



**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors July  
October 20, 2018  
9:00 A.M. at Oakland Town Hall**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Public Comment
- III. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting (September 15, 2018)
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence
- VI. Old Business
  - a Lake planning update
  - b Nutrient/reduction plan update
  - c Concern/Complaints procedure
- VII. New Business
  - a Discussion of who owns the outlet creek and its rocks/dam.
  - b Discussion and possible action on Lake District Preserve management fall/winter 2018
  - c Discussion and possible action on the joining the "Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)"
  - d Discussion and possible action of the 2018-2019 trapping season permit
  - e Discussion and possible action on the formation of a committee to create a compensation policy for the Lake Manager's position.
  - f Discussion and possible action on recognition of donors who contributed to the purchase of the former DNR property.
- VIII. Adjournment

Note: Public Comment will be taken at discretion of District Chair

# **Lake Manager Report**

## **(Reporting Period 9/16/2018-10/15/2018)**

Andrew Sabai

### **Activity Highlights**

- Stream Monitoring
- Lake planning
- Lake water quality monitoring
- Remove garbage, Christmas tree habitat and tree branches at outlet
- Research alternatives to dam
- Harvester cleaned and put away
- Gate at Scout Camp widened
- Grant writing
- Collect Seeds for restoration
- Fixed Pickup Truck transmission lines
- Set up meeting live-stream

### **Short/Mid-Term Plans**

- Stream and lake monitoring

### **Long-term Plans**

- Update of
  - o Lake Management Plan plus grant application
  - o Preserve Management Plan

### **Correspondence/meetings**

- Cost Share Committee meeting at Shoreplace
- Pontoon Classroom with Cambridge High School students
- Travis Olsen – Trapping application
- Tour of Scout Camp with Joel Winn
- Met with Jodee Helland and Jimmy DeGidio to look at a lot for sale at Ripley Waters neighborhood

# CONTACTS DATABASE

9/11/2018 -10/14/2018

Date	Last Name	First Name	Position	Phone #	Issue	Response
9/11/2018	Winn	Lynda	resident		Linda said there was a chair and an inflatable raft stuck on trees at the outlet of the lake.	
9/11/2018	LRMD			email	Notified board that weed harvester will come out on Sept 12, and sent meeting materials	
9/11/2018	Scheel	Jeff	Oakland Township	email	I let Jeff know that we are going to pull the harvester out.	
9/11/2018	Winn	Joel	Scout Camp	email	I let Joel know that we will be taking the harvester out shortly, and that the check should be in the mail for the DU grant.	
9/11/2018	Dawson	Wes	Rock Lake Association		I ran into Wes at the Lake District Preserve, while monitoring the creek. He asked some questions about the LRMD. Rock Lake is considering forming a lake district	
9/12/2018	Machesky	Kevin	resident	office visit	Kevin wanted to know about the purchase price of the former DNR property. He also expressed concerns of the damage done by the waves of wake boats and how they may counteract the good work done by the LRMD to improve water quality and shorelines.	
9/13/2018	Toshner	Pamela	DNR	email	Scheduled Healthy Lakes field trip (Sept 14) of Lake Ripley projects	
9/13/2018	Gomez-Ibanez	Georgia	LRMD	office visit	Georgia and I discussed details of the pontoon classroom	
9/13/2018	Cicero	Patricia	Jefferson Co	email	I asked a few questions about some of the sites for the Healthy Lakes field trip.	
9/14/2018	Leverson	Pamela	Cambridge School District	email	Discussed the pontoon classroom. We might have to wait until spring.	
9/14/2018	DeGidio	Jimmy	LRMD	office visit	Discussed tomorrows LRMD meeting and water level issues	
9/14/2018	Healthy Lakes Crew				Met with local and state-wide DNR and county UW extension staff to look at Healthy Lakes projects on Lake Ripley. We talked to Deb Kutz, and Charlie Kizow and looked at their shoreland plantings.	
9/17/2018	Matteson	Sumner	DNR Avian biologists	email	I contacted Sumner to see if we can meet to discuss building some habitat in the preserve for endangered terns.	
9/17/2018	LRMD Board			email	I let everyone know the the DU grant for \$15,000 arrived	
9/17/2018	Winn	Joel	Scout Camp		I let Joel know about the grant and he invited me to come down and see some work at the scout camp. I will meet with him tomorrow.	Joel showed me around the scout camp. Refurbishing our Lake Ripley signs at the boatlanding and Park/Ripley Road could be part of an Eagle Scout project.
9/19/2018	Schmitz	David	Lemke Fence	email	I received a quote for the gate on the scout camp for \$995.00. It looks good. I accepted it, signed and emailed back.	
9/19/2018	Garrison	Paul	Onterra	office visit	I went over some plans to reduce nutrient loading into the lake with Paul to get some feedback. I also asked a few questions about sediment sampling in the wetlands and lake. He gave the name of Bill James at the DNR to analyze sediment in the inlet channel to determine phosphorus loading.	
9/20/2018	Graham	Susan	WNDR		I called Sue to ask her about some grant options for both the upcoming management plan update and possible funding of wetland restoration/nutrient reduction in the inlet stream. The two would be best separated one into a large-scale planning grant, and the other into a wetland restoration grant.	
9/21/2018	Helland	Jodee		site visit	Jimmy and I met Jodee at a property (lot 7) she is selling near the creek and Ripley Road. It is part of the Ripley Waters homeowners association. We looked over the property and the communal	
9/21/2018	Harvey	Tom	Shoreplace resident		Tom called to let me know he had several bids to do a rip rap repair/installation at the Shore Place communal property. Next week I will give him some documents and likely call together the cost share committee to review the project.	
9/21/2018	Kolb	Keith	LRMD	office visit	Keith stopped by to find out how to enter his secchi data on into the DNR website. We also talked about misc. Lake District topics. He requested that we discuss the Lake Manager's compensation structure and benefit policy be developed and suggested the creation of a committee at the next monthly meeting. Keith said he would like to call in to some of the winter meetings. He understands that he cannot participate as a board member at the meeting. I said we should be able to come up with some simple way to broadcast audio, and perhaps video at the meetings. Keith took home our conference call hardware to see how it could be used to broadcast audio.	

