



**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

April 12, 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: Jim Ellsworth
Gayle Gaborsky
Mike Hausman, Chair
Susan McVey
Sarah Reardon
Louis Scopp
Don Tills
Andrew Vrakas

Members Absent: Chris Arndt
Jerry Dunnick
Paul Price, Ald., D6

Also Present: Sally DuPont, Recording Secretary

4. Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:

A. March 8, 2023 Regular Meeting

Hearing no objections or revisions from the committee members, Chair Hausman approved the minutes from the March 8, 2023 regular meeting.

5. Citizen Comments

Hearing no one present who wished to speak, citizen comments on consent agenda items were closed.

6. Unfinished Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. SEWRPC Study: Follow-Up Items

1) Possible lake remediation project for 2023

Scopp said he received some documents from the engineering firm for the Village of Nashotah and one of the documents was an erosion control diagram of Lake Country Estates. Scopp said he consulted an engineer, and the engineer said the initial riprap that comes off the road was working but could be cleaned up a bit. The engineer also said the sediment basin was a critical part of the system and may require some grading of the basin and some seeding of grasses should be done.

Scopp said he was concerned about a potential hazard by the outflow because it is open and it may be a liability if someone gets into that area.

Scopp said there is an underdrain, which is a 6-inch plastic pipe that goes underneath the basin that goes to the outflow that prevents standing water. It then goes from the outflow structure to the corner of Mission Avenue and Nagawicka Avenue, which is in the City of Delafield. Scopp said his guess is that pipe connects to the City of Delafield stormwater system that goes down to the lake. Scopp said he is assuming the area by the lake has not been maintained in many years.

The DNR suggested an agreement should be made between the City of Delafield, the Village of Nashotah, and the HOA of Lake Country Estates, regarding responsibility to address this issue.

Scopp said he will pursue things with the Village of Nashotah and hopefully he will be able to speak with the HOA of Lake Country Estates.

Tills said he will check with Tom Hafner, City Administrator, if he would be willing to send a crew down to look at the area.

B. “Welcome to the Lake” Program

Tills reported nothing has sold this year of which he is aware.

C. Minimum Requirement for Impervious Surfaces for Riparian Properties

Hausman reported there would be a requirement for the Lake Welfare Committee to fund some of the effort on the city engineering side and with the city attorney to affect the ordinance change. Hausman said the Lake Welfare Committee will discuss this later in the year when the committee knows how much money is left in the budget.

D. Limitation on Boat Wake Size/Height

Hausman said there was agreement amongst the committee members to use a notification and education approach. Hausman said the proper avenues to use would be the website, the Communicator, and Lake Awareness.

E. Handling and Additional Recruitment for Egg-Oiling Permissions

Hausman said they have increased their permissions by over 30%, and Hausman thanked the committee for their efforts.

Hausman asked the committee members to keep an eye on the geese and bring forth any ideas or information about where they are to determine if a round-up is needed.

F. Weed Harvesting and Need for Associated Equipment

Hausman said the feedback he received from the city was the cost of the second harvester is incremental and not a big expense because the city already owns the second harvester. Hausman said the labor is the big expense, but Public Works is managing the labor cost.

7. New Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Updates to the Lake Welfare Committee Web Page and the Lake Management Web Page on the City of Delafield Website

Dunnick and Hausman went through the website and discussed how it should be organized. Hausman stated there are two ways to access the Lake Welfare Committee information; on the information menu on the home page, select the Government tab, and the Lake Welfare Committee is listed under Boards, Committees & Commissions. There is also a Lake Management link on the home page that can be selected for information. Hausman suggested the Lake Welfare Committee information under the Government tab should list committee information such as meetings, minutes, agendas, etc., and under the Lake Management link on the home page there should be information for the public.

Hausman asked the committee members to look through both avenues on the website and to bring forth any suggestions.

B. Dredging at the Mouth of the Bark River

Hausman said there have been a few challenges; the committee started with mechanical, but the city engineer wanted to include hydraulic, which involves getting more permissions. Hausman said the last tests that were taken, there were higher than acceptable amounts of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) and mercury. However, the current mercury level was less than the level from the samples taken in 2006. The State has since lowered the mercury limits, so now the current level is considered higher than acceptable. The current mercury level came from the river and not the lake. Hausman said about a dozen sediment samples were taken from various spots. Hausman said SEH is working on it and additional permitting and paperwork will need to be done.

8. Requested Future Agenda Items

A. SEWRPC Study: Follow-Up Items

- Possible lake remediation project for 2023

B. "Welcome to the Lake" Program

C. Elections

D. Lake Awareness Meeting

E. Commodore Stormwater Management Commendation

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Hausman adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally DuPont
Recording Secretary