



AGENDA FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 5:00 PM**
in the **Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.**

Zoom Meeting

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1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**
2. **Approve Minutes**
[September 2022 Minutes](#)
3. **Adaptive Management**
4. **Warden Update**
5. **Weed Management**
6. **Stormwater Inlet Monitoring**
7. **Winnebago Park Phase I**
8. **Lake Informational Sign Boards**
9. **Boat Dock Approvals**
10. **Review of Boat Dock Composition & Specs**
[Boat Dock Ordinance](#)
11. **Climate Change Task Force/Ag Update**
12. **Lake Events: Fisheree & Youth Ice Race**
[Youth Ice Race](#)
13. **Chairman Updates**
14. **Future Meeting Date - March 16, 2023**
15. **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 Becki Weyer, City Clerk, at 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660.

Minutes FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee was held on **Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

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Call to Order / Roll Call

The Lake Committee met in regular session on Thursday, September 15, 2022, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Kiefer at 5:02 PM. Roll call was taken with Commissioners, Lamont Kiefer, John Rusch, Kim Mello, Hal Burnham, Duane Chapman, and Kevin Arkeketa present. Absent was Lee Lang. Also present, Director Kirk Arity, Warden Patrick Seybert, Kirk Olson and Jodi Lepsch.

Approve Minutes

Motion made by Burnham, second by Chapman to approve minutes from previous meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

2022 Fish Report - Kirk Olson DNR

Kirk Olson from DNR completed fish assessment for 2022. Lake Tomah is in top 1 percentile for mean length of Northern Pike, top 10th percentile for Largemouth Bass, top 1 percentile for Bluegill, top 10th percentile for Yellow Perch, and top 25th percentile for Black Crappie compared to other lakes similar to Lake Tomah. Kirk Olson said he was impressed with the Largemouth Bass population in Lake Tomah. He noted that he did not see any Carp and did catch some Catfish. Final report will be completed in Spring 2023.

2022 Weed Survey Results & Discussion - Jodi Lepsch DNR

Jodi Lepsch from DNR reviewed and interpreted Golden Sands Weed Survey Results. The results show 15 different weeds with a maximum rooting depth of 5.5 feet. A weed survey wasn't conducted in 2021 so results cannot be compared to last year.

Monitoring Water Quality at Inlets

Analyzing water shed data that was collected throughout the year in winter months.

Warden Update

Warden Seybert estimated around 10 geese was taken in the early hunting season. One of those were banded.

Adaptive Management

No update.

Winnebago Park Phase I

Waiting for the docks to go in and observation deck to be started.

Lake Informational Sign Boards

New boards have arrived and are on list to be installed.

Boat Dock Approvals

No boat dock approvals. Ordinance for boat docks will be reviewed for kayak ramps and personal water craft lifts.

Climate Change Task Force Update

No updates.

Chairman Updates

4 dozen plants/flowers have been planted in each circle along the walking path.

Future Meeting Date - November 17, 2022

Adjourn

Motion made by Burnham, second by Mello to adjourn at 7:02 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes to be approved on: November 17, 2022

ARTICLE IV. BOAT DOCKS

Sec. 30-79. Purpose; intent; applicability.

This article establishes restrictions within the city to regulate the construction and maintenance of boat docks on Lake Tomah, pursuant to the statutory authorization for municipal planning and zoning, in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to protect the natural beauty of Lake Tomah. The regulations of this article apply within the city's corporate limits.

(Code 1993, § 19.06(1))

Sec. 30-80. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Dock means any dock, pier or other structure that is intended for human use on the surface of Lake Tomah.

Shore means the ordinary high-water mark for Lake Tomah as determined pursuant to the applicable local and state rules and regulations.

(Code 1993, § 19.06(2))

Sec. 30-81. Permit required.

No dock may be erected or maintained on the shore of Lake Tomah except in accordance with this article. Any property owner desiring to place a dock in Lake Tomah shall submit an application to the city public works and utilities commission for review and approval prior to placement in Lake Tomah. This permit shall be required prior to the initial placement of a dock in Lake Tomah and shall not be required on an annual basis.

(Code 1993, § 19.06(3))

Sec. 30-82. Inspections.

All docks shall be subject to periodic inspection by the public works and utilities commission or the lake district commissioners or their designee to ensure that the docks are maintained in a safe condition and in conformance with this article.