9/24/2018	DeGiddio	Jimmy	LRMD	office visit	Jimmy and I discussed planning for 2018, creating a compensation policy for the Lake Manger's position and making a possible "live feed" or other way for board members to hear the meetings when unable to attend.
9/26/2018	Gondert	Bruce	Oakland Police	office visit	Chief Gondert enquired if the District had considered building its own storage. The space in the Town of Oakland garage is getting very cramped. I agreed that the storage space is running out and it was difficult for me to gain access to my equipments along the wall. I told him I would mention it at our next meeting. We could explore other options like renting storage elsewhere.
9/26/2018	DeGiddio	Jimmy	LRMD		Jimmy and I discussed getting a complaint form together, and that it would probably be better to label it a concern form. I also told Jimmy that I had investigated the outlet stream and removed a deflated raft. I wasn't sure what to do about a medium-sized tree branch in the creek. I could remove it, but it is on private property and now a natural feature of the creek. I will have contact the DNR and find out what our options are.
9/26/2018	Sabella	Mike	LRMD		Mike called to tell me that he and Mike Doman had found a water-tilled paddle boat in Milwaukee Bay and that they had brought it to the public launch. He wanted me to know in case anyone called looking for it. I went to the landing later and did not see it there, so I did not report it to the town police.
9/27/2018	Rohloff	Ty	Awesome Landscaping		I asked Ty to meet me to discuss some firebreak and brush cutting at the preserve this fall/winter.
9/27/2018	Rude	Roger	resident		Roger asked that an agenda item be added to the next meeting. He wants to clarify what we can do in the outlet creek. Are the rocks in the creek public or private property? What is the creek's designation, public water etc.?
9/28/2018	Sabella	Mike	LRMD		Mike asked that we put joining the Local Government Investment Pool on the agenda.
10/1/2018	DeGiddio	Jimmy	LRMD	office visit	Jimmy and I talked about various projects the district is involved in.
10/1/2018	Sabella	Mike	LRMD	email	I sent Mike the September bank statement
10/2/2018	Winn	Joel	Scout Camp		Joel wanted to know if we could send a bill for rental of the space for the harvester for \$150/month for three months. I told him that would be fine. I also told him that we will be having the gate widened soon.
10/4/2018	Evenson	Dale	Oakland Conservation Club	608-444-3885	I asked Dale if it would be ok to park at the Conservation Club parking lot for the high school field trip so we can get access to the creek. He said it was ok. I also gave him a quick update on the water quality monitoring in the creek, and our tentative wetland restoration upstream of the club's lands. He also said the club will be turning the archery targets is spring to face more west.
10/9/2018	Cicero	Patricia	Jefferson County	office visit	I told Patricia of my strategy for lake plan, and wetland restoration projects. She gave me some suggestions on how to go about doing the survey portion of the project.
10/10/2018	Cost share committee				Organized a meeting for the evaluation of cost share project at Shore Place with Tom Harvey, Jimmy DeGidio, John Molinaro, and Jay Settersten.
10/11/2018	Rohloff	Ty	Awesome Landscaping	office visit	I met with Ty to discuss some work in the preserve to be completed by the end of this fiscal year. Cutting new firebreaks, a patch for the truck to the East part of the preserve, and a patch to the far east ditch plug. He will get me an estimate for that by the Oct 20th meeting
10/12/2018	Cost share committee				I met with Tom Harvey, Jimmy DeGidio, John Molinaro, and Jay Settersten to evaluate a possible cost share project at Shoreplace. The project would consist of riprap to repair and protect the eroding shoreline, and a buffer of native plants to help protect water quality. John gave us a rundown on how the committee scores project. The committee scored the project 13 out of possible 20. Projects must score an eight or higher to be eligible for funding. Tom has to have the project voted on by the residents of Shoreplace before the committee will make a formal recommendation to the LRMD board for approval of funding.