

# ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for October 15, 2018, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.,

City of Lake Mills City Hall, 200 Water Street, Lake Mills, WI 53551

- 1) **Call to Order** – 6:30 p.m.  
Members present: Jim Colegrove, Wes Dawson, Mike Nesemann, Nathan Pyles, Stan Smoniewski, Susan Trier, Bonnie Nolan, Ralph DePasquale, Candace Diaz  
Absent: Lianna Spencer Guest: Patricia Cicero
- 2) **Motion to accept the agenda** made by Mike, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- 3) **Good News Minute** – meeting participants shared recent good news
- 4) **Secretary’s Report** – Motion to approve September 2018 minutes made by Stan, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- 5) **Treasure’s Report** –
  - a) September financial statements had been electronically distributed by Jim.
  - b) Membership status down slightly: 4 affiliates (formerly corporate), 117 family, 18 individual, 11 donor only (largely gifts made in memory of deceased).
  - c) Jim, Susan, and Wes resolved the CD issues at Bank of Lake Mills (BOLM) and the first CD was purchased with a rate of 1.78% for 14 months. That being the duration when rates jumped. Also this is in comparison to 0.03% on the saving account. These are special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary BOLM rates so another will be purchased sometime in December to take advantage of that.
- 6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** –
  - a) Jim received an offer for us to purchase pens with our logo on it. He also received current copies of “Rock Lake Reflections” (put out by the [Rock River Coalition](#)) as well as “Lake Tides” (put out by [Wisconsin](#) Lakes Partnership). Both were circulated to Board members.
  - b) School District Administrator Pam Streich made a short presentation re the upcoming referendum and passed out pertinent material.
  - c) Wes was contacted by Hope Oostdik of the town board re a request that RLIA partner in purchasing a Panasonic Toughbook to aid the lake patrol in their duties. That was tabled pending Hope’s providing specifics. Wes was also told that the total number of boat patrol hours were basically unchanged but that there were decreases in the numbers of citations, warnings, and inspections performed .
- 7) **Committee Reports**
  - a) Water Quality – Nathan  
He is looking to get a local farmer or farmers to get involved and be on the committee. A committee meeting will be held at the library and hopes that Michelle Scarpace, the new UW Extension Natural Resource Educator, will attend.
  - b) Water Sampling.

Ralph has recruited 3 volunteers to serve on the committee and hopes to meet with Patricia to Formulate options.

- c) Habitat. There is no committee yet.
- d) Membership and Lake Recreation  
Bonnie hasn't convened the committee yet, pending volunteers.
- e) Public Outreach (Susan/Stan)
  - i) At a meeting of lakeshore group the question of whether it's a subcommittee of water quality was discussed. Agreed on advisability of having a lake calendar with reminders re various lake activities, e.g., when letters should be written re leaf pick up, etc.
  - ii) Susan will meet with new Leader editor to understand their policy re columns, letters, etc.
  - iii) Susan met with Bonnie to discuss metrics for monitoring RLIA status and progress, e.g., "likes" on FaceBook, # of volunteers at various functions, etc.
  - iv) Stan discussed the Fall Fest booth, which had to be taken down early due to rain.
  - v) The Leader published an edited version of the RLIA leaf disposal campaign, but apparently without reference to the RLIA.

#### 8) **Other Reports.**

- a) County. Patricia
  - i) She has asked the City and Town if they wish to apply for Clean Boat/Clean Water grants for next year. If so, she will assist. They had > 400 hours between 3 inspectors this year.
  - ii) She reminded the Board of the 10/17 DNR hearing re the PIE petition for exemption from DNR pier regulations (see previous minutes for specifics).
- b) JRLC. Stan
  - i) They sent out the pier ordinance statement to the Town Board.
  - ii) They met with Hope Oostdik, a City Councilman, and the City Attorney to discuss harmonizing the city and town lake regulations.
  - iii) The City apparently will not be changing their pier regulations.
  - iv) There will be a Town meeting Thursday to discuss approaches to a pond associated with some newly constructed dwellings. The pond routinely overflows leading to impairment of road traffic and runoff into the lake.

#### 9) **Old Business**

- a) Update on PIE hearing. The RLIA letter was sent to the DNR and a discussion ensued re how these hearings are usually conducted.
- b) In-lake clean up. Deferred.

#### 10) **New Business**

- a) Wes encouraged committee chairs to come to next meeting with their plans and goals.
- b) Lake Management Plan. Patricia returned the edited document to the DNR which addressed their concerns. However, the report on the newest fish survey remains unavailable. If it is not available by the next Board meeting, the Plan will be published without it.

c) Leaf Campaign Update (Jim). Although Paul Herman had agreed to insert our Leaf Campaign brochure in the City utility bills, this did not occur. Jim will follow up with him on this.

11) **Adjourn** – Mike made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded, and passed at 7:26 p.m.

12) **Next Meeting:** Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Mills City Hall