

# ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for February 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.,

L.D. Fargo Public Library, 102 E. Madison Street, Lake Mills, Wisconsin 53551

- 1) **Call to Order** – 6:30 p.m.
  - a) Members present: Jim Colegrove, Wes Dawson, Dennis Hoelzel\*, Alex Mulligan, Mike Neesemann\*, Nathan Pyles, Stan Smoniewski\*, Lianna Spencer\*, Susan Trier\* Guest: Patricia Cicero, Lee Gatzke. \*Absent
- 2) Motion and second to approve the agenda – Jim / Nathan, passed
- 3) **Good News Minute** – meeting participants shared recent good news
- 4) **Secretary's Report** – approve January 2018 Minutes, Jim / Alex, passed
- 5) **Treasurer's Report** –
  - a) January financial statements were distributed by Jim
  - b) Knickerbocker ice dive check was returned since event was cancelled due to slippery ice
  - c) Upgraded to newer Quicken Software
- 6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** – (2-minute timelines per person, 15 minutes allotted)
  - a) No public comment
  - b) Correspondence from Wisconsin Lakes thanking RLIA for continuing membership
  - c) Brochure received from Eco Waterway Services on underwater plant removal system
  - d) Wisconsin Lake Convention is in April 2018 in Steven's Point, Wisconsin. Wes is planning to attend as part of Joint Rock Lake Committee. Susan is interested in attending.
  - e) Newsletter from Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Associated was shared in the meeting
  - f) Tim Campbell sent information on a conference in Minnesota about community based social marketing. Multiple organizations are typically involved along with focus groups.
- 7) **Committee Reports** (5 minutes per person)
  - a) **Water Quality** - Nathan
    - i) Using Lake Management Plan as a guide to execute actions
    - ii) Next steps include creating a farmer/producer lead committee.
      - (1) State of Wisconsin offers example of what other organizations have done.
      - (2) An important key is that the committee is farmer lead. St. Croix River Group provides a good example.
      - (3) Overall goal is to identify members and get committee up and running by end of 2018.
      - (4) Future Farmers of America (FFA) could participate and contribute
      - (5) Nancy and Joe in Jefferson County office may provide some insights on individual leaders
      - (6) Day Break Foods may be another source of information and appropriate contacts
      - (7) A minimum of five farmer is required to qualify for grants
      - (8) A list of agricultural property owners in the watershed is available
  - b) **Water Quality** (residential, streets, other and Habitat) - Jim
  - c) **Membership and Lake Recreation** - Alex
    - i) Annual membership letters need to be printed and mailed. Distribution will include 2017 members and both sides of shoreline roads and one block away from lake.
  - d) **Public Outreach** (advocacy, communications, education, events & promotions) – Susan
    - i) Property owner workshop is being planned for 2018
  - e) **Fish Sticks Project** – Lee

- i) Installation is planned for Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Tyranena Park
  - ii) Last legal hurdle is cleared
  - iii) City of Lake Mills, park department will donate trees
  - iv) Work is being performed by Forest Landscaping
  - v) DNR office of Communications may record video documentary
  - vi) Informational signage may be an appropriate Eagle Scout project
- 8) **Other Report** – (5 minutes per report)
- a) County representative – Patricia
    - i) Jefferson County and City of Lake Mills are conducting a composting study. Composting was identified in the 2017 Rock Lake Management Plan as way to help achieve Water Quality Goals.
  - b) **JRLC** – Stan, no update
- 9) **Old Business**
- a) Continue discussion of priorities for 2018 – keep in mind that this is a ten-year plan
  - b) Discuss publicity for Lake Plan once it is complete – on hold until report is complete and officially issued)
  - c) Update on Culver’s fundraiser – Wes
    - i) Application submitted
  - d) Lake info-graph update – Susan – no update
- 10) **New Business**
- a) **Open discussion on Mill Pond dredging and Sandy Beach development**
    - i) City is reviewing and needs to prioritize public meeting input on Mill Pond dredging, Sandy Beach development and composting options.
  - b) **Environmental Clean-Up Day**
    - i) April 2017 Garlic mustard pull and shoreline trash removal involved 50 or 60 people, including school age children
    - ii) Stan is willing to help organize
    - iii) Motion for 2018 Environmental Clean-Up Day – Nathan / Jim – passed
  - c) **Lake Clean Up – remove large trash**
    - i) Need to determine if DNR permit is required
    - ii) Need to identify and mark sites with GPS location
  - d) **Home Owner packets**
    - i) Should be sent out as soon as possible this Spring
    - ii) Jefferson County will put together list of new Rock Lake lakeshore homeowners
    - iii) Goals
      - (1) educate new homeowners of rules and regulations and increase compliance
      - (2) Promote environmentally sensitive shorelines
- 11) **Adjourn** – Jim / Alex, passed 8:09 p.m.
- 12) **Next Meeting:** Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Mills City Hall