

# ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for July 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

1) **Call to Order** – 6:35 p.m.

Members present: Jim Colegrove, Wes Dawson, Mike Nesemann, Nathan Pyles, John Crump, John Thode, Stan Smoniewski, Ralph DePasquale

Guests: Patricia Cicero, Bruce Ward, Sharron Webster

Absent: Bonnie Nolan, Susan Trier

2) **Motion to accept the agenda** Made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

3) **Secretary's Report** – Motion to approve May 2020 meeting minutes made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

4) **Treasurer's Report** Previous month's financial data was sent out, no comments.

The last \$2,500 CD comes due 8/4 and an additional \$2,500 will be added to make it the 4<sup>th</sup> \$5,000 CD.

5) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** – None.

6) **Committee Reports**

**a) Water Quality**

i) Agricultural Nathan. Waiting to hear from Jefferson Co. farmers how they plan to meet in light of CoVid. Nathan attended a Webinar on the subject.

ii) Public Streets. Nothing to report.

iii) Residential. Stan will report on items germane to this later in the meeting.

iv) Water Sampling. Patricia and a volunteer did the Rock Lake deep hole water quality monitoring in June and will do so in July. Wes said someone asked for a phosphorous chart updated with the most recent data. Patricia believed that she shared the data from last year but can do so again.

**b) Public Outreach.**

Stan brought up the Lake Management Plan Progress dashboard and everyone seems to be on board with it. There was concern that while water quality and natural shoreline status involved hard data, the rest of the areas were inherently more subjective. Nathan pointed out that it was being set up to answer the basic question, "Are you making progress?" The Committee will flesh this out.

**c) Habitat** – Committee chair pending.

**d) Membership and Lake Recreation** – Bonnie was absent. See report under 8) b below.

**7) Other Reports.**

**a) County.** Patricia.

The County is working on its 2021 budget and given the expected severe budget shortfalls, funding for the water resources position is not included in the initial personnel budget.

**b) JRLC.** Stan advised that both the City and Town have received their signs for the boat cleaning stations at each landing. The County will install them for the Town, while the City will install its own. He also said they will be deploying the suggested boat cleaning tools. Please see minutes from 1/19 (section 11a) and 3/19 (section 10a) for more background.

**8) Old Business**

a) Letter to sellers and realtors. Stan and Susan had sent out a sample letter reminding the recipients of the State, Town, and City shoreline regulations. A discussion ensued re the desired tone of the letter, when it should be sent, if it should be sent to sellers *and* their realtors, and whether to ask the realtor to pass on to the buyer, as it is usually the buyer who does the “renovations.” Patricia pointed out some issues re various jurisdictions, e.g., questions re riprapping are decided by the DNR, while not all piers require permits, and if they do, depending on the situation, such permits would be issued by the DNR, the town, or both. The City has no permit requirements for piers. It was decided that Mike would discuss the issue with a local realtor and report back to the committee (Susan, Stan, John C., and John T.) They will ask Patricia to review for accuracy, and then submit their suggested letter, addressees, timing, and associated informational material to the Board.

b) Survey update. Mike summed up the recent surveys taken re boat trailer parking, lake usage, number and types of watercraft associated with riparian lots, and a survey of selected riparian lot structures. (See attached). He noted that all participants agreed there was more activity on the Friday and Saturday of the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, than when the survey was done on Sunday. Future surveys should ideally be done on what are most likely to be the busiest days, weather permitting.

c) Groundwater awareness. Pending.

**9) New Business**

a) Shoreline recognition program. Pending.

b) Annual Meeting (8/15 at 1000) planning. After much discussion, it seemed the logistical difficulties of holding a virtual annual meeting were insurmountable and that the meeting could be held safely outside at Korth Park. Masks will be required (masks and hand sanitizer will be provided), social distancing should be no problem, and the agenda will be kept to the bare minimum, with no outside speakers. Assignments were made and Mike made a motion to allocate up to \$50 to purchase masks and hand sanitizer. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Members will be notified by post card, as required by the bylaws, as well as by email and posts on our Website.

c) Annual Stewardship Award. Mike circulated the citation before the meeting and Stan will talk to Glenn

re his attending the meeting.

d) Nomination Committee. Stan presented the recommended slate of candidates: Mike Neseemann, Jim Colegrove, Sharon Webster, and Bruce Ward. Sharon and Bruce were reminded of the need for a letter to the Board briefly explaining why they would like to serve.

e) Zoning brochure for new homeowners' packets. Pending.

f) Next Board meeting. It was decided to wait until September.

**10) Next Meeting:**

a) Annual Meeting. 8/15 at 10:00 A.M. Korth Park.

b) Next monthly meeting, Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Location: TBD.

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