(Code 1993, § 19.06(3)(5))

Sec. 30-83. Number restricted.

One dock shall be allowed per 50 lineal feet of frontage abutting Lake Tomah not to exceed:

- (1) Properties zoned "R1" by the Municipal Code shall be allowed one dock per household.
- (2) Properties zoned "R3" by the Municipal Code shall be allowed one dock per two dwelling units.

(3) Properties zoned for business use shall be allowed a maximum of four docks.

(4) Properties zoned for agricultural use shall be allowed a maximum of one dock per property.

(Code 1993, § 19.06; Ord. No. 2016-10-08-D, § 1, 10-11-2016)

Sec. 30-84. Removal requirements; construction and anchoring specifications.

- (a) Date for removal. No dock may be placed in Lake Tomah before April 1 of the calendar year and all docks must be removed by October 15 of the same calendar year.
- (b) Removal by city. Any dock or boat lift not removed by October 15 as required herein shall be removed by the city public works department at the expense of the property owner. The cost for removing the dock shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the property owner. If the property owner does not reimburse the city for the removal costs within 30 days after receiving an itemized statement of the removal costs from the city, the removal costs shall be attached as a special assessment to the property owner's real estate tax bill.
- (c) All docks shall be temporary structures and shall be capable of being removed by the property owner within a reasonable period of time after such a request by the city.
- (d) No dock shall exceed a maximum length of 24 lineal feet from the shore and a maximum length of 12' parallel to the shore as defined in section 30-80.
- (e) No dock shall be less than a minimum of 30 inches wide nor more than a maximum of 72 inches wide.
- (f) No dock shall include more than one boat lift per dock.
- (g) All docks must be framed with metal or treated wood in accordance with the normal and customary practices in the industry.
- (h) All docks must be securely anchored to the shoreline.
- (i) Any dock constructed or maintained by the city, or any agency thereof, on public areas shall be subject to the specifications approved by the public works and utilities commission and the lake district commissioners of the city.

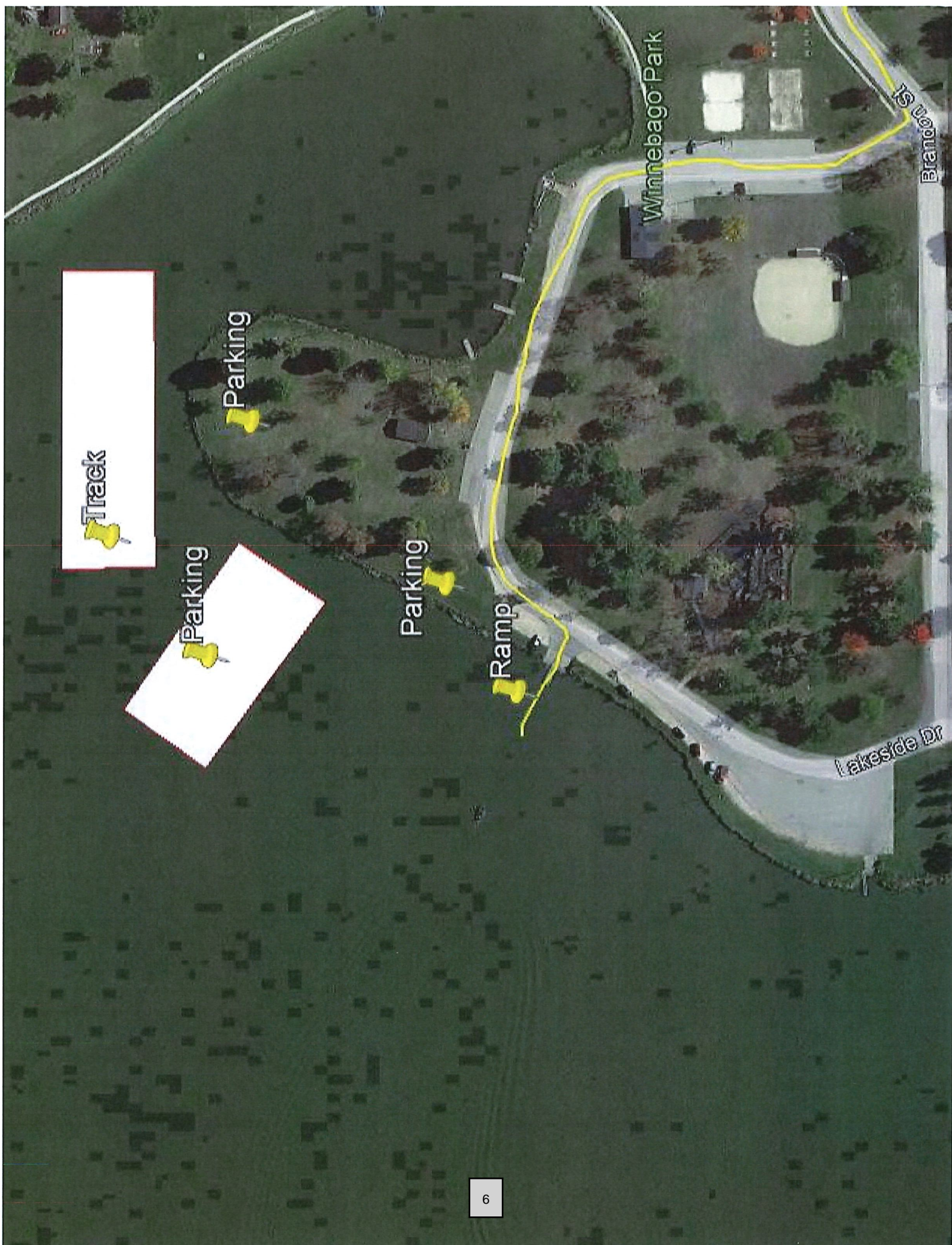
(Code 1993, § 19.06(3) ; Ord. No. 2016-10-08-D, § 2, 10-11-2016; Ord. No. 2019-11-11-D, § 1, 11-12-2019)

