

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for June 17, 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, Stan Smoniewski, Susan Trier, Ralph DePasquale
Absent: Jim Colegrove, Bonnie Nolan, Lianna Spencer, Mike Neumann,
Guests: 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 Mayl 2019 minutes made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

- 5) **Treasurer’s Report** – savings account is now closed and funds previously in savings have been invested in 4 CD’s with higher interest rates. Submissions for expenses were made for:
 - \$62 Leader Printing
 - \$118.41 for food and beverages for annual lake clean-up event
 - \$9.04 postage
 - \$94.92 various social event promotions

Membership Update

We have 128 memberships (mailing addresses) - 60% of members are riparian property owners

- 6 Affiliate
- 101 Family
- 21 Individual
- 1 Donor (only)

Here is the breakdown

Type	Count	Percent
Riparian	77	59.69
City	22	17.05
Town	19	14.73

Other	10	7.75
Donation	1	0.78

Total 128

6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** – None

7) **Committee Reports** (5 minutes per report)

a) **Water Quality**

i) **Agricultural** – Nathan

Nathan discussed the concept of creating “Keep Rock Lake Clean Fund” that would be used to compensate RL watershed farmers for planting cover crops, which would reduce phosphorus runoff into the watershed. One possible avenue for creating this fund would be to allocate funds from the City and Town’s general fund.

Jim: Should also review if the Town of Oakland should be asked to participate.

Jim: Suggested having a designated line item in each gov budget specifically for this purpose to better ensure multi-year funding.

Patricia: Believes JCLWCD will be able support the administration of such a fund after staffing has returned to normal levels.

Patricia: Will reach back out to Rick Roedl at Daybreak Foods to explore if they would like to play a role in encouraging their local seed providers to participate in healthy soils / healthy water land management practices. Goal is to get a meeting.

Nathan: Based on Michelle Scarpace’s recommendations, we should try to get a meeting with RL watershed farmers in early August, and present the broad concept to gauge interest. If there is interest, then construction of the program details should be developed by them.

Wes: Reported that the Freitag property along the Miljala channel has been sold. He has reached out to the new owner to see if they would be supportive of a grant application for the Miljala waterway improvements.

ii) **Water Quality** – Ralph

- 1) Do we have enough volunteers? Need any additional training?
- 2) What is the sampling schedule?
- 3) What locations are we sampling?
- 4) Do we need any additional equipment? – We have 3 kits available, and may need one more.

Patricia: June 1 stream monitor training was completed. DNR has agreed to support phosphorus monitoring at County A and Cedar Lane, and will provide RLIA with a cost estimate for analysis, which RLIA will pay for. Monitoring sites have been added for Rock Creek and Hope Lake Road.

Ralph: Will get trained to do lake monitoring and gather lake water clarity readings this year.

Wes: Will do monitoring of the Miljala channel.

iii) Public Streets – Jim

No updates.

iv) Residential – Susan

Susan: We should man our poster table at the upcoming Brew with a View events on June 22, July 25 and August 22. Susan will manage schedule.

Stan and Nathan are working on construction site erosion. What is progress? - No updates.

Susan reports new home owner packets have either been mailed or hand-delivered. Recommended hand delivery so as to establish a personal relationship with new residents.

i) Update on Town & Country Days event

Susan and committee are making progress on the updated display. Susan is coordinating schedule for manning the booth – need volunteers.

ii) Update on boat tour event

Susan has secured at least 5 boats and may have a 6th, for this July 14th event. We will use the Town and Country Days to recruit participation in this event.

c) Habitat

i) Update on fish sticks – Wes found several cables were broken from the winter ice dam. He replaced the cables. Trees have shifted but still doing their job. Patricia reports that after 3 years, the trees should become anchored and will be less likely to shift.

8) Other Reports – (5 minutes per report)

a) County representative – Patricia

Patricia: Reported that 4 people have been successfully trained for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters. Will be a very strong crew this year. No more volunteers are needed for this program this year.

b) JRLC – Stan discussed the continued dog waste issue at Ferry Park. No resolution as of yet since they town does not have trash can pickup service at this park.

9) Old Business

a) Elect Stewardship award winner for 2019

A nomination was proposed for the Stewardship award and unanimously approved. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to spend up to \$100 for a gift for this award.

c) Susan's letter idea to riparian owners – Susan and Patricia would like to update this letter to make it more clear who the land owners need to contact before any alternations in the lakeshore landscape are completed.

10) New Business

a) Form a nomination committee (election in July)

Jim, Bonnie, and Mike make up the nomination committee this year.

There will be at least 1 board opening, and likely 2.

c) Will need to register soon for Fall Festival – Wes is still working on this, no answers yet.

d) Wes has applied for the Lake Mills Market Round-Up fund raising event.

11) Next board meeting: Monday, July 15, 2019 at 6:30p.m., City Hall

12) A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and approved.