



Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2022, 9:00 AM
N4450 County Road A
Cambridge, Wisconsin, 53523

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jimmy DeGidio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Board members present in addition to DeGidio: Debbie Kutz, Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Craig Kempel, Doug Maurer and Walt Christensen. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, Jon Tilp, Gerald Polster, Stephanie Woloshin. Absent: Keith Kolb (excused).

II. Public Comment

Jon Tilp read from Chapter 3 of the new Lake Management Plan: Recreational Lake Use, to emphasize that quiet pastimes are the top choices for lake residents (as confirmed by our survey of residents). Dave DeGidio added that this is why slow-no-wake hours are popular and necessary. Stephanie Woloshin urged us once again to read the research, compiled by the watersports industry. Scott Polster did the same, offering hard copies of research we could read. Deb Kutz, speaking for her husband Rick Kutz, said that Rock Lake is trying to adopt a 200-foot slow-no-wake such as ours, in response to the damage done to their shoreline.

III. Approve Minutes of February 19th, 2022, Board meeting

Without discussion, **Kutz made a motion to approve the February minutes as presented, seconded by Christensen. Motion passed.**

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kutz reported on the February budget and expenditures. Receipts for February totaled \$41,896.96, of which \$36,678.63 was Town of Oakland tax settlement, \$5,000 was Oakland Conservation Club's full payment of the 10-year rental agreement, \$200 was a donation from Gómez-Ibáñez, and \$18.33 was interest earned. Disbursements for February were \$7,600.60, of special note: the Visa card bill of \$788.13 was \$515 for annual renewal of the website, and the rest was for renewals for several organizations we collaborate with. \$263,311.82 remains in the checking account. Kutz was thanked for her clear report. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to accept this report as presented, seconded by Maurer. Motion passed.**

V. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence

Spencer has been focused on several reports important to the lake. With Arthur Watkinson (DNR), Spencer has been updating reports in support of a speedy resolution to our CHD. She has been writing final reports to complete the closing-out of the DNR grant (LPL 173-220) which funded our 10-year plans for the lake and the preserve. The Aquatic Plant Management plan got approved, which allowed Spencer to apply for a weed harvesting permit. Spencer wrote and submitted the plan for the weed harvesting permit. Other projects in progress: cost-shares, the native plant sale, the posting of CBCW job online, water quality monitoring to begin soon, and Dwight will be working next week. And further happy news: Spencer has been accepted to Crew 14 of the Lake Leaders Program! Maurer expressed interest in participating in the next meeting regarding CHD. Kempel wondered when the carp barrier would be installed (when the water warms up).

VI. New Business

No new business.

VII. Old Business

a. Field Technician 2 Position Description

This job description has been revised since our last meeting. Without further discussion, Maurer made a motion to accept this position description and begin posting it, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.

b. Oakland Hills update

Spencer spoke to this issue in her report. Highlights include: a preliminary map design has been created, cul-de-sacs are back in design (larger to accommodate trucks), and the part of the property zoned N (for Natural Resources conservation) is set. This is the part of the design most crucial for the District. Christensen wondered if an Environmental Impact Statement had been required, or just an Environmental Assessment (An EIS is more stringent). Spencer will look into that issue. Tilp noted that all concerned parties can weigh in on this project during the process.

VIII. Adjournment

**Christensen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Maurer. Motion passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: March 25, 2022