

Joint Rock Lake Committee



Meeting Minutes, September 6th, 2016, 6-7:15 pm Room 231, City Hall, Lake Mills

Chairperson Wes Dawson called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Wes Dawson, Bob Volenec, Glenn Zastrow & Stan Smoniewski

Others Present: Pearl Wallace-DNR Warden, Hope Oosdtik of the Lake Mills Town Board, and Patricia Cicero-Jefferson County Land and Water Resource Conservationist

The agenda was accepted. The minutes for August were approved, Glenn motioned and Wes seconded. Notice of the meeting was posted, and was published in the Lake Mills Leader.

Correspondence and Public Comment/Questions: none

Old Business:

- A. **Conclude review Chapter 6 - Regulating Piers, Wharves, Rafts, and Inflatables:** The Committee discussed that there are inconsistencies that exist with State regulations and our Chapter 6 regulations, and also the question of Town/City jurisdiction upon the lake. Glenn moved and Bob seconded that we advise the Town Board to seek DNR and a lawyer's review as the next step in this review process. Passed unanimously.
- B. **Review "Beach Closures and Human Health" flyer:** We are reviewing the draft of the flyer and thanked Patricia for all her work on it. We also discussed continuing questions of the beach closing protocol; what happens if beach testing indicates high levels of E.coli bacteria, what signs are posted and how else is the public informed, who will follow up with testing and how/when is the beach reopened. Wes and Patricia will work to schedule a meeting with the City/Town/County to address these and other issues.
- C. **North End Pier:** The kayak launch for people with disabilities is still being discussed between the Town and County.

New Business:

- A. **Realtor Education on Shoreland Zoning:** The Committee discussed our recent boat tour and the several violations we noticed along Rock Lake shorelines. One strategy is education of realtors with the objective of minimizing misinformation in the realtor/seller/buyer relationships. Patricia may contact the Jefferson County Realtors Organization to see if they are interested in an educational presentation. Also, the Joint Committee will recommend to RLIA that they work with local realtors. Finally, Glenn moved and Bob seconded a motion that Stan is to call the County and City zoning to get an update on the existing zoning violations, pass unanimously.
- B. **Fishing quality/quantity - changed?** As our DNR warden was in attendance, she was asked what people on the lake were saying. "It depends", as some say it has slowed down a lot, some say it is ok. DNR fish shocking data continues to show consistent results of fish species and numbers in the lake.

- C. **Review Chapter 5 - Regulating Traffic upon the ice on Rock Lake:** The Committee is to review a recent draft sent to us and discuss it at the next meeting.

Reports:

- A. **Town:** No additional comments
- B. **City:** none
- C. **County Staff Representative:** Patricia reported that the first Advisory Committee meeting for the Lake Management Grant was September 8th and went well. She has also heard some concerns about soil erosion near the dam replacement project and is checking into it.
- D. **RLIA Update:** Stan will email the Committee his report from the RLIA Annual Meeting.

Next meeting: October 4th, 6pm at City Hall.

Adjournment: Glenn motioned and Bob seconded.