

# ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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Minutes for July 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

## 1) Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mike Neemann, Susan Trier, Bruce Ward, Jim Kerler, John Thode, John Crump, Tom Krejcie, Jim Colegrove

Absent: Candace Diaz, Nathan Pyles

Guest: Wendy Catalani-Davies

2) **Good News Minute** – Participants shared recent good news.

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

## 4) Secretary's Report (Mike)–

A) Motion to approve 6/20/22 minutes made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

B) Discussion re whether to have August board meeting, decided to have it 8/15/22.

C) Scheduling meeting to elect new officers deferred.

## 5) Treasure's Report-

- Motion to approve July, 2022 financial report made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

- Jim presented several checks to Susan for signing, including one for \$1586.54 to REA (engineering firm) to begin the soil boring as part of planning phase of Miljala tributary restoration. This money was from the state grant.

## 6) Public Comment(s)/Correspondence –

A. Guests. No comments.

B. Mail. Jim said we received the latest editions of the [Rock River Coalition newsletter](#) and Lake Tides from the [UW Stevens Point Extension Lakes](#).

C. Email/Facebook. Susan pointed out some very interesting info from the recent Meade and Hunt community survey question that asked where people got their local information:

68% social media

36% word of mouth

34% newspaper (unclear if delineation between electronic and paper editions)

31% emails

9% mail

She said this emphasizes how critical social media is, and pointed out that when we post general information we get about 1-200 hits, but when the posting is specific to the area, it will get upward of 3,000 hits.

We also received an email from a Boy Scout interested in finding an aquatic science theme for his Eagle project. Board members will offer suggestions at the next meeting.

## 7) Other Reports:

A) County representative: Deferred.

B) JRLC: President Wendy Catalani-Davies reported on their upcoming meeting schedule, that they will attend the RLIA annual meeting, and are working on recommending that the Lake Patrol attend it as well. That recommendation will be made to the Town Board for its decision. She also asked if the planned work on the Miljala tributary would increase the sediment release and thus add more sediment into the channel. Susan and John C reassured her that erosion control measures would be taken during the construction. In addition, the length of the project construction would be relatively short to minimize exposure to poor weather. Thus the effects on the channel are expected to be minimal.

C. Miljala Tributary Restoration Project. Susan and John explained that originally RLIA received two WDNR Surface Water grants. One grant was to determine the best practice to control bank erosion and reduce nutrient loads going into the Miljala Channel and subsequently Rock Lake. The second grant was to take this recommended practice and quantify that solution with a detailed construction documents, a construction cost estimate, drafted permits applications and maintenance requirements to bring the project to "shovel ready" status for the next grant cycle in November. Unfortunately, RLIA heard from one of the landowners recently that someone outside of the project team inappropriately contacted them which resulted in the landowner no longer wanting to participate with the project. Since this project has always been dependent on private landowner participation, we will not be able to move forward with construction implementation. RLIA must return the funds for the second grant to the WDNR. We will continue working with the remaining landowners to determine the best practice for resolving the issues facing the tributary. It's important to remember that this is an important step which must be completed to ultimately move the project forward.

D). Early Detection AIS citizen monitoring. Volunteers have just started surveying the lake for AIS species which had not been previously documented in the lake. been working on the point intercept survey for AIS. They are looking for very specific AIS threats that have been seen in nearby lakes, e.g., stary stonewort, spiny water fleas, New Zealand Mud Snails, etc. They will monitor the lake in spring, mid summer, and fall. The

Aquatic Plant Survey: Volunteers and the LWCD have begun the aquatic plant point intercept survey which will include Rock Lake and the Millpond. The last time this survey was done was in 2017. We will be able to use this information to understand how the plant community is changing overtime. Good news is they were given permission by the Town Board to use a motorboat to survey Mud Lake which will greatly speed up the process. This year, Hope Lake's aquatic plants will also be surveyed.

## **8. Old Business.**

A) Lake Stewardship Award. Bruce detailed the efforts to identify this year's recipient and outlined the proposed recipient's contributions over the years. The nomination was made, seconded, and unanimously approved along with allocating up to \$500 for the preparation of the award, which is a very special piece of art.

B) Board Nominating Committee. Mike reported that Daniel Durow contacted him to volunteer to run. Danny presented his reasons for running and qualifications in an email. The Committee recommended the Board designate Nathan, Tom, and Danny as their recommended slate of candidates. A motion to do so was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

C) Legendary Learning at Korth. The first session, a DNR discussion on the Rock Lake fishery was very well received and attended. On 7/20 a UW professor will speak on turtles. Jim asked when the cages could be removed from nests. Susan said it depended on the species, e.g., spinys are hatched and in the lake before the

onset of winter. But other species can overwinter in the nest and sometimes some eggs hatch in fall while others in the same nest don't until spring. She related that 13 spiny eggs had been rescued and are being hatched at the Humane Society, and will be returned to Rock Lake this fall.

**9. New Business.**

A) Annual Membership meeting. The post cards, which will be like last year's, will be mailed out this week, followed by an email blast 8/8 and another reminder email and FB posting the week of the meeting. Many details remain to be worked out so it was decided to have a regular Board meeting in August.

B) Contacting members re PFAS. Deferred.

C) Discuss Leaf Campaign for streets. Deferred.

D) Making Waves. Deferred.

**10. August Meeting.** It was decided to focus on planning for the Annual Meeting, the leaf campaign, and donation to the acquisition of the Trieloff property.

**11. Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 8:35 P. M.

Next Board meeting: Monday 8/15/22 at 6:30 P.M. (City Hall).