



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

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Committee chairman: Ted Ritter ted.ritter@stgermainwi.gov			

Meeting minutes, 03/21/2024

- Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:01AM
- 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, Don Baumann, David Levihn, Barb Steinhilber, June Vogel, Dave Zielinski, Eric Eade, Bob McDermott, Bob Schell, Sally Reuling, Ed Kindlarski, and Ted Ritter. Committee members attending virtually: Jeannie Lord and Len Larsen. Also present in Room 4: Jeremy Ceranski and Tom Kortendick
- Public comments (other than agenda topics):** Koschnik attended a program presented by the Watersmeet MI Lake Guard. Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association is sponsoring a series of CBCW training session this spring/summer, Eade has details posted on the Committee Facebook page.
- Discussion/action topics:**
 - Approve minutes of February 15, 2024, meeting:** Motion Schell, second Steinhilber to approve as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - Review statutory provision re regulating outdoor lighting within shorelands:** Ritter shared the outcome of the town board's recent poll of Town residents regarding the possible need for an outdoor lighting ordinance and explained how Wisconsin Statute 59.692(1k)(a) prohibits counties/towns from regulating residential outdoor lighting in the Shoreland Zone. Information only,

no action taken.

- c. **Discuss Lakes at Stake and this committee's potential affiliation with that organization:** Discussion with no action taken.
 - d. **Consider Big St. Germain request for 2024 dam related expenses reimbursement:** Ritter reviewed an email of 02/14/2024 to him from David Levihn requesting Lakes Committee funding for the Content Lake dam reconstruction project. Levihn then brought the Committee up to date regarding Big St. Germain P&R District action to date including a projected cost range of \$650,000 to \$800,000 for the project. Catastrophic failure of the dam would not result in any downstream property damage but would likely be harmful to the Content Lake fishery. Ritter then suggested the following course of action for the Lake District, the Lakes Committee and the Town Board: 1-Lake District waits for results of WDNR \$75,000 grant application for funds to refurbish the dam; 2-Lake District puts the project out for bid to determine what the actual costs will be; 3-Lake District seeks funding assistance from Lakes Committee; 4-Lakes Committee refers funding request to Town Board with explanation of why Committee funds will not be used, yet the Committee acknowledges the importance of the project and encourages the Town Board to provide some amount of funding from room tax revenues. By consensus, Committee members agreed with Ritter's suggestion. No action taken.
 - e. **Consider Alma/Moon District request to amend town Boating Ordinance:** Ritter reviewed the Town's boating ordinance (Chapter 19, Code of Ordinances) with the Committee and explained that section 19.04(F) would need amending if a new Slow-No-Wake zone is to be created in the far SE bay of Moon Lake, exiting/entering the channel area from Alma Lake. Ritter then suggested to Larsen that he discuss with the WDNR Recreation Warden exactly how many waterway markers would be permitted for this proposed zone and the GPS coordinates for each buoy. Upon having that information, the ordinance amendment can be drafted, approved by the Lakes Committee, referred to the Town Board for approval pending public comments taken at a properly conducted public hearing prior to final adoption by the Town Board, which would then enable the Alma-Moon Lake District to apply for the permit for placement of the waterway markers. No action taken pending this process being initiated.
 - f. **Review status of Lakes Committee fund accounts.** Discussion with no action taken.
 - g. **Consider reimbursing Eade's personal expenses associated with Lake Leaders Institute:** Motion Schell, second Lord to reimburse Eade \$464.00 he has paid for Lake Leaders Institute program costs and two nights lodging for out-of-town events. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - h. **Approve lakes improvement spending requests:** None
 - i. **Update on wake issues:** General discussion with no action taken
 - j. **Facebook page update:** Eade reported that page followers have increased from 154 one year ago to 283 currently. There has been no questioning or complaining by the public regarding not be able to comment on page postings. Indications are that the page is being well received and appreciated.
 - k. **Committee concerns for future agenda:** Consider continuing the bar coaster project.
5. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:30AM, next meeting April 18, 2024