# Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting

Cravath Lakefront Room, 2nd Floor, 312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater WI 53190

**Monday, November 16, 2026 - 4:00 PM**

**Citizens are welcome (and encouraged) to join our webinar via computer, smart phone, or telephone. Citizen participation is welcome during topic discussion periods.**

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**Please note that although every effort will be made to provide for virtual participation, unforeseen technical difficulties may prevent this, in which case the meeting may still proceed as long as there is a quorum.**

## 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 Minutes October 7, 2026

**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. Discussion Regarding Committee Member and City Staff Roles, Reasons for Participation, and Individual Goals and Expectations for the Committee

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Dredging Options for the Removal of Accumulated Sediment and Organic Muck Resulting from Decaying Cattails in Cravath and Trippe Lakes.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Shoreline Restoration at Trippe Lake Park to Improve Water Quality, Reduce Erosion, and Enhance Natural Habitat.

**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, October 7, 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 Zip, Orin Artsmith, Mark Dorn, Carol McCormick, and Gayle Stettler
   Absent: Geoff Hale, Mark Dorn and Ginny Coburn
   Staff: Kevin Boehm and Michelle Dujardin
   Guests: Don Huntington

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
4. Orin Artsmith moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Carol McCormick. Ayes: Kurt Zip, Orin Smith, Carol McCormick, and Gayle Stettler . Absent: Geoff Hale, Mark Dorn and Ginny Coburn

5. **Hearing of Citizen Comments**

   No Citizen Comments

6. **Staff Report**

   Dujardin reported on fun things happening with the lakes: UWW Class updates, Stormwater Clean Up Day, Story Book Walk along Cravath Lakefront Park, Cravath fountain, Pier and water updates, Fish stocking, moonlight paddle event, shoreline restoration, fish sticks, and future possible projects.

   Geoff Hale arrives at 4:30pm

**7. Considerations/Discussions/Reports**

**a. Direction of Lakes Advisory Committee Discussion**

Kurt Zipp presented item and encouraged more focus on suction dredging to get decomposing cattail.

Boehm referred and educated on past practice with dredging, cost, permits, and challenges. Boehm encouraged all members to attend Finance Committee when the lakes budgets went up for discussion.

Geoff Hale suggested building fish sticks and look at maps to identify what areas of the lakes still have cattail.

**b. 2027 Lakes Projects Discussion**

Committee suggested exploring different kayak rental options, shoreline plantings, new railroad ties at Trippe, and updating Rain Garden at Trippe Lake

**Future Agenda Items**

**c.** Heidi Bunk, DNR- Education Meeting Lake Sediment

**8. Adjournment**

a. Motioned by Zipp to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Adjournment at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michelle Dujardin*

# What's Happening On Cravath & Trippe Lakes







## Falling into fun with Parks & Rec

Loralei Bavuso, Journalist

October 25, 2026

Michelle Dujardin of the City of Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department helped host the Oct. 24 Moonlight Paddle at Cravath Lakefront Park to celebrate the Hunter's Moon. As the city transitions into the colder months, the event offers a glimpse into the department's efforts to provide seasonal activities and improve recreational opportunities for residents year round.



Danaya Love

Jan Bilgen and Jay Craggs canoeing to the shore after taking a quick lap around Cravath Lake at the very first Moonlit Paddle Night, Oct. 24

The City of Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department has offered seasonal activities such as ice fishing and ice skating. This year, the department introduced the Moonlight Paddle, giving residents an opportunity to explore the lakes by moonlight while enjoying s'mores and socializing around a fire. The free event also provided five boats for participants who did not have their own.

