



AGENDA FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM**
in the **Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.**

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Meeting ID: 270 860 8080 Dial by your location 1 312 626 6799 Passcode: 206751

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**
2. **Approve Minutes**
[May 2023 Minutes](#)
3. **Adaptive Management**
4. **Climate Change Task Force Update**
5. **Warden Update**
6. **Weed Management**
7. **Winnebago Park Phase I**
8. **Lake Informational Sign Boards**
9. **Boat Dock Approvals/New Ordinance**
[Ordinance 30-80 Amendment](#)
[Boat Dock Permit: 1220 Lakeview](#)
10. **Request for Tree Removal: 1208 Lakeview**
11. **Request for Fish Stocking**
12. **Stormwater Inlet Monitoring**
13. **Discussion on Long Range Plan of Lake Tomah**
14. **Agriculture Updates**
15. **Chairman Updates**
16. **Future Meeting Date - Sept. 21, 2023**
17. **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, 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 Statues 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.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**Ordinance Amending Sections 30-80 and 30-83 of the City of Tomah
Municipal Code**

The Common Council of the City of Tomah, Monroe County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 30-80 of the City of Tomah Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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.

Personal watercraft (PWC) means a jet driven vessel that the rider sits, kneels, stands, or lays on, or any paddle craft or non-motorized vessels such as canoes, kayaks, inflatable boats and rafts, or rowing boats.

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

SECTION TWO: Section 30-83 of the City of Tomah Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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.
- (5) Two personal watercraft launches are permitted for every one dock permitted.

SECTION THREE: All ordinances in conflict with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Michael Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Weyer, City Clerk

READ:

PASSED:

PUBLISHED:

CITY OF TOMAH

819 Superior Avenue
Tomah, WI 54660
Public Works Phone: (608) 374-7430

BOAT DOCK/LIFT PERMIT APPLICATION

Name: STACIE AND GREG OPAHLE

Address: W178N10239 WHITETAIL RUN, GERMANTOWN, WI 53022

Address where dock and lift will be located: 1220 LAKEVIEW DR
TOMAH, WI 54660

Please give the following general information regarding the boat dock:

Length (Max 24 lineal ft. from the shore) 24 ft.

Width (30"min.-72"max.) 48"

Shape (straight, L or T) L (8ft "L" off front)

*Maximum length of 12' parallel to the shore as defined in sec. 30-80

Materials used (metal or treated wood) Metal frame, treated wood top

As per City Ordinance Section 30-84 the following regulations must be met:

- * All docks must be securely anchored to the shoreline
- * No dock or lift may be placed in Lake Tomah before April 1 of the calendar year and all docks and lifts must be removed by October 15 of the same calendar year
- * No dock shall include more than one boat lift per dock.
- * All docks and lifts shall be subject to periodic inspection by the Public Works and Utilities Commission.

(A copy of City ordinance 30-84 is attached)

Stacie Opahe
(Signature of Applicant)

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_____ Approved

_____ Denied

Public Works and Utilities Director

Date