



**CITY OF DELAFIELD
MEETING MINUTES
LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Chair: Mike Hausman

Members: Chris Arndt, Jerry Dunnick, Jim Ellsworth, Gayle Gaborsky, Susan McVey, Ald. Paul Price, Sarah Reardon, Louis Scopp, Don Tills, Andrew Vrakas

March 8, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
500 Genesee St.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Hausman called the Lake Welfare Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Chris Arndt
Jerry Dunnick
Jim Ellsworth
Gayle Gaborsky
Mike Hausman, Chair
Susan McVey
Paul Price, Ald., D6
Sarah Reardon
Louis Scopp
Don Tills
Andrew Vrakas

Also Present: Sally DuPont, Recording Secretary

4. Approve the following meeting minutes:

A. January 11, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion by Chris Arndt, seconded by Jim Ellsworth, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 regular meeting.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Citizen Comments

6. Unfinished Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. SEWRPC Study: Follow-Up Items

1) Possible lake remediation project for 2023

Hausman said they had left it where they should look at something on the northwest side of the lake to see if they could do some studying, but it is private property in Nashotah. Hausman asked Scopp if he has spoken to someone at the Village of Nashotah.

Scopp said he has looked through the packet he has received from the Village of Nashotah and there were a couple of issues. Scopp said there is a question about a standpipe that was in the south pond that has been removed with the approval of the DNR. Scopp said the intent was for the standpipe to be there during the construction phase.

Scopp said another issue is they are not complying with the grass height within the pond. Scopp said the grasses are to be a bare minimum height of 6 inches and he believes the grasses have typically been mowed down.

In April, Scopp believes there is an inspection by the Village of Nashotah of the sites that drain into the lake and Scopp would like to go along on the inspection.

Scopp said he is missing an original scale drawing of the exact dimensions and location of the ponds and that is yet to be done. Scopp said it requires a conversation with the residents of Lake Country Estates because they are responsible for the maintenance of the pond.

Hausmann asked if Lake Country Estates has an HOA and Scopp said they do have an association.

Hausman said SEH does checks on inflows and he will contact them to see if they would be helpful in the process and he will check with SEWRPC as well.

Scopp said short of a 100 year rain, it really has not been much of a problem. Scopp said a 100 year rain is 6 inches in 24 hours. Hausman said when it gets further along in the rainy season, it may be worth looking at.

Tills said runoff is not well managed in the state. Till said runoff, which includes fertilizers, etc., short term may not be a big problem for the lake, but long term it may be a problem for the lake. Hausman said even a 6 inch stand pipe would make a big difference and Tills agreed that would be all that is necessary and said a berm would help to hold the water back.

B. “Welcome to the Lake” Program

Tills said nothing has sold in the last two months.

C. Minimum Requirement for Impervious Surfaces for Riparian Properties

Hausman said at a prior meeting the Lake Welfare Committee agreed to move this agenda item forward to the Plan Commission, but it did not get to the Plan Commission because they want the Lake Welfare Committee to fund the administrative costs for changing the ordinance. Hausman said it will cost around \$2,000 to pay for the engineering, legal, etc. Hausman stated he does not want to overspend the Lake Welfare Committee budget at the expense of sacrificing other things. Hausman suggested to wait until later in the year and repropose this when the Lake Welfare Committee could afford it, or budget it for next year.

McVey asked if there were other committees the Lake Welfare Committee could split the administrative costs with and Alderman Price agreed.

Tills suggested maybe to delay the decision by two or three months and then the committee will have a better idea of where their budget stands.

Hausman said he and Alderman Price can talk to the mayor about this.

D. Limitation on Boat Wake Size/Height

Hausman said there is no lake to his knowledge that has banned wake surf boats.

Hausman said he has no problem with establishing guidelines and publishing them on the Lake Welfare Committee web page but said he does not believe an ordinance is the answer and the committee members agreed.

The members discussed using education and recommendation to inform the public.

Tills said according to the state constitution, you cannot ban a watercraft itself, but Tills said you can ban what a watercraft can do on the water.

Vrakas said he believes that signage at the two launches would be good and maybe additional buoys marking a rectangle in the middle of the lake, but Vrakas does not believe people will check the web page.

Hausman said you can educate the public by using the Communicator, the website, and a Lake Awareness meeting. Arndt suggested using a flyer and Hausman mentioned they could be mailed out to property owners on the lake.

Hausman suggested three guidelines could be:

1. Stay in the middle of the lake.
2. Stay away from the sailboat racing.
3. Avoid going near other boats.

Arndt said having a map with shaded areas to be recommended would be helpful. Hausman said they have maps of the lake that can be used.

Scopp said they could suggest to the police patrol the idea of big waves being a safety issue and educating people they see causing issues.

E. Handling and Additional Recruitment for Egg-Oiling Permissions

Hausman asked for ideas on how to get the word out so the Lake Welfare Committee can get permissions from property owners to do the egg-oiling.

McVey suggested to put the list of residents in the next Communicator article.

Hausman said the geese usually nest in the same spot and when the eggs hatch, they tend to go to the same spot. For the roundup, you need to find out where the geese are, and you need to know where they are going to be at a certain time of day.

Arndt suggested focusing on going door to door in the areas where there are more geese and Tills agreed.

Hausman asked the members to talk to their neighbors.

7. New Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Weed Harvesting and Need for Associated Equipment

Tills said he recalled a while back; the mayor had asked to keep the second weed harvester on the lake because it might help in peak times. Tills said he felt two weed harvesters are not needed most of the time and Tills wanted feedback from the Lake Welfare Committee.

Hausman said he saw a line item for Harvester Expense, which included primary backup in the barge, which was \$8,000. Hausman said he did not know how that was broken out for the additional harvester, and he did not know the expenses for the labor involved in doing the work. Hausman said when he spoke with who was in charge of the group last year, they said they had received a lot of positive feedback from the public.

Hausman said he will check with the city.

8. Requested Future Agenda Items

A. SEWRPC Study: Follow-Up Items

- Possible lake remediation project for 2023

B. "Welcome to the Lake" Program

C. Minimum Requirement for Impervious Surfaces for Riparian Properties

D. Limitation on Boat Wake Size/Height

E. Handling and Additional Recruitment for Egg-Oiling Permissions

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Hausman adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally DuPont
Recording Secretary