## Article In Royal Purple

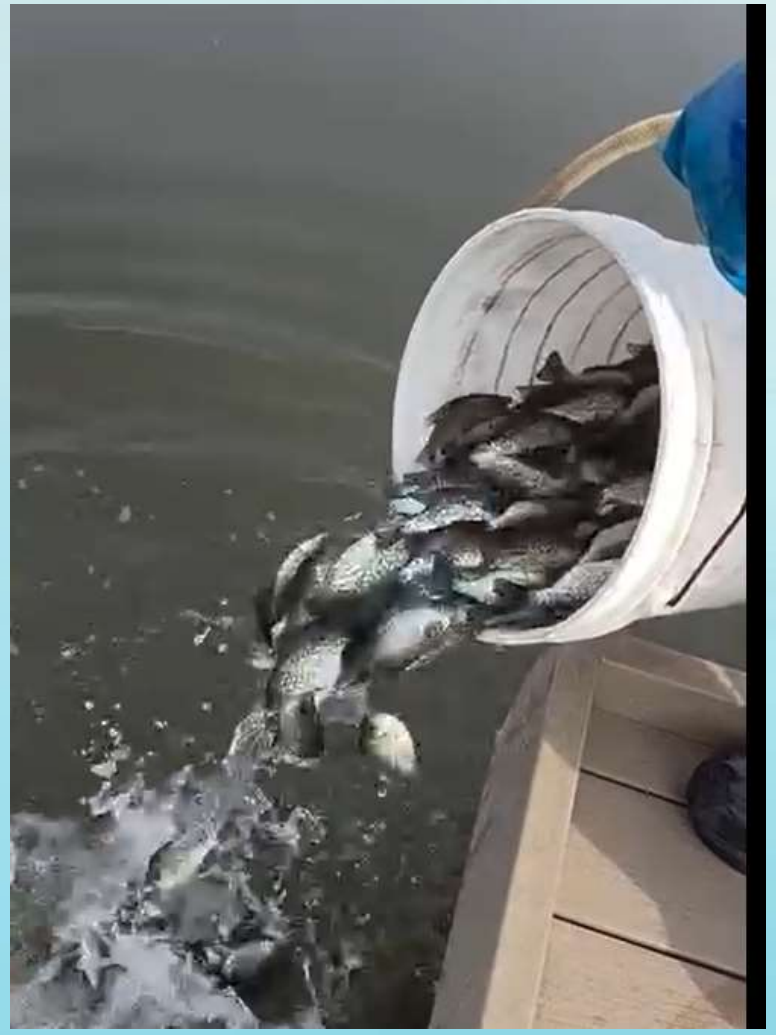






# Fish Stocking- Friday, October 30th

- 500 Yearling Black Crappie's In Both Lakes
- 29 Year Northern Pike In Both Lakes
- Positive Responses on Social Media





# UWW Class Updates

- The student projects are going pretty well overall. The projects that have lab work are done with sampling now and starting to analyze the samples for microplastics (in Cravath Lake water) and phosphorus (in sediments from across Trippe and Cravath).
- The student projects on bathymetry and Secchi depth (both Cravath Lake) are 1/3-1/2 done with sampling.







# Kayak Launches







- Summerset was unable to fulfill the Kayak Launch portion of the pier project. Other options are being explored for Spring 2027

# Fish Sticks

- **How Fish Sticks can benefit a lake**
- Improve fish habitat: Submerged branches provide shelter for young fish and places for fish to feed.
- Reduce shoreline erosion: Trees can help slow wave energy along protected shorelines, potentially reducing sediment entering the water.
- Support the food chain: Branches provide habitat for aquatic insects and other organisms that fish eat.
- Encourage a healthier ecosystem: Natural woody habitat helps restore some of the shoreline complexity that developed lakes often lack.
- Potentially improve water clarity: Where Fish Sticks reduce erosion, they may also reduce sediment entering the lake.

## Suggested Locations Needed



FACT SHEET SERIES:

FISH STICKS

Healthy Lakes & Rivers

Bony Lake, Bayfield County - Pamela Toshner

MAINTENANCE

COSTS

- Range: $50 – $1300 per cluster of 3-5 trees, installed *(average = $890)*
- Healthy Lakes & Rivers grant funding available: *$1000 per Fish Sticks Cluster*

MATERIALS

- Whole, live trees from outside shoreland vegetation protection area
- Cables/cabling gear
- Heavy equipment including snowplow and chainsaw
- Safety gear

DNR PERMIT REQUIRED

**FISH STICKS**, an in-lake best practice (not eligible for rivers), are large woody habitat structures that utilize whole trees grouped together, resulting in the placement of more than 1 tree per 50 feet of shoreline. Fish Sticks are anchored to the shore and are partially or fully submerged. Fish sticks are not tree drops since the trees utilized for the projects come from further than 35 feet from shore, thus they don't "rob from the bank" of trees that may otherwise grow and fall in naturally.

