for monthly electrical bills. All ayes. Motion carried to recommend to the Council.

Excavator Mower
Motion by Arkeketa and seconded by Chapman to recommend to Council to budget the cost of a new excavator mower in FY2027 and splitting the cost with General Fund not to exceed the cost of $27,423.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Water Lake Level Transducer Repair
Usemco repaired the lake level transducer which resulted in an expense of $817.00.

Thank you to Friends of Tomah Park
On behalf of the Lake Committee we would like to officially thank the Friends of Tomah Park for their efforts in our community.

Fish Cooling Pond
To support the health of the local fishery, it is recommended to increase lake depth, creating cooler thermal pockets for fish during peak temperatures. The Lake Committee will review and integrate this initiative alongside the scheduled 2029 dredging operations**.**

Informational Sign Board in Winnebago Park
Motion by Chapman, seconded by Mello, to approve the purchase of the information sign board for Winnebago Park as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. It was noted that the project will be fully funded utilizing the successfully secured Andres grant.

Cattails by Boat Docks
The committee addressed concerns regarding the encroachment of cattails behind the boat docks. Following a discussion, it was determined that the Public Works Street Department crew will assist with the removal and maintenance of the vegetation.

Lake Budget 2027
The committee convened to conduct a preliminary review and discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 budget parameters and departmental allocations to include yearly dam maintenance, fund balance dredge, lake operation salary, etc.

Chairman Updates
No Update

Adjourn

Motion by Yarrington and seconded by Arkeketa to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on November 19, 2026 at 5 pm.