



Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 - 4:30 PM

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1. Topic: Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting
Time: Aug 28, 2024 04:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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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.

- [2.](#) Approval of July 31, 2024 Minutes
3. STAFF REPORT

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.

CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

4. Discussion and possible action on Clay Street Nature Park Resident Concern
- [5.](#) Discussion and possible action regarding SEWRPC Recap of Trippe and Cravath Lake Plant and Shoreline Inventory
- [6.](#) Discussion and possible action regarding 2025 Dredge Inquiry
- [7.](#) Discussion and possible action on Together for Healthy Lakes Summit- October 2, 2024

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, July 31, 2024 – 4:30 pm
Cravath Lakefront Room
312 W. Whitewater Street
Whitewater, WI 53190
 Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Carol McCormick, Kurt Zipp, Ginny Coburn and Elvira Kau.
 Absent: Geoff Hale and Gayle Stettler
 Staff: Michelle Dujardin
 Guests: Judy Wildermuth (online)

2. Approval of Agenda

McCormick moved to approve agenda seconded by Kau. . Ayes: Carol McCormick, Elvira Kau, Kurt Zipp, Ginny Coburn . Absent: Geoff Hale and Gayle Stettler

3. Staff Reports

Dujardin showed drone video of both Trippe & Cravath Lake submitted to SEWRPC for shoreline survey.

4. Hearing of Citizen Comments

No Citizens Comments

5. Considerations/Discussions/Reports

a. Discussion and possible action regarding Lake District Marketing Campaign Event

Is Lakes Marketing Campaign

- Location: Whitewater Brewhouse 841
- Date: Options: October 2, 2024
- Time: Evening Hours 5:00pm-7:00pm (Spot reserved 3:30pm-8:00pm)
- Invitation to the Public:
 - Social Media: Whitewaterbanner.com, Whitewater Paper (Kim), Facebook Pages (City of Whitewater, Whitewater Parks & Recreation), Playing on City Hall TV's (Testimonials)

- Printed versions in English & Spanish,
- Home mailings, Water Bills
- Street Banner
- Invitations for table groups:
 - SEWRPC
 - DNR
 - UW-Whitewater- Dale Splinter & Wes Enterline
 - Whitewater Creek Coalition
 - Park & Rec
 - City of Whitewater Storm Water
 - Eric Olson from UW-Extension Office,
 - Rotary Club
 - Tallgrass
 - RLP Diversified Inc.
 - Whitewater & Rice Lake District, Area for larger photo prints (Dale Maas & Steve Watson) Before & After Pictures
 - Area for canvas pictures
- Topics to have brochures available on:
 - Lakes District's
 - Shoreline Restoration info for residents
 - DNR Grants for residents
 - Q & A:
 - Top 10 benefits of forming a Lakes District
 - Why do I want to back a Lakes District?
 - What is this going to cost me?
- Thank you for attending ideas: Raffle for Rain Barrel
 - Give out Raffle Tickets, keep other half to keep track of numbers
- Name Ideas:
 - Yes for Lakes District, Come to 841 Brewhouse

- Together For Healthy Lakes
- Slogan Ideas:
 - The most valuable gem right beneath our feet

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6. Considerations/Discussions/Reports

a. Discussion and possible action regarding creation of a Lakes District Resolution.

Dujardin presented sample resolution obtained by Eric Olson. The committee directed Dujardin to create resolution and send to City Attorney for review

7. Future Agenda Items


- a. Storm Water Updates
- b. Lake District Creation Discussion
- c. Lake District Marketing Campaign
- d. Geese Concerns

8. Adjournment

- e. Motioned by Kau to adjourn, seconded by McCormick. Unanimous voice vote.
Adjournment at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Dujardin

	<h2>Lakes Advisory Committee Item</h2>
<p>Meeting Date:</p>	<p>August 28th, 2024</p>
<p>Agenda Item:</p>	<p>SEWRPC Recap of Cravath & Trippe Lake Survey</p>
<p>Staff Contact (name, email, phone):</p>	<p>Michelle Dujardin, mdujardin@whitewater-wi.gov 262-473-0121</p>

BACKGROUND
(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

SEWRPC visited Trippe Lake (July 15th-16th) & Cravath Lake (July 29th). The Plant Identification and noted remarks below. Most of the shoreline survey will be done by drone due to little access to properties due to cattail.