**PURPOSE**

This fish and wildlife habitat best practice creates food, shelter, and breeding areas for all sorts of creatures from small aquatic insects, to fish, to turtles, ducks, and songbirds. Fish Sticks can also help prevent bank erosion – protecting lakeshore properties and your lake.

**HOW TO BUILD**

It may be necessary to work with your local DNR fisheries biologist, county land and water conservation department, or landscaper to design and/or construct this practice. Logging companies may assist with tree supply, cutting, and transportation. Check with your local zoning department to determine if any permits are necessary.

Detailed guidance is found here: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/outreach/fishsticks.html.

1. Find a location

Ideal Fish Sticks sites have low ice energy – places like protected bays and shorelines leading to and from bays. High ice energy areas on lakes greater than 250 acres require alternate methods that ensure they remain in place.

Typically a single Fish Sticks cluster occupies 50 linear feet of shoreline, so it should be placed on an area of your lakeshore that is not used for pier(s) or swimming. If you have a lot of frontage, you may choose to add more than a single Fish Sticks cluster.

PROJECT TIMELINE

| SITE PREP | INSTALLATION | MAINTENANCE | PROJECT END |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 MONTHS | < 1 DAY | Spring safety check | 3 YEARS |
| winter ice road | | | cable removal |

# Shoreline Restoration Option






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# Shoreline Restoration

- Improves Water Quality: Native vegetation naturally filters stormwater runoff before it enters the lakes.
- Reduces Shoreline Erosion: Deep-rooted plants stabilize soil and prevent sediment from washing into the water.
- Reduces Algae Growth: Helps limit phosphorus and nitrogen entering the lakes, which contribute to excessive algae growth.
- Improves Water Clarity: Reduces sediment entering the lakes, allowing more sunlight to reach beneficial aquatic plants.
- Creates Wildlife Habitat: Provides food, shelter, and breeding areas for fish, birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.
- Discourages Geese: Taller native vegetation creates a natural barrier that can discourage geese from gathering along shorelines.
- Enhances Natural Beauty: Creates attractive, sustainable shorelines that improve the appearance of our parks and lakes.
- Supports Long-Term Lake Health: Provides a natural, cost-effective approach to protecting Cravath and Trippe Lakes for future generations.



Buffalo Lake- Montello, WI

# Future Programs Already Planned For 2027








ORDINANCE No. 2072
AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 2.73 LAKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Whitewater Municipal Code Chapter 2.73 is hereby created to read as follows:

2.73.010 – Lake Advisory Committee

**Lake Advisory Committee**

**Mission Statement:** The Lake Advisory Committee is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the health, beauty, and recreational value of the lakes within the City of Whitewater. We strive to provide recommendations and guidance to local authorities, engage the community in lake-related activities, and promote responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

**Committee Goals and Objectives:**

1. **Lake Health and Water Quality:** Monitor and assess the water quality of local lakes, identify potential threats to their health, and recommend actions to maintain or improve water quality.

2. **Ecosystem Preservation:** Work to protect and restore the natural ecosystems in and around Whitewater's lakes, ensuring the long-term health of local flora and fauna.

3. **Recreational Opportunities:** Encourage safe and accessible recreational opportunities on Whitewater's lakes, including swimming, boating, fishing, and wildlife observation.

4. **Community Engagement:** Foster community awareness and involvement in lake-related issues through educational programs, outreach, and public events.

5. **Policy and Planning:** Collaborate with local government and authorities to develop and recommend policies, ordinances, and plans that promote the sustainable management of lakes and their watersheds.

6. **Research and Data Collection:** Conduct or support research and data collection efforts to better understand lake ecosystems and trends, aiding informed decision-making.

**Committee Membership:** The Lake Advisory Committee shall consist of up to 5 members and no less than 3 members. There shall be one alternate member appointed to serve. In the event one of the regular members is unable to attend, then the alternate member shall be called upon to attend and shall have full power to act and vote The city manager and the common council president

shall review the committee applicants and recommend nominees to the common council. After considering the candidates nominated by the city manager and common council president, the common council shall appoint the members of the committee. Members should represent diverse backgrounds, including but not limited to residents, environmental experts, local business owners, and recreational enthusiasts.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for membership on the Lake Advisory Committee, an individual must be a resident of the City of Whitewater or have expertise related to lake preservation and enhancement.

