



Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting

Cravath Lakefront room 2nd floor 312 West
Whitewater Str, Whitewater, WI, 53190 *In Person
and Virtual

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 - 4:00 PM

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Citizen participation is welcome during topic discussion periods.

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A committee member can choose to remove an item from the agenda or rearrange its order; however, introducing new items to the agenda is not allowed. Any proposed changes require a motion, a second, and approval from the Committee to be implemented. The agenda shall be approved at each meeting even if no changes are being made at that meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved together unless any committee member requests that an item be removed for individual consideration.

1. Lakes Advisory Committee April 29, 2026 Meeting Minutes

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

No formal Committee action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Committee discusses that particular item.

To make a comment during this period, or during any agenda item: On a computer or handheld device, locate the controls on your computer to raise your hand. You may need to move your mouse to see these controls. On a traditional telephone, dial *6 to unmute your phone and dial *9 to raise your hand.

STAFF REPORT

2. Staff Report

CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

3. Lake Improvement Discussion: Muck, Cattails, and Carp
- [4.](#) Discussion and possible action of Preliminary Recommendations for the Comprehensive Cravath and Trippe Lakes Plan being completed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

A quorum of the Common Council may be present. This notice is given to inform the public that no formal action will be taken at this meeting.

Anyone requiring special arrangements is asked to call the Office of the City Manager / City Clerk (262-473-0102) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.



Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – 4:00 pm
Cravath Lakefront Room
312 W. Whitewater Street
Whitewater, WI 53190
Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Kurt Zipp, Geoff Hale, Gayle Stettler, Carol McCormick, and Ginny Coburn

Absent: Mark Dorn and Orin Smith

Staff: Michelle Dujardin

Guests: Becky Magestro

2. Approval of Agenda

Carol McCormick moved to approve agenda, seconded by Geoff Hale: Ayes: Kurt Zipp, Geoff Hale, Gayle Stettler, Carol McCormick, and Ginny Coburn. Absent: Mark Dorn and Orin Smith

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Carol McCormick moved to approve consent agenda; Lakes Advisory Committee Minutes February 25, 2026, seconded by Geoff Hale: Ayes: Kurt Zipp, Geoff Hale, Gayle Stettler, Carol McCormick, and Ginny Coburn. Absent: Mark Dorn and Orin Smith

4. Hearing of Citizen Comments

No Citizens Comments

5. Staff Report

Dujardin reported on fun things happening with the lakes: Attended Lakes & Rivers Conference, Larger presence on social media on lakes, swans are out early at Cravath Lake, Fish stocking permits are in, fish stocking dates to be determined, Walton removed cattails that went downstream near the skatepark, drone pictures shared from March 22nd & April 13th, heavy rain photos, Cravath Lakefront Fountain update, cattail pulling competition possible locations, harvesting permit for APM listed location has been approved by DNR, and free fishing weekend coming up.

6. Considerations/Discussions/Reports

a. Discussion and possible action for appointment of Mark Dorn to the Lakes Advisory Committee

Dujardin presented item and application. Carol McCormick moved to approve Mark Dorn to the Lakes Advisory Committee, seconded by Geoff Hale: Ayes: Kurt Zipp, Geoff Hale, Gayle Stettler, Carol McCormick, and Ginny Coburn. Absent: Mark Dorn and Orin Smith

7. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Geoff Hale moved to elect Kurt Zipp as Chair of the Lakes Advisory Committee, seconded by Carol McCormick: Ayes: Geoff Hale, Gayle Stettler, Carol McCormick, and Ginny Coburn. Absent: Mark Dorn and Orin Smith. Abstain: Kurt Zipp

Geoff Hale moved to elect Carol McCormick as Vice Chair of the Lakes Advisory Committee, seconded by Ginny Coburn: Ayes: Geoff Hale, Gayle Stettler, Kurt Zipp, , and Ginny Coburn. Absent: Mark Dorn and Orin Smith. Abstain: Carol McCormick

8. Discussion and possible action on Lakes Advisory Committee Role

Dujardin referred to Ordinance No. 2072. An Ordinance Creating Chapter 2.73 Lake Advisory Committee.

9. Discussion and possible action on immediate plan for maintaining and improving water quality and carp impact

Zipp asked if we can find a private company come do a fish survey.

Suggestion was given to contact Koshkong on who they use for harvesting.

Carp bounty program suggested

10. Discussion and possible action of 2024 Goals Review and Future Goal Setting

Goals Suggested:

- Carp Removal
- Lake District Creation- Zipp suggested creating own targeted map, Hale suggested try once a year
- Once or twice a year education session
- Water Shed Importance
- Collaboration with Stormwater (Run off education)
- Trippe Lake Swimming Hole
- Collaboration with UWW (Biology Department, "what can we do to help each other", Amphibians Department,
- Report to Council what we have done
- Fish Stocking

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. Railing safety along Dam at Main Street

12. Adjournment

- a. Motioned by Zipp to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Adjournment at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Dujardin

Fun Things Happening



New Cravath & Trippe Lakes Piers

Fun Things Happening



Free Fishing Weekend

82 Participants &
\$1,000 grant from
Bass Pro

Fun Things Happening



Fish Stocking

502 Perch in each lake



Fish Survey

Completed June 5th
Report issued in Fall



Cravath Fountain Installed

Future Happenings

Item 2.