Trippe (July 15th-16th)

- Found known population of American Lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*)
 - State ranked status of “S3” – meaning “ Vulnerable in Wisconsin due to a somewhat restricted range, relatively few populations or occurrences, recent and widespread declines, threats, or other factors.”
 - Trippe is one of only 4 lakes it is found on in SE WI
- Found scattering of curly leaf pondweed
- Cattails dominant along shoreline

Cravath (July 29th)

- Excess of duckweed across entire lake
- Curly leaf pond weed and Eurasian water milfoil found sporadically across the lake
- Cattails dominant across shoreline
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A few notes on some the things we talked about with the board on the day off recap:

- It was mentioned that the spillway on Trippe will potentially be undergoing construction? If so an NHI inquiry will need to be done (DNR will do it) since one of our other biologists observed a special concern species below the spillway last year. Our biologist, Zach, observed *Nuphar advena* (State special concern) right around lat/long 42.82913786552091, -88.72545822104807, just downstream from the Trippe Lake Dam on 09/28/23. It was also collected in 1993 from Cravath Lake and 1991 from Trippe Lake by Paulin Lindaas and Galen Smith (UW-Whitewater Botany Professor). Vouchers are in the UW-Whitewater herbarium if more specific collection information in needed.
 - Hanna and I will be going back out on Trippe likely next week to confirm any locations of this on the lake itself.
- Here is a DNR website with some information about lead weights.
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/fishhealth/gettheleadout>

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(Dates, committees, action taken)

FINANCIAL IMPACT
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Nelumbo Lutea



Trippe View from bridge over spillway



Cravath Channel with Duckweed



Lakes Advisory Committee Item

Meeting Date: August 28th, 2024

Agenda Item: Possible 2025 Dredge Options

Staff Contact (name, email, phone): Michelle Dujardin, mdujardin@whitewater-wi.gov 262-473-0121

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City Manger, John Weidl has asked the committee to suggest future dredge zones if the project was a possibility.

Please see support material for lakes maps with noted City of Whitewater Property noted.

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Q & A on Creating a Lakes District

- **So What is a Lakes District?**

A lake district is a specialized unit of government designed to manage a lake or group of lakes. One of the major differences between a lake district and a lake association is a lake district’s ability to tax property within the district. Since 1974, when Wisconsin passed legislation allowing the formation of lake districts, over 200 lake communities have formed lake districts.

Lake districts have a unique blend of powers and governance provisions tailored to fit the needs of local lake communities. A lake district is guided and operated by those that live in or own property in the district. A lake district’s day-to-day operations are carried out by a board of commissioners composed of elected volunteers and local officials. The financial direction of the district is determined by district residents (electors) and property owners at an annual meeting. Unlike other governmental units, such as towns or sanitary districts, nonresident property owners have the right to vote and hold office in lake districts.

Lake districts in Wisconsin have tremendous opportunities to address lake and watershed management issues. The Wisconsin Legislature has consistently recognized their potential by giving lake districts legal standing, the ability to tax, and eligibility for cost sharing funds and other state assistance. Governmental units, including lake districts, enjoy the advantages of automatically being exempt from federal income tax.

Since the 1970s, lake districts have shown that small public institutions can achieve remarkable results when it comes to lake management. A key to lake district success is a core of dedicated volunteer leaders willing to learn and work hard to maintain their lake. Through the work of these individuals, Wisconsin communities have identified and addressed threats to water quality, restored habitat, improved recreational boating and generally enhanced the vitality of inland lakes in the state.