**Meetings:** The committee shall meet on a regular basis, at least once every two months, to discuss ongoing projects, reports, and lake-related issues. Meetings will be open to the public, and citizens are encouraged to attend and participate.

**Committee Chair:** The Committee members will select a Chairperson from among themselves to lead meetings, coordinate activities, and act as the primary liaison with city officials.

**Reporting:** The Lake Advisory Committee shall deliver semi-annual updates and reports to the Common Council, sharing information about its activities, findings, and recommendations. If necessary, the Committee may also provide additional updates to the Common Council. These reports will be accessible to the public through the city's website and other communication channels.

**Community Partnerships:** The Committee shall seek opportunities to collaborate with local organizations, schools, and other stakeholders interested in lake conservation and education.

**Term Length:** Committee members shall serve staggered terms of three years each, with the possibility of reappointment for up to two additional terms.

**Inaugural Meeting:** The inaugural meeting of the Lake Advisory Committee shall be scheduled within 30 days of the appointment of its initial members.

**Amendment and Review:** This charter may be amended as needed with the approval of the Common Council. It will be reviewed periodically to ensure its continued effectiveness in achieving its goals and objectives.

Ordinance introduced by Council Member Allen, who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Council Member Brown.

AYES: Allen, Brown, Dawsey Smith, Hicks, Gerber, Stone, Schreiber
NOES:
ABSENT:

ADOPTED: October 3, 2023

John Weidl, City Manager

Karri Anderberg, City Clerk

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# Proposal

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|---|---|
| Date | 11/3/2026 |
| Proposal # | 20966 |

**Our Milton address has changed to: 3221 E County Road N**

Michelle Dujardin

262-473-0121

mdujardin@whitewater-wi.gov

# 2027 Trippe Lake Park

| Description | Qty | U/M | Rate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Site Prep - Beach Unit - 3 herbicide applications | 3 | Each | 550.00 | 1,650.00T |
| Site Prep - Long Shoreline Unit - 3 herbicide applications | 3 | Each | 615.00 | 1,845.00T |
| Stewardship - Rain Garden Unit - 3 stewardship visits | 3 | Each | 225.00 | 675.00T |
| | | | | |
| Seed Installation - Beach Unit - 1000sqft emergent species, 1000sqft wet-mesic transition species, 2000sqft wet-mesic prairie species | 1 | Each | 446.00 | 446.00T |
| Seed Installation - Long Shoreline Unit - 2000sqft emergent species, 2000sqft wet-mesic transition species, 2000sqft wet-mesic prairie species | 1 | Each | 589.00 | 589.00T |
| Seed Installation - Rain Garden Unit - 1000sqft showy pollinator/rain garden prairie species | 1 | Each | 272.00 | 272.00T |
| | | | | |
| Plug Installation - Beach Unit - 160 plugs emergent species, 640 plugs wet-mesic prairie species | 1 | Each | 4,225.00 | 4,225.00T |
| Plug Installation - Long shoreline Unit - 224 plugs emergent species, 800 plugs wet-mesic prairie species | 1 | Each | 5,382.00 | 5,382.00T |
| Plug Installation - Rain Garden Unit - 320 plugs showy pollinator/rain garden prairie species | 1 | Each | 1,745.00 | 1,745.00T |
| | | | | |
| APM Permit - In order to apply herbicide along a shoreline, we need to obtain an Aquatic Plant Management Permit from the DNR. | | | 20.00 | 20.00T |
| | | | | |
| Sales Tax | | | 0.00% | 0.00 |

**Total** $16,849.00

Sales/Project Manager, Tallgrass Restoration, LLC

Date

Acceptance of Proposal: The above prices and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. All deletions have been noted. I am familiar with and agree to the terms and conditions attached. To accept this proposal, please sign on the line below and return the signed original to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC.

Client Representative

Date

This proposal includes term and conditions attached and constitutes a binding contract agreement upon acceptance. Tallgrass Restoration, LLC is fully covered by insurance. Our employment practices are fully compliant with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. TGR's warranty is conditioned upon timely payment of invoices, normal plant care by the client, and contracted and performed stewardship/maintenance activities for consecutive growing seasons following the installation of the plant material. All materials are at wholesale prices and include shipping and handling fees.

# Trippe Lake Park

407 S Wisconsin St, Whitewater, WI, 53190