SEWRPC Shoreline Survey-

Scheduled to come July 20-30

New Trippe Lake Kiosk

To be complete by Fall

Methods in Lake Management Course at UWW Fall Semester-

New Partnership with UW-Whitewater

Cattail Pulling Competition-

*Due to lack of cattail in city
property locations, this event
will not take place.*



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Instructions: Please read each recommendation and rank each recommendation on a scale of: *Low, Medium, or High*. Commission staff with writing Chapter 3 of the plan which contains the recommendations for the Lakes.
note if any of the recommendations or activities

3.2 Hydrology, Water Quantity, and Water Resources Infrastructure

Maintain or enhance conditions slowing stormwater runoff
 Protect remaining landscape features that detain storm water
 Retire marginally productive cropland and/or restore features that detain runoff
 Replace rural detention capacity lost on account of human activity with engineered infrastructure
 Expand urban stormwater detention infrastructure
 Encourage practices that enhance water infiltration
 Protect groundwater supply by preserving high recharge areas
 Protect and maintain groundwater supply to Bluff Creek to preserve it as a Class 1 trout stream

Lakes' Outlet Dam Operation and Management

Maintain a regular schedule of inspection and maintenance for both dams
 Regularly review and update EAP and IOMP for both dams on the Lakes.
 Develop an EAP and IOMP for Trippe Lake Dam (Old Paper Mill Dam)

3.3 Shoreline Health

Sponsor Healthy Lakes and Rivers Projects in the watershed
 Support and increase education campaigning for importance of sustainable shoreline practices
 Compile public list of contractors and landscape architects who support native plantings and shoreline practices to provide to community members.
 Consider conducting regular (1x every 10yrs) shoreline habitat monitoring and surveying

3.4 Water Quality

Begin regular monitoring of water quality in both Lakes utilizing the CLMN program or other avenue
 Begin regular monitoring of the Lakes for parameters such as nitrogen, chloride, chlorophyll-a, and phosphorus

Phosphorus

Protect and restore wetlands
 Work with riparian property owners to reduce phosphorus and other nutrient run off
 Reduce phosphorus from stormwater by increasing infiltration
 Manage factors that stimulate in-Lake phosphorus recycling
 Work with individual farmers to reduce agricultural runoff in the watershed

Chloride

Municipalities and Walworth County should continue to reduce road salt applications using innovative practices within the watershed

Reduce salt application by educating business and property owners about practicing smart salt management

Tributaries

Conduct nutrient monitoring on tributary streams up-and-downstream of the Lakes

Continue WAV monitoring upstream of the Lakes

3.5 Pollutant Loading

Agricultural Best Management Practices

Incentivize use of no-till and conservation tillage practices

Encourage increase in cover crop acres

Ensure that all lands are under nutrient management plans

Install additional grassed waterways

Ensure that animal operation performance standards are met

Restore natural landscape elements to detain runoff

Urban Best Management Practices

Encourage pollution source reduction efforts through BMPs

Promote native plantings in and around existing and new stormwater detention basins

Combine riparian buffers with other structures and practices

Stringently enforce construction site erosion control and stormwater management ordinances and creative employment of these practices

Promote urban nonpoint source abatement

Educate the public on picking up leaves and pet waste in urbanized areas

Tributaries

Reduce point sources of stormwater into tributary streams

Continue periodic flow and water quality monitoring of main tributaries of the Lake

Control buckthorn and honeysuckle along stream corridors

Consider conducting stream surveys to identify areas of streambank erosion

3.5 Aquatic Plants

Follow recommendations in Aquatic Plant Management Plan(s)

Cyanobacteria and Floating Algae

Monitor algal abundance and sample for algal toxins during suspected algal bloom conditions

Warn residents not to enter water in event of an algal bloom

Encourage healthy aquatic plant community to compete with algal growth

Reduce carp populations within Lake

Cattails

3.6 Fisheries and Wildlife
Habitat Quality
Preserve and expand wetland and terrestrial wildlife habitat, while making efforts to ensure connectivity between such areas
Preserve and enhance instream features that provide important fish spawning and rearing habitats
Restore natural meanders and improve floodplain connectivity to Whitewater Creek and its tributaries
Preserve natural areas of countywide and local significance, as those of critical species habitat
Incorporate upland conservation and restoration targets into management and policy decisions
Improve aquatic habitat in Cravath and Trippe Lakes by maintaining and adding large woody debris and/or vegetative buffers along the Lakes' edges
Mitigate water quality stress on aquatic life and maximize areas habitable to desirable fish
Mitigate streambank erosion
3.7 Invasive Species
Fundraise and work with local municipalities to install AIS cleaning equipment at all public launches
Begin participation in CBCW program
Continue to monitor for new invasive species and monitor population of existing invasive species populations
Conduct aquatic plant surveys every 5 years to monitor invasive plant species populations
3.8 Recreational Use
Consider installing QR code signage at public launches so recreational users can provide feedback about recreating on the Lake
Conduct semi-regular polling of recreational stakeholder groups to determine recreation wants and needs for the Lake
Stakeholder Engagement & Plan Implementation
Integrate lake users and residents in future management efforts
Encourage key players to attend meetings, conferences, and/or training programs to build their lake management knowledge
Ensure inclusivity and transparency with respect to all Lake management activities
Foster and monitor management efforts to communicate actions and achievements to future lake managers
Consider installing "This is Our Watershed" and "Adopt a Highway" signage throughout the watershed

Keep abreast of activities within the watershed that can affect the Lake

Educate watershed residents about relevant ordinances. Update ordinances as necessary to face evolving use problems and threats

Any recommendations you would like

Management Recommendations

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ties are already being implemented and when they were started/completed.

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the Commission to consider adding? Please list and rank below.

These rankings with help Additionally, please

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