

Rock Lake Improvement Association

Executive Board Meeting

Minutes for 11/20/23 6:30 Zoom

1) Call to Order - Susan Trier called the meeting to order on Zoom at 6:30pm.

Members present: Tom Krejcie, Danny Durow, Susan Trier, John Thode, Mary Ann Jackson and Cynthia Chmell

Absent: Jim Kerler, Lisa Kissing Kucek, Doug Mulay

Guests: Wendy Catalani-Davies, JRJLC; Colton Hutchinson, Jefferson Co. LWCD

2) Good News Minute – Participants shared recent good news

3) Motion to accept the agenda – Tom Krejcie made a motion to accept the agenda. Cynthia Chmell seconded and it was unanimously approved.

4) Secretary's Report –Cynthia Chmell made a motion to accept the minutes from the October board meeting. A recommendation was made to include full names in minutes. Tom Krejcie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5) Treasurer's Report – Tom Krejcie reviewed bank account balances.-Total assets as of October 31, 2023 are \$41,515.13. The \$5,000 pledge to Jefferson County Parks for the Trieloff property still stands. John Thode made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Mary Ann Jackson and motion carried. -Tom Krejcie suggested that discussion for the membership drive be added to the January 2024 agenda.

6) Public Comments - none

7) Other Reports

A) JRJLC -Wendy Catalani-Davies reported that they will continue to publish articles in The Leader, which must be approved by the Town. - Town boat launches will be assessed for needed repairs and replacement piers. There is approximately \$239,000 in the fund from boat launch fees. It is estimated that the North End launch will need \$80,000. -Susan Trier picked up AIS tools from town launches this fall.

B) LWCD: Colton Hutchinson introduced himself as the new Water Resource Management Specialist. He previously worked with the Wisconsin DNR.

8) New Business -

A) Lake District Update: John Thode reported that one goal in establishment of the group is to have equal representation of residents from the City and Town. -The exploratory board will invite managers from nearby Lake Districts to speak at upcoming meetings. - Part time residents will be able to vote on Lake District priorities, but must do so in person.

B) The City has a new Sanctioned User Application for use of City Facility: the \$200 fee for 2 years allows use of the room once per month without charge. Additional usage will incur an additional fee. Tom described it as an administrative fee rather than one to generate income. A motion to approve was made by John Thode, seconded by Cynthia Chmell and passed.

C) Danny Durow continues with recommendations to amend the bylaws. The previously approved change to **Section 1: Mission to Purpose** must be approved by the membership. _Discussion followed on the length of time one must be a member of RLIA prior to running for a position on the board of directors. Tom Krejcie made a motion, seconded by John Thode to change **Article IV** to require at least 30 days from joining to qualify to run for a board position. Motion passed unanimously and will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting for approval.

D) Wake Enhanced technology discussion: Sen. Felzkowski / Rep. Swearingen introduced legislation (AB656/SB680) to regulate boats with enhanced wake capabilities which likely will not have enough impact to prevent damage to lake bottoms and shorelines. Scientific studies have shown significant damage to vegetation in shallower water caused by the downward action of the wave created by the boat, and the erosion of shorelines when wakes are created close to shore. Recommendations were discussed to have information applicable to Rock Lake made available: 1) A map at the launches outlining the deepest part of the lake; 2) Have Clean boats/Clean water personnel distributing a printed map at the launches; 3) Send letter to riparian owners; 4) Information on the website

E) The Instagram page is active at **rocklakeimprovementassoc**. The account follows a number of organizations with content relevant to our mission. CynthiaChmell requested photos to be posted to the account and Facebook once the two platforms are synchronized.

F) Discussion continued on planning and goal setting for 2024 based on Danny Durow's draft of 25 actions based on Smart Goals. Susan Trier proposed tightening the timeline to be completed by spring. There was further discussion on possibly changing the annual meeting to spring or having an early season social event to encourage volunteers and recruit potential board candidates.

9) Old Business

A) John Thode reported that the stormwater drain cleaning event was a success. Markers were applied to new sewers, and door hangers left at houses near sewers that were cleaned.

B) Report on low lake level: RLIA, City staff, and the LWCD met with WDNR staff on 11/20. The WDNR continues to require an environmental study to determine whether increasing Rock Lake's water level 4.8 inches for 2 weeks earlier in Spring will disturb the lake's ecology. The parameters of the environmental study will be provided to the RLIA on 12/15. In addition, the WDNR will provide: Lake Mills Fish Hatchery groundwater withdrawal information; review usage of boat launch fees; establish a tour of the hatchery; and provide research on whether drought conditions are included within the "Public Rights Stage" statute. The WDNR also stated that changing the Lake Mills Fish Hatchery's Rock Lake surface water withdrawals can not be altered without significantly impacting their operations - both in production and staffing.

C) Danny Durow has presented many options for yard signs via email. Tom Krejcie made a motion/John Thode second to print 25 signs in the selected design for distribution to board members and others on a first come basis. Motion carried.

10) Next meeting: 12/18 (Zoom)

11) Meeting Adjourned 8:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Chmell