

Rock Lake Improvement Association

Executive Board Meeting

Minutes for 9/18/23 6:30 pm

**1) Call to Order** - 6:30 pm by Susan Trier

Members present: Jim Kerler, Tom Krejcie, Doug Mulay, Mary Ann Jackson, Susan Trier, John Thode, Lisa Kissing Kucek, and Cynthia Chmell

Absent: Danny Durrow

Guests: Zach Nagel LWCD, Anita Martin

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

**3) Motion to accept the agenda** – Tom made a motion to accept the agenda. Doug seconded and it was unanimously approved.

**4) Secretary's Report** – Susan made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Discussion followed on the plan to send unapproved minutes to interested parties of town, city, county, etc., board members on a trial basis. Cover letter and email list to be revised.

- Minutes were not approved.

-Conflict of interest forms were distributed to new directors

**5) Treasurer's Report** – Tom reviewed bank accounts, which includes a new higher yield CD, Lake Grant, which is seed money for future grants. Expenses to state lab and Leader Printing and honoraria for three Legendary Learning speakers. Our total assets as of August 30, 2023 are \$44,868.46. We still owe our Pledge of \$5,000 to Jefferson County Parks. John made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jim and unanimously approved.

**6) Public Comments** – Anita Martin reported there will be a public meeting November 6 at 6:00 to discuss findings of the water quality sampling that was done on 900 wells throughout Jefferson County.

-from Mike Neseman- Patricia will talk to the Parks board about recommendations for Mill Pond

**7) Other Reports** – LWCD Zach Nagel reported on the Clean Boats/Clean Water project funded through DNR. Town has met requirements for hours spent –the City still needs 8 hours. Report to follow.

–A plan will be drafted over the winter to monitor the three inlet streams that feed Rock Lake using the flow meter and probe purchased by RLIA last month.

–A survey of bull rushes in Korth Bay was not done due to time constraints. Also, the DNR no longer has equipment to borrow. Last survey was completed in 2017.

–Zach reported that Patricia recommends caution when making suggestions to changes in water level policy as it has potential to affect Walleye spawning. (Susan gave historical data on fish stocked in the lake and that they have probably not been reproducing)

–JRLC to give a presentation at the City Council meeting 9/19 on lake water levels. They will not make recommendations.

## **8) New Business -**

A) RLIA community outreach (Danny) lawn sign discussion tabled

B) a) RLIA position on water levels: statement posted on website; synopsis to be presented during public comments at City Council meeting 9/19

b) Discussion on members' request for an educational program on lake water levels. JRLC and City do not intend to do so. Susan proposed that RLIA host an event on October 9. Discussion ensued on the need for an explanation of lake/watershed hydrology, fish hatchery data, etc. Susan, Tom and Mary Ann will work on a program to include background information.

C) Susan Neesman proposed including a coupon for a free one-year membership to RLIA be included in the welcome packets she and Mike deliver to new riparian owners. Discussion followed on whether this requires amended bylaws. John made the motion to include a coupon for 1-year (minimum 12 month) membership. Susan seconded and motion carried.

D) Proposal for a community clean-up day in late fall to remove leaves from storm drains. John will look into having a door tag printed to be hung on nearby homes with information on the importance of keeping leaves out of the lake. November 4/5 tentatively set. Tom and Doug have trailers for hauling to the city compost site.

E) Business debit card has already been obtained by Tom.

F) Proposed rain barrel event with Rock River Coalition in 2024. Susan reported that the City of LM is too small for a stormwater management plan. Rain barrels need to be painted. The Arts Council, Streets and Sanitation Department may be potential partners. Jim expressed interest in coordinating.

G) John Thode gave an update on the proposed Lake Management District. The team is focused on defining the parameters of the District for the greatest chance of success in 2024.

H) Jefferson County has requested someone to guide a walk through Korth Park 10/7 as part of Fort HealthCare's program to encourage exercise and introduce people to county parks. Cynthia and John will lead.

9) Old Business - John reported on the September 6th boat tour of the City shoreline. Seven members of the City planning commission, Parks, Building and Zoning boards joined John, Susan and Patricia to look at properties from Sandy Beach to Tyrannena Park. Emphasis was on shorelines that are beneficial to water quality and importance of enforcing zoning codes. 5% of the City and 45% of shorelines meet guidelines.

10) Agenda items for October – Tom to review membership and donation amounts to Rock River Coalition and Wisconsin Lakes

11) Future meeting dates – 10/16, 11/20

12) Meeting Adjourned 8:38 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Chmell