

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for August 19, 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, Mike Nesemann, Stan Smoniewski, Susan Trier, Ralph DePasquale
Absent: Lianna Spencer, Bonnie Nolan, Candace Diaz, Nathan Pyles
Guests: John Thode, Patricia Cicero
- 2) **Motion to accept the agenda** made by Jim, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- 3) **Good News Minute** – meeting participants shared recent good news
- 4) **Secretary’s Report** – Motion to approve July 2019 minutes made by Wes, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- 5) **Treasure’s Report** Jim
 - a) Discussed his presentation for the annual meeting.
 - b) Jim presented a check for \$17.50 to Leader Printing for the boat tour.
 - c) He received an audit note for our CDs and all info was correct
 - d) Latest copy of [Lake Tides](#) received and passed around.
- 6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** –
None
- 7) **Committee Reports**
 - a) **Water Quality**
 - i) Agricultural
 - a) Nathan was absent but Patricia Cicero said they had a meeting with folks from Daybreak Farms re the farmer led group. Daybreak seemed very interested in helping.
 - ii) Water Quality. Ralph. Training organizing still in progress.
 - iii) Public Streets. Jim
 - a) Jim will reach out to Paul Hermanson re the City again inserting our flier on keeping leaves off the streets. They requested B&W instead of color citing reproduction costs.

b) He received an email from a Scout interested in taking on refreshing the labeling on storm sewers. There are over 700 such sewers and about 66 along the lake. Labels last 3-5 years.

c) Susan Trier brought up the danger the highway B improvements pose to the egg laying of Eastern Spiny Softshell Turtles. These turtles have used the shoulders for their eggs which will now be more dangerous. A discussion ensued re what could be done.

iv) Residential.

a) Susan discussed a new effort to mail postcards with a short message to riparian owners and perhaps anyone residing within 1000 feet of the shoreline.

b) Public Outreach. Susan and Stan

i) Susan said that out of a recent email to 180 members, 85 were opened, so she resent to the folks who didn't open theirs.

ii) They will be paying particular attention to communicating through the Lake Mills Facebook page.

iii) The Leader seems to have agreed to allow Susan to include informative and educational content to her column for the paper.

iv) Susan updated us on the gifts for the upcoming Stewardship Award at the annual meeting.

c) **Habitat** – No chairman.

d) **Membership and Lake Recreation** – Bonnie absent.

8) Other Reports.

a) **County.** Patricia reported to both the Town and City of Lake Mills re the amount of grant money remaining for the Clean Boat/Clean Water program. Apparently there has been more inspector activity this year so the grant for the Town is about used up and the Town was considering terminating the program, this before Labor Day weekend. A discussion ensued re the importance of continuing the inspections, especially given the busy holiday weekend. Although the board was frustrated over the Town's decision, Mike made a motion to provide up to \$1,200 to fund 3 inspectors for Sat – Monday of Labor Day weekend. This is a one-time offer and the Board expects both the City and Town to recognize the necessity of continuing these inspections in the future using their funds. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

b) **JRLC.** Stan.

There was no meeting last month.

9) Old Business

a) Annual Meeting program and plans discussed; assignments given.

b) Susan updated the Board on the Stewardship award.

c) Storm Drain Protection program. See 7 a iii) a above.

d) Susan's letter to riparian owners. Pending.

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

10) New Business

a) Fall festival. Wes will put us in for a booth.

11) Adjourn – Mike made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and unanimously passed at 7:35 p.m.

12) Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Mills City Hall