

# Joint Rock Lake Committee



## Meeting Minutes, August 7th, 2018, 6-7:15 pm Room 231, City Hall, Lake Mills

Chairperson Wes Dawson called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Wes Dawson, Larry Clark, Bob Volenec & Stan Smoniewski

Others Present: Hope Oosdtik of the Lake Mills Town Board

The agenda was accepted. June minutes were approved, Larry motioned, Bob seconded. Notice of the meeting was posted, and was published in the Lake Mills Leader.

## Correspondence and Public Comment/Questions: none

### Old Business:

- A. **Differences in City and Town Lake ordinances:** We are reviewing the following ordinances for discrepancies, as it is essential for the City and Town to have similar lake ordinances for enforcement purposes:
  1. City-Chapter 8- REGULATION OF WATER TRAFFIC, BOATING AND WATER SPORTS UPON THE WATERS OF ROCK LAKE at [https://www.ci.lake-mills.wi.us/vertical/sites/%7B8432A9D4-8F22-42B0-A621-66119ED48FA6%7D/uploads/7-1\\_REVISED\\_May\\_2016.pdf](https://www.ci.lake-mills.wi.us/vertical/sites/%7B8432A9D4-8F22-42B0-A621-66119ED48FA6%7D/uploads/7-1_REVISED_May_2016.pdf)
  2. Town- Title 5 Chapter 2- REGULATION OF WATER TRAFFIC, BOATING, AND WATER SPORTS UPON THE WATERS OF ROCK LAKE at <http://townoflakemills.org/uploads/documents/Ordinance%205-2%20Boating%20regulations%20Rev%20F%20no%20watermark.pdf>
- B. **Update on status of proposed pier ordinance:** As the Committee has identified a discrepancy between the Town and State ordinances, the Town is in the process of drafting an updated ordinance. We are reviewing the latest draft of the Town pier ordinance which was provided by Hope. The current ordinance is at: <http://townoflakemills.org/uploads/documents/5-6%20Regulation%20of%20Piers%20on%20Rock%20Lake.pdf>
- C. **Update on lake assoc. piers following Bob's email:** The Committee requested information from the Town regarding the Pie Association's placement of a 15 boat pier, and if they have a DNR permit. We are checking with the DNR and Hope will review the town minutes for information related to the pier placement.

### New Business:

- A. **Do we require a spotter when skiing or tubing on Rock Lake?:** After some research Wes learned that we need to have 1,500 hours of enforcement or search and rescue activities every two years on Rock Lake if we want to require a spotter. The Town's boat patrol does not come close to the number of hours required by this law, passed recently by the state legislature. It seems the law was written to make requiring a spotter difficult. The Committee is concerned by this development, as Rock Lake can be very busy on holiday weekends. The Committee encourages those concerned by this law to contact their legislators.
- B. **Do we have a recommendation on riparian rights and violations of those rights?:** Wes mentioned that Glenn may followup with the City Parks Department in a question that arose during our July boat tour.

### Reports:

- A. **Town:** Hope mentioned that she has again received complaints from residents regarding dog waste at Ferry Park. There was short discussion about installing a dog waste station.

- B. **City:** No report
- C. **County Staff Representative:** No report
- D. **RLIA Update:** Stan mentioned that he will give the JRLC report at the Rock Lake Improvement Association annual meeting, which is Saturday, August 18th, 10a at the main Korth Park shelter.

Next meeting: Sept 4th, 2018, 6pm, City Hall.

Adjournment: Larry motioned and Bob seconded.