

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for April 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.,

City Hall, Lake Mills, Wisconsin 53551

- 1) **Call to Order** – 6:30 p.m.
 - a) Members: Jim Colegrove, Wes Dawson, Dennis Hoelzel, Alex Mulligan, Mike Neemann, Nathan Pyles, Stan Smoniewski, Lianna Spencer*, Susan Trier Guests: Patricia Cicero , Anita Martin (* = Absent)
- 2) **Approval of agenda** – moved & passed
- 3) **Good News Minute** – meeting participants shared recent good news which many had despite the weather!
- 4) **Secretary's Report** – approve March 2018 Minutes, moved & passed
- 5) **Treasure's Report** –
 - a) March financial statements had been electronically distributed by Jim. No comments.
 - b) Several checks needed to be signed. One to reimburse Wes was signed by Alex. Details can be found in financial report.
 - c) The Bank of Lake Mills has notified Jim that they are considering closing our savings account due to inactivity. He questioned whether to continue with a savings account and a checking account. This question will be on the May agenda along with whether we should continue our association with PayPal.
 - d) He shared a letter from [Wisconsin Lakes](#) requesting additional donations; we are already an affiliate member.
 - e) There was also a letter from [CreateScape](#), a landscaping organization. It was not clear how their services would pertain to us.
- 6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** –
 - a) Wes received notice from the DNR that we will be receiving \$583 from the DNR. This is the final payment of our DRN grant.
 - b) Anita Martin passed around [info sheets from the EPA](#) re air quality monitors as well as information from [PurpleAir](#) on their product which cost about \$300 apiece and can monitor various sizes of particulate matter. Apparently there is hope the EPA will consider accepting data generated by these sorts of monitors. A question was raised re the status of the Odor Hotline (920-285-1863) as there have been reports of the phone not being answered. She will look into this.
 - c) Stan reported a Facebook inquiry re information on water quality testing in the lake.
- 7) **Committee Reports**
 - a) **Water Quality** – Nathan and Patricia met with Luke Wiedenfeld, the Ag teacher and FFA advisor at the High School regarding giving a presentation to his students introducing them to our work and philosophy. They were also looking to get a list of local farmers who might be interested in getting involved.
 - b) **Membership and Lake Recreation** – Alex shared some good/bad news. Good news (for him) is he and his wife are moving to Madison, where they both work. The bad news

(for us) is he will thus be resigning, likely in August, from RLIA. He gave an update on membership which now stands at 110 including: 2 affiliates, 91 family, 14 individuals, and 3 donor-onlys. Of these, 76 have been members since 2010 or before, 34 joined between 2011 and 2018, 10 new members in 2017, and 9 so far in 2018. He has noted an unfortunate trend of people not sharing phone # or email, and not checking boxes for volunteer efforts. A discussion ensued re how to deal with this and to keep our email lists current. On the plus side, Patricia's recent posting on our site had 302 views.

- c) **Public Outreach** (advocacy, communications, education, events & promotions) – Susan & Stan
 - i) The garlic pull is set for 4/28 with teams meeting at Bartel's Beach, Tyranena Park, and Korth Park. Team captains have been identified and several St. Paul's students will hopefully come and help.
 - ii) Fliers for the Lakefront Property owner workshop (Saturday, May 12) have been printed and will be distributed to all lake shore property owners this week. Announcements have also been posted on Facebook.
 - iii) Susan is preparing some opening remarks to include RLIA highlights, e.g., role in creating Korth Park, encouraging township to move off septic systems, monitoring lake data, community outreach and Lake Management Plan (started 1996 with updates 2006, 2016), and fish sticks.

8) **Other Report**

- a) **County representative** – Patricia.

Last week did the first 2018 Rock Lake Water Quality test – needs to be done within 2 weeks of ice going out. Findings included a temp of 41F (top to bottom), 13 mg/L (O2), clarity a bit down at 7 feet. This was likely secondary to an algae bloom which is expected at this time of year given the stirring up of bottom sediment and the resultant release of phosphorous due to spring water movement.
- b) **JRLC** – Stan

Showed the new brochure which we will get to all boat landings and water police. Will also post on website. His impression is that the city's plans for the Mill Pond and Sandy Beach may be put on hold due to issues with the Main Street project and as well as other streets.

9) **Old Business**

- a) Discussed additional water testing needs, including every other week clarity testing of the Mill Pond and Mud Lake (Mike and Susan Nesemann). Bob Volneck will help Patricia get monthly phosphorous and chlorophyll sampling for Mud Lake & Mill Pond (June, July, August) and for Hgwy A Rock Creek, Cedar Lane, and Hope Lake Rd (May – October). A motion was made and approved to allocate up to \$1,000 for this testing. There should be no costs for additional equipment, and Patricia will establish a testing schedule plus a roster of backups (who will be trained).
- b) Participation in Town and Country Days was declined. Too many activities during this time period and too few volunteers.
- c) Environmental Days (AKA garlic mustard pull) set for 4/28. Logistics discussed. See additional info above (7.ci).
- d) Publicity for lake plan. Hold for completion of report.
- e) Lake info graph. Susan. Local artist Peggy Furlin has agreed to do the art work/design.

- f) Homeowner Packet Update: Susan and Patricia. Almost finished, just getting a few more brochures.
- g) Update on Lake Market round up for a share of the “round-up” program. Wes submitted our application. Still awaiting their decision. Culver’s fundraiser will be 5/8 from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM. Volunteers should be there by 4:45 PM.

10) New Business

- a) Goose Count. Unclear whether there will be one. Will monitor.
- b) Alex will resign at August meeting, see 7.b above.
- c) There is some uncertainty over the fate of the Pie Association’s request for a 100 ft pier with 15 slips next to Sandy Beach. Apparently the old pier was grandfathered in with a limit of 8 slips but there are now questions re DNR approval of the enlargement plus possible issues with the planned renovation of Sandy Beach.
- d) Do we participate in Town and Country Days Parade? Tabled for next month.

11) **Adjourn** – Motion made & passed, passed 7:45 p.m.

12) **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Mills City Hall