

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Notes

2/21/2022 6:30 p.m. / Zoom

1. Call to Order (6:30)

*Guests: Jerry Batzner, Lisa Kucek, Jean Schoeni, Keith Clark
Present: Tom Krejcie, John Thode, John Crump, Susan Trier, Jim Kerler, Nathan Piles, Candace Diaz,*

2) Good News Minute

3) Adopt agenda

*Agenda approval **moved and adopted.***

4) Secretary's Report - approve minutes of 1/15/2021 & 1/17/2022 Board meetings

*No additions or corrections to the 2 sets of minutes from January sent out. **Motion to approve** was passed.*

5) Treasurer's Report

*No additions or corrections to the treasurer's report sent out. **Report was approved** as presented.*

- Size & nature of membership drive mailings with or without special attention to Riparian owners.

9 people have paid for 2022. Board members need to get payments in.

Focused mailing will go out for membership. This was approved at a previous meeting. Focus will be on current members, recent members whose memberships have lapsed, riparian lake shore owners including the HOAs (Shorewood Hills and the Cedars f.x.). Discussion re: the Kayak rack renters at Ferry Park.

-Audit update: Will schedule over next few weeks.

6) Public Comments/Correspondence

A) Guests (2 minute per person)

No guest comments.

B) Mail (Jim)

Jim C. not available for mail comments.

C) Email (John C)

No e-mail comments.

D) Facebook (Susan)

A Facebook post went out highlighting some of the town ordinances re ice-related issues. Specifically, no towing of individuals with motorized vehicles on the ice, which is being observed.

7) Other Reports

A) County representative (Marisa)

Marisa not available.

B) JRLC (Susan)

-E. coli at Sandy Beach, working on identifying source.

Susan:

JRLC is interested in the storm drain at Sandy Beach West. JRLC would like to influence the Sandy Beach re-design re: introducing green infrastructure into the future phases of the park plan. Marisa and Susan T have had conversations with a green infrastructure consultant who was active with renovation at Lake Ripley. JRLC has placed calls to discuss this issue both City Grounds & Facilities Director Eric Schreiner, and Director of Public Works, Paul Hermanson.

JRLC will have a full committee in the near future. The JRLC has not had a full complement of members for most of the past year. One City member was just added at the February City Council Meeting and another member should be added at the March meeting.

The expansion of the slow-no-wake (SNW) zone from 100' to 200' has been stymied at the Town Board level. The process would be for the Town Board to recommend this to the DNR. To date this has not moved forward at the TB level.

Key points: Marsh Lake (S. of RR trestle), the mill pond, Korth Bay, and Schultz Bay are the only SNW areas that the DNR identifies.

Jet Skis have SNW restriction 200' from shore. All other motorized vessels must be 100' from shore and 100' from any pier, raft, dock, or swimmer. There is no prescribed distance from protected area buoys, which can be approached by boats without speed limitations.

Note that swimmers are to stay within 150' from shore which is conflicts with the SNW zone of 100'.

SNW would reduce the lake surface area without speed restrictions by +/- 2.5% (24 acres out of +/- 1000 ac). This has been carefully measured.

C) Miljala DNR grant update (Susan & John T)

Susan: The board has received an update. Susan is using Mail Chimp to provide the monthly update on Miljala Channel because it integrates well with our website. So far only 57% of the recipients of the e-mail have opened it. Stan has also set up a link on the website along with the ability to subscribe to the update and review the latest updates. Susan would like feedback on this: <https://rocklake.org/miljala-tributary-restoration-project/>

March 15th is the go date for the Grant.

We need tracking logs so that all the time spent on this will add to matching grant dollars. This can't be done retrospectively, must be proactive on this.

8) Committee Planning Reports/Discussion

A) Education: Candace

This committee is doing a summer school program. Decided to do a presentation in an existing SS class. Waiting to see who the teachers are for these classes. Once the decision is made on the teachers, the committee will contact them to discuss what the possible presentations are. These classes will be a 3rd and a 6th grade class. The presentations will be within an existing class structure.

Discussion on working through Marisa if plant or animal samples are needed because one can't just harvest things without permission.

9) Old Business

A) Sampling rakes (Susan, Marisa)

At the last board meeting concern was expressed about spreading of invasive species through the use of these rakes. Marisa does not share this concern; these are the same rakes that the DNR uses.

2 separate projects have been recommended with re: invasive aquatic plants:

*1. Citizen's Monitoring Group for Early Detection has been recommended. This would be similar to the SNAPSHOT program but conducted on Rock Lake only. This group would be looking for **new** aquatic invasive species. (The DNR/LWCD does aquatic plant sampling once every 5 years). Rakes would be used for this with the DNR collecting the data. This is the year it will be done in Rock Lake. The DNR is specific as to where they are sampling using GPS to track their sampling sites. This is called a Point Intercept methodology.*

2. Small committee specifically concerned with Eurasian Milfoil in Korth Bay and the mouth of the Miljala Channel. Milfoil has not really taken off in the general lake yet but is thought to be moving north from the MC. The aquatic plant survey being done this year will help us

understand if the beds of Eurasian Milfoil are expanding. Any work on hand pulling the Eurasian Milfoil in Korth Bay will require a permit from the WDNR.

Motion *to have 2 RLIA members make rakes to be used in the Citizens sampling program. Total cost to not exceed \$100 total.*

Motion passed.

B) Annual Garlic Mustard Pull

Bruce and Cory both out of town. Question as to whether or not we will be doing this as a social gathering this year. It was not social in '20 and ' due to COVID.

C) Shoreline Owners concerns re: Low Lake levels: responses, newspaper article? Other?

Small group, including Marisa, working on Leader article. Article has been sent out in DRAFT to the board for review and comment. If anyone has comments, get them back to John C. Note that w are still in a drought. Goal is to get the article into the paper in March or April.

Susan T. called the fish hatchery re: their water usage. Discussion as to whether we should try to place an article re: this issue.

D) General liability insurance policy (Mike, John C, Jim, Susan)

- revisit D & O insurance

Cost about \$420 per year for General Liability insurance. Covers us if we are sued. Does not cover costs if we are not sued. Purchase of this insurance was approved last spring. Decision to have this policy in Place by April 1, 2022.

D&O insurance: Last spring we voted against pursuing this which would cost \$400-500 annually. . Last month the issue was raised again. This

insurance would cover decision making of the board in the case of a lawsuit.

With the MC tributary grant, there is some risk that a landowner could perceive harm. At this point, the grant is just for planning. In the future, actual earth shaping work may be done.

Discussion re: whether a special rider would be needed for the implementation of MC project. Mike, John C, and Jim will discuss with insurance agent in the near future.

10) New Business

A) Science on Tap Lake Mills and/or Summer monthly Family Events at Korth Park (John C)

B) Wisconsin Lakes Convention April 6-8: who plans to attend?

Information re: this convention has been sent around to the Board.

11) Adjourn. Next Board Meeting: Monday 3/21/22 6:30 pm (zoom vs City Hall--discuss)

If anyone doesn't feel safe attending in person, please e-mail John C. If anyone feels that way, the Board is happy to continue having Zoom meetings. It was noted that Zoom may have increased participation.

Discussion on repair of boat ramps. Repair needed due to cavitation from boat props power loading boats onto trailers. Susan discussed adding to the JRLC agenda.