Sec. 30-85. Appeal.

Any property owner denied placement of a dock pursuant to the terms of this article may appeal the decision of the city public works and utilities commission to the board of appeals and request in writing a granting of a variance.

(Code 1993, § 19.06(4))

Secs. 30-86—30-113. Reserved.



Kirk Arity

From: amy gebhardt <gebhardtam@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 9:08 AM
To: Kirk Arity
Cc: Samantha Linehan
Subject: Re: Ice Race
Attachments: Lake Tomah race.JPG

Kirk-

Here is the info for the race

Date: February 25th, 2023

I attached the map and will forward a copy of last year's insurance.

We always make a decision on the Wednesday before the event. So on the 22nd we would decide if the ice is safe or not. We are required to have at least 8 inches of ice to have the event. I will be sure a copy of the insurance is dropped off at the City office before the event. Let me know if you change your mind and want me to attend. I would be happy to! Thanks again for your help! Lake Tomah is a great spot to have the event. I will have to check out the improvements, I have not been over since they have made those changes.

Thank you! Amy

On Fri, Jan 6, 2023 at 12:45 PM Kirk Arity <karity@tomahwi.gov> wrote:

Amy, could you forward the information you have regarding your planned event. I.e., layout of course, proposed date and times, and any additional information regarding the event. We will be putting together the agenda for the Lake Committee next week and we try to have it posted a week in advance which would be 1/12/23. I would represent on your behalf that the insurance requirements be submitted to the City prior to the event. Given the event is 2/25 what would be the day in which you would determine if the conditions are acceptable for the event to proceed? Also, I don't see a need for you to attend the Lake Committee, but you are welcome to and we do have it available via zoom. Any questions don't hesitate to ask. We have done some improvements with a recent project at the park and some of the access points to the Lake have changed, just fyi.

Kirk Arity

Chairperson Senior Executive Team

Director of Public Works and Utilities

City of Tomah

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From: amy gebhardt <gebhardtamy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Samantha Linehan <slinehan@TOMAHWI.GOV>
Cc: Kirk Arity <karity@TOMAHWI.GOV>
Subject: Re: Ice Race

Sounds good, thanks! I appreciate it! Amy

On Fri, Jan 6, 2023 at 8:53 AM Samantha Linehan <slinehan@tomahwi.gov> wrote:

Amy,

Kirk will take the Ice Race as an agenda item to the Lake Committee on Jan. 19 and then to Council February 13/14. I think we have the info we need for Lake Committee. When it gets closer to Council, Kirk or I will reach out for whatever info we need for that. If you have any other questions, just let us know!

Thanks!

Samantha Linehan

Administrative Assistant

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Amy Gebhardt

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