

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
3/21/2022 6:30 p.m. / City Hall

1) Call to Order (6:30) In attendance: John Crump, Susan Trier, Tom Krejcie, Candace Diaz, Nathan Pyles, Bruce Ward, Jim Kerler (by Phone). Absent: Mike Nesemann, John Thode, Jim Colegrove

2) Good News Minute – brief sharing.

3) Adopt agenda - Made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

4) Secretary's Report – Minutes of 2/21/2022 Board meeting were made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

5) Treasurer's Report

- Audit committee update – Due to travel schedules, the audit committee has not been able to meet, but is planning to do so this next month.
- Wisconsin Salt Wise donation of \$250 from March 2021 was returned as their organization made a policy change last year and they are longer accepting donations.
- Tom K reports that we are making final preparations for the spring membership mailing soon
- Tom K submitted the monthly treasury report
- John Thode reported by email that new shoreland homeowner packets have been delivered

6) Public Comments/Correspondence

- A) Guests (2 minute per person) – No Comments
- B) Mail (Jim) – No Mail
- C) Email (John C) - None
- D) Facebook (Susan) – Has added a Facebook link to Clean Boats, Clean Water for part-time positions to educate boaters on invasive species prevention practices.

7) Guest Presentation: Kevin Wiesmann, Jeff Co Parks Director

- Kevin updated the board on the possible land acquisition of a 42-acre parcel off County A at the south end of town. Groundswell Conservancy and the WDNR are the primary funding partners for project. The parcel cannot be developed and is adjacent to DNR land. If acquired, this property would be managed by Jefferson County. It could provide access for canoe/kayak launching into Marsh Lake. It would not be used for launching motorized boats. It includes a portion of the flowage from Mud Lake into Marsh Lake and a section of waterway that had previously been dredged.

Kevin asked the RLIA board for:

- A) A Letter of Support
- B) Assistance in fund raising to complete the purchase

Nathan Pyles agreed to work with the board on drafting a follow-up recommendation for the April Meeting.

8) Other Reports

A) County representative (Marisa Ulman)

- 1) Marisa reports that there is little risk of raking for contributing to the spread of invasive milfoil; that the benefits of raking outweigh the risks.
- 2) She is preparing for water sampling immediately after the lake thaws.
- 3) She is asking for volunteer boaters to support the lake sampling. (Let us know!)
- 4) She plans to resume the biweekly temperature and dissolved oxygen monitoring
- 5) She asked if RLIA would renew funding this year for phosphorous monitoring.

The board voted to approve up to \$1,200 to cover the cost of this testing plan.

- 6) She has completed the write-up and comparison of the Rock Lake Shoreland Survey which was conducted last summer. She will present an executive summary to the RLIA at the April Meeting and John will add this presentation to our agenda.

B) Patricia Cicero

Jefferson County Soil Builder's will hold a Field Day on the afternoon of April 12th from 12:45 to 3:30 pm at N5636 Gordy Lane in Jefferson.

The purpose of this field day is to educate Jefferson County farmers on healthy soil practices. The public is invited to see the demonstrations and listen to a number of speakers.

Details can be found on the [JCSB Facebook page](#) or the RLIA Website (Post the PDF Flyer?)

C) JRLC (Susan Trier)

- 1) E. coli risk mitigation at Sandy Beach
 - Susan has asked the City to look at the green infrastructure plans for the Sandy Beach new parking and boat landing project as the original plan called for native plants in the swale areas. She has asked the City to also look into future plans.
- 2) Slow No Wake 200' initiative
 - The Town board considered the proposal to adopt a single Slow No Wake distance for all motor-powered watercraft. They are looking for further community input and will hold a July public hearing on this topic to gather feedback.
- 3) RLIA is asked to perform 4 tasks in support of a comprehensive Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program. (See JRLC letter)
 - i) Volunteers to sample for new AIS
 - ii) Spiny Flea monitoring
 - iii) Filling the Clean Boats, Clean Waters job posting
 - iv) Asking the City and Town to consider a higher hourly rate for these positions

D) Miljala DNR grant update (Susan & John Crump)

Susan and John report that we have received permission to proceed with both bridge grants for planning a sediment mitigation plan for the Mijala Channel and Tributary.

The board voted to approve John Crump's signing and acceptance of these 2 grants.

9) Old Business

A) Annual Garlic Mustard Pull (Bruce, Cory)

There will be an annual Garlic Mustard Pull and we will encourage volunteers to schedule their own time to pull Garlic Mustard. A dumpster for these invasive weeds will be placed in the Bartell's parking lot on April 15th. This event will be promoted by a notice in the LM utility bills. Susan will also promote on our Facebook page and the LM Leader News Brief.

B) Shoreline Owners concerns re: Low Lake levels: responses, newspaper article? (Marisa, John C)

The Leader article on this topic was very informative and has been received well.

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

The General Liability Insurance Policy has been purchased. The board will discuss also purchasing D&O insurance at the April meeting.

10) New Business (7:55-8:00)

A) Science on Tap-L Mills; Summer Family Events at Korth (Cory, John C)

Cory will organize a monthly weeknight talk at Korth Park in June, July, and August this year. These will be casual talks and families are encouraged to come and picnic. The county will consider waiving their rental fee for these talks since they are supportive of the County Park's mission.

B) Wisconsin Lakes Convention April 6-8

Board members are encouraged to attend.

C) Fish Survey Update

Cory reports that the DNR will be conducting a springtime electroshock fish survey. They will also be conducting a fish creel survey, and tagging walleyes this year.

11) Motion to Adjourn (8:00pm). Next Board Meeting: Monday 4/18/22 6:30 pm (City Hall)

Made, seconded, and unanimously approved.