

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for March 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.,

City of Lake Mills City Hall, 200 Water Street, Lake Mills, WI 53551

- 1) **Call to Order** – 6:30 p.m.
Members present: Jim Colegrove, Wes Dawson, Nathan Pyles, Mike Neemann, Stan Smoniewski, Susan Trier, Ralph DePasquale, Bonnie Nolan
Absent: Lianna Spencer, Candace Diaz Guest: Patricia Cicero
- 2) **Motion to accept the agenda** made by Wes, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- 3) **Good News Minute** – meeting participants shared recent good news
- 4) **Secretary’s Report** – Motion to approve February 2019 minutes made by Jim, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- 5) **Treasure’s Report** –
 - a) February financial statements had been electronically distributed by Jim.
 - b) Jim presented a check for \$27.05 to be signed reimbursing Susan for her registration fee for the upcoming Lakes Conference at Steven’s Point.
 - c) Jim updated the Board on the CDs, noting we just purchased another one for \$1,100 with an eye to having a “ladder” of 4, so next one to be purchased in June or July. With this, we have closed the savings account but will keep open an account used for grants – it requires a minimum of \$275 to avoid any charges.
- 6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** –
Jim passed out a copy of the latest edition of the [Lake Tides](#).
- 7) **Committee Reports**
 - a) Water Quality
 - i) Agricultural
 - a) Nathan said the recent dinner to recruit farmers for the Jefferson County Healthy Soils initiative was very successful with 48 farmers attending! The planned speaker had to cancel at the last minute but Dean Wakeman and Scott Schultz stepped right in. Another committee meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on 3/27/19 at the L. D. Fargo Library. They will be discussing whether to try for a subcommittee of that main group to include only Rock Lake watershed farmers or go for a separate group. He will also reach out to Daybreak Foods which has indicated an interest in this initiative.
 - b) Wes updated the Board on the recent purchase of a plot of land on the Shorewood Hills channel – the new owner is interested in returning it to a native state and Wes advised him of land trust possibilities.

ii) Residential

a) Susan's committee met on the around the lake tour. See 9.a.

b) Her committee is also finalizing the Social Party/Lake Management Plan roll-out, scheduled for 5/5/19 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. She requested \$30 to buy 6 drink tokens for outstanding volunteers. Motion was made by Stan, seconded, and passed unanimously. She also requested funds to purchase bottled water and snacks. A motion to allot up to \$100 for that purpose was made by Ralph, seconded, and passed unanimously.

iii) Water Sampling – Ralph continues to work with Patricia Cicero on volunteer training.

iv) Streets – Jim said the City had assured him they would make every effort to avoid piling snow on the road running along the marsh behind the fire station. But with so much snow this year it appeared they had no choice.

b) Habitat – pending reorganization

c) Membership and Lake Recreation – Bonnie

i) The Board approved her membership letter and Bonnie will send out after some minor additions.

ii) Bonnie obtained the final cost estimates for printing and sending the membership letters.

Badger Printing would print and mail, including targeted mailing to both sides of streets abutting the lake along with all business owners at a cost of \$1,085. Lake Mills Leader would print and mail for \$495 but we would have to provide them with spreadsheets of the addresses we wanted them mailed to. Susan made a motion to go with the Leader, it was seconded, and passed unanimously.

d) Public Outreach – Susan and Stan

Stan said the website do-over is nearing completion. See also 7.ii, and 9 a, b, and d.

8) **Other Reports.**

a) County. Patricia was not at the recent public meeting on the Sandy Beach project, but it was apparently contentious. She was pleased that the city and project planner seem onboard with putting in boat cleaning stations. But apparently the best we can hope for re the runoff water used to clean boats is for it to be “filtered” by strips of grass before either evaporating or going back into the lake.

b) JRLC. Stan said there had been no recent meeting.

9) Old Business

a) Selection of date for boat tour (Around the Lake). Susan's committee came up with several possibilities which she presented to the Board which were narrowed down to 7/13, 7/14, or 7/21.

b) Environmental Cleanup. Potential dates discussed, will be finalized at next meeting.

c) Susan's letter to riparian owners. (pending).

d) In-lake cleanup, pending identifying pontoon boat owner willing to participate.

10) New Business

a) Funding of boat cleaning stations. A final version was selected of the letter to be sent to both the City and Town encouraging them to institute such stations. A motion was made by Susan to allocate up to \$1,000/station for one basic boat cleaning station each for the City and Town. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Mike will include that offer in the letter. For more on boat cleaning specifics, see minutes from 1/19.

b) Storm Drain Protector program. The City was reticent about this in the past, so it was tabled.

c) Town and Country Days participation was discussed, and Wes will contact them to get a booth. A motion was made by Stan to allocate up to \$50 to upgrade our presentation board which is used at all events of this nature. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

12) **Adjourn** – Mike made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and unanimously passed at 8:00 p.m.

13) **Next Meeting:** Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Mills City Hall