

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for May 20, 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: Wes Dawson, Nathan Pyles, Mike Nesemann, Stan Smoniewski, Susan Trier, Bonnie Nolan,
Absent: Jim Colegrove, Ralph DePasquale, Lianna Spencer
Guests: Patricia Cicero, Becki Reynolds, Vicki Avery, Anita Martin, Dan Drescher, Sally Jones.
- 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 April 2019 minutes made by Stan, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- 5) **Treasure's Report** – Jim was absent.
- 6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** –
 - a) Wes received an email from Martin Dula who has a barn off the bike path and offered to host a social event. Given the crowded agenda for the rest of 2019, this very generous offer was tabled till next year. Wes will respond.
 - b) An email was received from a woman concerned about a strange boat with bright lights going along her shoreline. The DNR was contacted and they had been doing fish shocking.
 - c) The latest issue of [Rock River Reflections](#) was received.
 - d) Susan received an email re someone blowing their leaves directly into the lake. It was suggested that DNR warden be contacted to speak to this person.
- 7) A very informative presentation on changes in the proposed Sandy Beach renovation project was given by Dustin Wolff and Mark Sauer of Mead & Hunt and Brandon Herber, the engineer from Strange and Associates. They covered the genesis of the project, which was the need to address multiple issues regarding the trailer community which then led inexorably into a rather more comprehensive plan. Although audience members had questions, because of time constraints, questions were limited to Board members. The overall plan must be submitted by 6/1/19 to qualify for the next round of grants, with all the details submitted sometime in August or September.
- 8) **Committee Reports**
 - Water Quality**
 - i) Agricultural

a) Nathan has yet to be contacted by the City regarding the idea of exploring ways to raise revenue to compensate farmers in the Rock Lake watershed for the costs they incur for planting cover crops to reduce phosphorous runoff from fields into the waterways. But he did give a presentation on the Lake Management Plan to the Jefferson County Land & Water Committee.

ii) Water Quality. Ralph was absent but Patricia was under the impression that he was to have emailed potential volunteers for the next stream monitoring training to be held 6/1/19.

iii) Public Streets. Jim was absent.

iv) Residential. Nathan advised that he has seen significant construction site erosion so that clearly the regulations were not being followed. This impression was shared by other Board members. A discussion was held re the best way to deal with this as it was felt some people would be inhibited from directly reporting such activities. It was felt we should work on putting a form on the website wherein people can anonymously report concerns and these can then be forwarded to the appropriate Town or City building inspectors. Stan will look into this.

b) Public Outreach. Susan and Stan

i) Town and Country Days presence reviewed. We will man the booth from 10 – 1400.

ii) Brew with a View events. Mike and Susan will set up our site – again, we are not allowed to have personnel there, just our information.

iii) Boat Tour event. Meeting scheduled 5/28/19, 1830 at Fargo Library. We will need volunteers with pontoon boats.

iv) The Brewery event was a success with many positive comments on the new display. The issue of having a sign and dog poop bags made available at Town parks was raised but they apparently have no staff to pick up garbage. This will be referred to JRLC.

v) There were about 37 people at the environmental clean up – no real group represented. The timing for recognizing and pulling the garlic mustard was perfect.

c) **Habitat** – pending.

d) **Membership and Lake Recreation** – Bonnie
12 letters were returned due to wrong address

9) Other Reports.

a) County. Patricia has some training sessions coming up including stream monitoring on 6/1 and Clean Boats/Clean Water training on 5/29. For that one they have 4 paid positions and several volunteers coming, including some from Lake Ripley. She alerted the Board to the establishment of a mountain bike trail in Tyranena Park. This was apparently approved by the City Council back in January – Nathan had a map which showed the new trails going through the south bowls. Although it seems inevitably problematic from an environmental view, it sounds like a done deal. Wes will bring it up at the next JRLC.

b) JRLC. Stan.

i) They also had a presentation regarding the Sandy Beach development.

ii) Apparently the DNR approved the wetlands delineation at Lost Lake setting the stage for the next stage of the planned “development” of that area.

iii) Town Chair Hope Oostdik said there would be some upgrading done at the Ferry Park and Elm Point landings.

10) Old Business

a) Update Lake Mills Market fund raiser. Wes has our name in for consideration.

b) Storm Drain Protection program. Pending receiving more info.

c) Susan’s letter to riparian owners. Pending.

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

11) New Business

a) Update on Miljala Channel. The dredger doesn’t work so a new one will need to be located and funding obtained.

b) Nominations for Stewardship Award for 2019. Vote in June.

c) A nomination committee to propose Board candidates will need to be formed at the next meeting.

d) Reminder of planning needed for August Annual Meeting.

12) **Adjourn** – Mike made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and unanimously passed at 8:45 p.m.

13) **Next Meeting:** Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Mills City Hall