A lake district is not a club. Unlike a lake association, a lake district is a governmental body with statutory responsibilities to the resource, local citizens and taxpayers. Like all government entities, the powers and operations of a lake district are set by law with legal responsibilities and consequences designed to ensure that the rights and interests of the public are protected.

- How can a Lake District be Formed?

A city or village may establish a lake district by a simple resolution, provided that all the frontage of the lake is within the city or village, (except any portions outside the state of Wisconsin).

A petition of property owners is not required for the creation of a district by a city council or village board. The resolution establishing the district is adopted in the same manner as resolutions for other municipal business. The law does not require a public hearing to be held in connection with establishing the district. However, most incorporated municipalities do schedule a public hearing or informational meeting on creation of a lake district in order to provide an opportunity for public comment, in the interest of fairness and open government.

When a district is established by a city or village, the city council or village board generally serves as the board of commissioners. These municipal districts are otherwise governed like other lake districts, with an annual meeting of electors and property owners determining the district's budget and tax levy.

In situations where the governing body of a city or village serves as the board of commissioners of a lake district, they sometimes consider establishing a citizen advisory committee or other structure to include citizen input.

The city council or village board is required to provide for an election of the board of commissioners if a petition requesting that form of governance is filed. The petition must be signed by at least 20% of property owners within the district. Upon presentation of such a petition, an election must be held at the next annual or special meeting of the district, whichever occurs first. In that case, the new board of commissioners will consist of elected representatives as well as two appointed representatives, one from the county and one from the city or village. The new board of commissioners will become effective immediately after the election (unless there is a challenge to the election results initiated in circuit court within 14 days of the election).

- How does this benefit me?

Ensures Sustainability

Plan for Long-Term Maintenance: Address how the lakes district will be maintained and sustained over the long term to reassure the community of its lasting benefits.

- The Lakes District can: Buy & Operate an aquatic plant harvester, develop a lake management plan, develop an aquatic plant management plan, develop a water recreation plan, contract for aquatic plant removal and maintain lake access.

Promote Environmental Stewardship: Emphasize sustainable practices and environmental conservation to align with community values, concerns and priorities.

Additional Funding: A Lake District has more opportunities for Grant Funding that goes directly to lake improvements that are decided and voted on by the people

Build Community Engagement

Foster Participation: Encourage community involvement in the planning and implementation process. This can help build ownership and commitment.

Organize Events: Host informational sessions, workshops, and community events to educate and engage people about the lakes.

Understand the Community's Needs and Concerns: Identify key issues or needs within the community, such as economic development, environmental conservation, recreation, or tourism.


- Who do I contact with questions/concerns/comments?
Board of Commissioners, Appointed Commissioners, Officers and City of Whitewater appointed Staff.

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Together for Healthy Lakes Summit- Wednesday, Oct 2nd , 841 Brewhouse 5pm-7pm

- Location: Whitewater Brewhouse 841 * **Confirmed**
- Date: Options: October 2, 2024 ***Confirmed**
- Time: Event time 5pm-7pm (Set up 3-5, clean up 7-8)
- Invitation to the Public: Social Media (whitewaterbanner.com, Fort Paper, Facebook Pages- City of Whitewater & Park /Rec, Printed versions in English & Spanish, sandwich board outside City Hall
 - * Banner across the Street was booked
- Invitations for table groups:
 - * **Confirmed:** SEWRPC, City of Whitewater/Storm Water, Tallgrass, UW-Whitewater Sustainability Wes Enterline, UW- Whitewater Associate Professor of Marketing & Students, RLP Diversified
 - * **Have not responded:** Eric Olson from UW-Extension, WW Creek Coalition
 - * **Maybe:** Ecowater Way
 - * **Not Available:** DNR. Whitewater & Rice Lake District (I have reached out to a different member to attend, waiting response.
- Area for larger photo prints from Dale Maas.
- Topics to have brochures available on? (Lakes District’s , Shoreline Restoration, DNR Grants)
- Thank you for attending ideas: Raffle for Rain Barrel

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