



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

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Meeting minutes, 10/19/2023

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:00AM
2. **Verify a quorum in attendance:** Meeting was conducted by Chairman Ted Ritter in Room 4 of the St. Germain Community Center with a virtual attendance option. Committee members physically present in Room 4: Joe Koschnik, Jeannie Lord, Barb Steinhilber, June Vogel, Dave Zielinski, Eric Eade, Ed Kindlarski, Sally Reuling, and Ted Ritter. Bob Schell attended virtually.
3. **Public comments (other than agenda topics):** Lord reminded attendees of the Vilas County Zoning Committee public hearing scheduled for 9:00am, November 2nd regarding proposed revisions of the County's General Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Tourist Rooming Houses.
4. **Discussion/action topics**
 - a. **Approve minutes of September 21, 2023, meeting:** Motion Steinhilber, second Lord to approve as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote with Schell abstaining.
 - b. **Updates on lake management plans/implementation:**
Found: Schell reported that ongoing monitoring for the presence of invasive weeds and response by manual removal of EWM is an ongoing action of the Found Lake Management plan. Ritter asked

where the plan could be found for review as it does not appear to be in the Committee Library. Schell confirmed a written DRN approved plan exists and he will get it to Ritter in the near future. Little Saint: Lord reported that discussion of the management plan would be a regular District meeting agenda topic in the future.

Big Saint: Koschnik reported that according to the District Chair, the Lake Content connecting channel and dam are part of a DRN approved lake management plan. At Ritter's request, Koschnik agreed to locate the plan for Committee review and inclusion in its library.

- c. **Consider if room tax revenues should be available to partially offset implementation of any part of DNR approved lake management plans as opposed to only management of invasive species:** Ritter recommended to the Committee that annual reimbursement of expenses to lake organizations from room tax revenues allocated to the Committee by the Town should include 20% (not to exceed \$10,000 per lake organization) of any expenses associated with implementation of WDNR approved lake management plans rather than only expenses associated with invasive species management. With Committee approval, Ritter will present this proposal to the Town Board with the understanding that the Committee would make an annual request each fall for anticipated reimbursement costs during the following year. Motion Eade, second Steinhilber for Ritter to proceed with presenting this to the Town Board for consideration. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Ritter requested that every lake organization be prepared to present its 2024 anticipated reimbursement request the November 16 Lakes Committee meeting to enable Ritter to present the proposal to the Town with 2024 anticipated expenses.
- d. **Consider creating boat decals to carry a similar message as the key tags:** Motion Schell, second Kindlarski to table until more information is obtained. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. **Approve lakes improvement spending requests:** Ritter reviewed the expenses approved at the September meeting and explained that no reimbursements had yet been processed and that perhaps some adjustments in approved reimbursements are in order. Upon further discussions:
Little Saint: Upon presentation of a paid invoice for removal of EWM in the amount of \$44,022.74, motion Schell, second Eade to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$8,804.55 (20%) from the Lakes Committee account. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. With no certainty of any work having yet been done to fix the prop wash hole at the public landing and no awareness of a plan to do so, motion Eade, second Steinhilber to rescind the previously approved \$1,051.00 from the Little Saint lake improvement funds until a detailed plan with expenses is presented for Committee review. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Lost: The Committee had previously approved reimbursement from the Lost Lake improvement funds of \$985.00 for a dissolved oxygen lake meter. Eade reported that upon attempting to order that device he was informed that a cable with a probe and a carrying case were also needed, bringing the total cost to \$2,107.00. Motion Schell, second Lord to revise the reimbursement approval from \$985.00 to \$2,107.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Found: Schell presented an invoice in the amount of \$2,080.04 for hand removal of EWM during 2023. Motion Eade, second Steinhilber to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$416.00 (20%) from the Lakes Committee account. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. **Update on wake issues:** Schell reported that the boating industry has launched a lobbying effort to minimize the restrictions being sought by an ever-growing group of people who are seeking WI legislation to curtail the negative impact of wake boat operations.
- g. **Facebook page update:** Eade reported there are now 212 followers of the page. Wake issues continue to draw interest. Eade will also post the County's draft Tourist Rooming House ordinance provisions with a notice of the upcoming public hearing.
- h. **Committee concerns for future agenda:** Schell suggested the Committee discuss the likelihood of UW Oshkosh not offering student services for the CBCW program in 2024.

5. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Ritter at 11:32AM – next meeting November 16, 2023

Minutes prepared by Chairman Ritter