



**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*

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**May 10, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

City Hall, Council Chambers  
500 Genesee St.

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**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  
Paul Price, Ald., D6  
Sarah Reardon  
Louis Scopp  
Don Tills  
Andrew Vrakas

**Members Absent:** Susan McVey

**Also Present:** Sally DuPont, Recording Secretary

**4. Special Order of Business**

**A. Election of Lake Welfare Committee Chairperson**

*Motion by Paul Price, seconded by Chris Arndt, to approve Mike Hausman for the Lake Welfare Committee Chairperson.*

*All in favor. Motion carried.*

**B. Election of Lake Welfare Committee Vice Chairperson**

*Motion by Jerry Dunnick, seconded by Paul Price, to approve Gayle Gaborsky for the Lake Welfare Committee Vice Chairperson.*

*All in favor. Motion carried.*

### **C. Designation of Lake Welfare Representative to the Plan Commission**

*Motion by Mike Hausman, seconded by Paul Price, to approve Mike Hausman for the Lake Welfare Committee representative to the Plan Commission.*

*All in favor. Motion carried.*

### **5. Minutes**

Discussion and possible action on the following minutes:

#### **A. Approval of Minutes of the April 12, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Scopp said the beginning of the fourth paragraph, on the second page, of the April 12, 2023 minutes, should be changed to read:

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.

*Motion by Paul Price, seconded by Gayle Gaborsky, to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2023 regular meeting, pending a revision to the fourth paragraph, on the second page.*

*All in favor. Motion carried.*

### **6. Citizen Comments**

Hearing no one present who wished to speak, citizen comments on consent agenda items were closed at 6:05 p.m.

### **7. 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 got in contact with Dave Evenstad, President of the Village of Nashotah, and Tills said he consulted Tom Hafner, City Administrator, regarding the issue.

Tills said Hafner recommended the question on if the outfall needs maintenance should be directed to the Village of Nashotah and the HOA of Lake Country Estates. Scopp said his next step will be to consult with Evenstad and possibly speak with the HOA of Lake Country Estates.

Hausman thanked Scopp and Tills for the work they have done on this issue.

#### **B. "Welcome to the Lake" Program**

Tills said he has not officially been notified yet, but he believes there was one property that has been sold.

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

Dunnick said he is about 25 percent through the web pages and is hopeful that he will be finished by the next meeting.

Hausman asked the committee to look at the web pages and send any suggestions to Dunnick. Dunnick asked the committee members to give him feedback on how information should be prioritized.

**D. Dredging at the Mouth of the Bark River**

Hausman said SEH had done testing of sediment and some of the samples that had been taken from the river came back with mercury levels that exceeded the DNR limits. The mercury levels in the current samples were less than the samples from 2006, which was due to a change in standards.

Hausman said last week was the bid opening for the dredging. The RFP went out in two sections, one for mechanical dredging and one for hydraulic dredging. There were 5 contractors that bid on the work. Hausman said there are additional costs that need to be factored in, such as engineering costs, access costs for mechanical, and dumping costs for hydraulic. Hausman said for mechanical, there is potential to use private property.

Hausman stated it is possible the city will want a recommendation to Common Council from the Lake Welfare Committee. Hausman stated he may need to call an emergency meeting of the Lake Welfare Committee to get the recommendation together.

**E. Goose Egg Oiling / Round-Up**

Hausman said egg oiling was done on April 18, 2023 and May 4, 2023, and 14 nests were oiled. Hausman said to do a round-up, he needs to know where the geese are at a certain time and place and asked for help from the committee members.

Hausman said the USDA will not come out unless the committee knows there are around 28 geese.

**F. Lake Awareness Meeting**

Hausman said he is open to suggestions in format from the committee members. Hausman said the meeting last year was held on September 7th at the Yacht Club.

The dates discussed for the next meeting were August 9, 2023 or September 13, 2023.

The date tentatively agreed upon was September 13, 2023 and Price said he will check with the Yacht Club for availability.

Hausman asked the committee members for input on agenda items for the meeting. Scopp suggested asking the USDA to speak about the goose round-up, Hausman said perennial topics are the round-up, weed harvesting, and wake surfing, and Price suggested dredging would be a good topic.

**8. New Business**

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

**A. City of Delafield *Communicator* Article**

Hausman said they were going to submit a *Communicator* article to talk about wake surfing. Hausman said Price put together an article and they would like feedback from committee members.

Hausman said the committee does not want to legislate but to educate the public regarding wake surfing safety. Hausman thanked Price for his work on the article.

**B. Recognition of Storm Water Management Work Done by The Commodore**

Hausman said he is very impressed with the work that has been done on the property. Hausman said they have done all of this themselves and they have gone to significant lengths.

Vrakas asked when The Commodore was due to open, and Hausman said there is no firm date at this time.

Tills said he likes the idea of giving awards to people that go above and beyond the requirements to protect the lake.

Hausman agreed he would like to recognize them.

**9. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

*Note: No discussion on requested items*

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**I. Status of Boathouse Approvals**

**10. Correspondence**

**11. Adjournment**

Having no further business, Chair Hausman adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally DuPont  
Recording Secretary