

**Minutes for July 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm,
City of Lake Mills City Hall, 200 Water Street, Lake Mills, WI 53551**

1) **Call to order** – 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Stan Smoniewski, Jim Colegrove, Wes Dawson, Bonnie Nolan, Candace Diaz
Absent: Nathan Pyles, Susan Trier, Ralph DePasquale
Guests: Patricia Cicero, John Thode
Guest Speaker: Alana Herro – UW Madison Graduate Student

2) **Motion to accept the minutes** from last meeting (6-17-19) made by Wes, seconded and unanimously approved.

3) **Good News Minute** – Wes passed on this item tonight due to presentation by UW Grad student.

4) **Treasurer's Report** – Check cut for Leader Printing \$13.50 for Lake Exploration Fliers Correspondence:

- Natural Lakes magazine circulated.
- Wes got a call from a disgruntled Sandy Beach resident. This person stated that his pier was pictured in our ad for the Lake Exploration Cruise and he was very unhappy about this.
- Another call came in to Wes with someone upset about parking of boats on Sandy Beach Road. Wes instructed person to contact the city with his concerns.

5) **Guest Speaker: Alana Herro** – UW Madison Presentation “Down To Earth”

Alana gave a detailed power point presentation regarding the practices of cover crops, no till and how she is using satellite imagery and farmer surveys to collect data that will show who and where farmers are using cover crops with the hope that this research can be used in further studies to engage farmers to participate in these conservation practices. Alana will share her presentation with us when she completes her final report.

6) **Committee Reports** –

Not many people were here tonight but we heard from Jim who said that he is not sure about the scouts for the street drain program but Paul Hermanson from the city is on board with the storm drain signage.

Stan: Residential – no report

Bonnie: Nominating committee – there is a 2 year term to fill. The 2 year term was offered to John Thode. Wes explained the structure of the board and the committees that are available to John. Wes made a motion to nominate John for the board, Bonnie seconded, motion approved.

7) **Exploration Tour:** Agreed that we will do a de-briefing when Susan Trier is able to be at the meeting. Some suggestions were made. Patricia suggested that there be time keepers for the presentations instead of leaving that up to the presenters themselves

8) **Membership:** No reports.

- 9) **County Rep Report:** Patricia reported that the 4 people that were hired for clean boats clean waters program and they were close to going over the 20 hours per week that was designated for these positions. She suggested that they may end up going over the amount of money allotted and asked if the Town of Lake Mills will be able to pay for this.

There was a discussion that Patricia go on the boat tour that the Town of Lake Mills was hosting and she said she would probably be going. There was discussion about the misplacement of certain buoys in the lake and that patrol was informed about this issue.

Patricia stated that Rock Lake is the only lake in the country to be home to the Slender Mad Tom a small fish that lives in rocky habitat near shoreline. There was research on lakes and rivers and when that research was completed, Rock Lake was the only lake where the Slender Mad Tom was found.

Patricia is posting this information along with the finding of another fish that has been on the endangered list and was found right before the Exploration Cruise, the Banded Killifish, on RLIA Facebook page. Patricia said it would be good if the sea wall near Bartels could be filled in with more rock (not necessarily always a good way to fix an aging seawall) – but this would create a good habitat for the Slender Mad Tom.

10) **Annual Meeting – August 24**

Wes suggested we talk about the agenda for the meeting as we have only one meeting very close to this date. Wes suggested that we structure the meeting like:

- What's been done this year?
- What are the plans for 2020? Moving forward...
- Use what we are planning to do as the centerpiece of the meeting (last year we used the Lake Management Plan as the centerpiece)

Each committee should give a short presentation highlighting the topics above. We will invite the township patrol and the DNR Warden. Discussion was made on the agenda items and Jim suggested that we offer a “what are your key concerns?” section for questions to the general public. Patricia suggested that we use the Executive Summary and refer to the management plans as key point of question and answer time.

It was further suggested that we follow : “What we've done”. “What we are doing” and “What would you like us to work on?” format.

Bonnie was asked to get the word out on the meeting on Facebook. Stan said he will put information on the website.

Jim asked to write up an agenda now at this meeting. He will do the treasurers report. Wes read the minutes from last years Annual meeting and talked about reports given last year. Wes suggested we take the committee information we have and use those to give reports. Wes, Patricia and Candace will give summary of Nathan's Ag report, Ralph – water sampling, Stan – new website, Jim – Public streets and storm drains, Bonnie – membership. Lake recreation and habitat – Susan.

Meeting will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Lower Rock Lake Park Shelter at the North End on Saturday, August 24. Wes will write up an agenda. Stan suggested that the committee reports and management plan be linked and that we think of our audience. Wes stated that the

goal for the August 19 meeting is that each committee member give an overview of what we are doing for Annual meeting.

Bonnie motioned for donuts and coffee to be served at Annual meeting. Candace seconded and was approved.

11) New Business: Request was made for Korth Park for August 15, 2020 for Annual meeting.

12) Wes moved to adjourn, was seconded, and approved.