



Alpine Lake

*Protection & Rehabilitation
District*

P.O. Box 155, Wautoma, WI 54982

August 27, 2022

Lake Alpine Park Pavilion (combined with the annual picnic afterwards)

ANNUAL Meeting

10:00 am

PRESENT: Mary Sue Braun, Jason Kunding
Linda Payne, Dave Ripp, Michael Baranowski
VISITORS: Kevin Boehm, County Park Rep, John Jarvis, County Rep
GUESTS: Approximately 80 Lake Alpine Residents

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance

- Call to order – Jason Kunding
- Statement of Proper Posting – via the newsletter
- Secretary's Report – Linda Payne read the minutes from the informational meeting on June 4, 2021. MOTION to accept the report made by Jan Jaecks, seconded by Carlyle Schmidt. MOTION passed.
- Sunshine Committee – Eunice Ripp reported that Kate Butachek passed away in July. She sent \$50 with a card.
- Water Testing Report – Mark Roltsch reported that the temperature was 76 at 6' and 73 at 12'. Clarity was 5'. He mentioned that he counted 42 geese and 1 bald eagle.
- Lake Treatment- in June the navigational lanes were treated, with 32 hours of weed removal and also in August, with 24 hours of weeds removal – total of 60,000# harvested. We have had plant surveys submitted in 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- Lake Management plan – we are working with Wisconsin Lakes & Ponds to complete the 5 year plan. The data is collected, written up and submitted to the DNR. Once finalized, it will be posted on our website.
- Fish Stocking – Bill Elliott reported that the We Kare Fish Club added 48,000 minnows this spring. We should be getting 8-12" walleyes next year (late due to the drawdown) We are slotted to get walleyes every 3 years and this was our year for that.
- Jason introduced the board members with details on each of their duties and talents. Dave, Michael, Linda and Mary Sue
- Volunteer Dinner – this will be held on September 12th at the Moose Inn. Cocktails at 6:00 pm followed by dinner 7:00. Each volunteer will have their meal paid for up to \$25 each. Anyone can come to enjoy the fellowship and come away with a fabulous prize!
- Annual Audit – the audit of our finances was performed by Ingrid Kunding and Kathy Kershaw on August 26th, at Mary Sue's home.

- Treasurers Report – Mary Sue reviewed the income statement, pointing out the ending checking account balance is \$41,708 We have the investment pool of \$24,798 and \$86,649 in CD's. Our total assets combined is \$153,157. The CD's are due next year and the board will determine the next steps on those. There are pending expenses for the picnic and the recent cuttings. MOTION to accept the report made by Carlyle Schmidt, seconded by Jan Jaecks MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

- Dredging- Jason gave an overview of the project. The goal of the project is to remove 3000 yards of silt from the lake in an area 140 feet long and 50 feet wide. We got the permit approved in 2021 and that's good through 2023. We now have an approved permit for the dam to be opened for the dredging/drawdown.
- Kevin Boehm addressed the group with an update on how difficult it has been to get this approved from the DNR (it was pending for 9 months). The DNR has a staff shortage (no new hires) since 2020. Now that the permit is approved, **all boats need to be removed from the lake by September 10th, no later**. This will allow enough time to reduce the lake enough to complete the drawdown by October 1st. This will satisfy the herpetologists concerns about the turtles in the lake. It takes 20 days to reduce the water by 5 feet. Next time we do this we will start a lot earlier to have time to do studies before and possibly get funding. Kevin recommends that we write a letter to the DNR expressing our disappointment in the length of time it took to complete the approval for this project. Lane Loveland with the DNR was instrumental in getting the permit approved, along with Kevin and members of our board. We did need a 30 day notice but that's not going to delay the start of this process. Kevin will notify the local papers on this notice. The water will be rising in the spring once it thaws. There is a concern downstream for the trout, so we have to raise it slowly. It should be ready and filled by May 1st. Benefits from this drawdown/dredging are to improve the navigational lanes, it will compact the soil and helps to reduce the Eurasian milfoil plants. During the drawdown, no improvements can be done under the high water mark without a permit and they are hard to get. Question about if there is a chance to close the park during the drawdown to prevent people from overfishing the lake. No- it's a public park and can't be closed. Follow up question about limiting the number of fish that people remove from the lake during the drawdown – Kevin will check into that and let us know. Question about the trees that have fallen in the water during storms, etc. They need to stay there for the fish habitat. If there is a navigational challenge, a permit is needed to remove it. We would need to contact Ben Mott. During the drawdown would be a good time to remove any trees on your shoreline. If the trunk is on land, it can be cut down on your property and removed from the lake. Once the lake is drawn down, you can clean up your shoreline out 30 feet. It's ok to leave your pier in the water. Question- how long before you can put in boats – probably by Memorial Day.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget for 2022 Approval – Mary Sue discussed the 2023 budget. There are increased changes to a few expense lines. We are proposing a one time reduction from \$150 assessment per property to \$125 assessment. We will use some of the CD proceeds for the dredging project. The dredging project will cost about \$20,000 plus permit and disposal. MOTION made by Bill Elliott to accept the 2022 budget, seconded by Gerry Krebsbach. MOTION PASSED.
- Goose Egg approval for 2023 – Clyde Simonson agrees that we need to stay on top of the goose control. The islands have been controlled, but there are still quite a lot of them. We have a sign-up sheet for any resident that gives permission for Clyde to enter their property to hunt for eggs and oil them. Please sign up if you authorize this action. It would be best if we can put up a flag on the pier so that Clyde would know of the approval to enter. September is geese hunting season, and needs a license. MOTION to approve obtaining the permit for goose egg remediation made by Linda Payne, seconded by Jason Kunding. MOTION PASSED.
- District By-Laws Revision- We want to revise the annual meeting dates in our by-law statement to read: Annual Meeting must be held between May 22 and September 8th. MOTION made by Jan Jaecks, seconded by Jim Puttkammer. MOTION PASSED.

- Election of Officers and Commissioners – There are 2 positions open this term – Dave Ripp and Mary Sue Braun. Motion made by Jason Kunding to nominate Mary Sue Braun as treasurer- she accepted the position. Linda nominated Chris Schroeder for the board position. He accepted. Commissioner positions are Jason Kunding as Chairman, Treasurer is Mary Sue Braun, Secretary is Linda Payne and Commissioner is Chris Schroeder, and Michael Baranowski.
- Public Speakout-
- Dave mentioned that there are links for information he got from Lane Loveland that would be of interest to everyone. Linda will send them out via email soon.
- Jim Puttkammer brought up boats that are going too fast in our no wake lake. Try to tell the boaters to slow down.
- Barb Simonson asked about the lily pods on the lake. We're not sure if they will be affected by the drawdown. You can check the DNR website on how to control plants on your property.
- Don Santi introduced his son Al and wife Vicky- they are building their home on Don and Mary's property where their home burned down last year. Don and Mary will be living in Illinois in a home their son is building next to them.
- Tom Wood notices that the lake isn't very swimmable. Is there any type of filter to keep out any of the weeds that are coming into our lake? He thinks a wake might help to remove the weeds and keep the water moving. Other lakes are deeper and can handle the wake. Our lake is too small for speed boating, there have been accidents in the past. The DNR has too much control over our lake. Dave thinks the dredging should help. We can ask our lake management firm if there was any type of filter to help with the weeds to make the lake better to swim in. The lake has changed a lot over the past 30 years. If you want to have a swimming area near your pier, you can clear an area on your shoreline.
- Amy Miller has an inflatable boat near her pier – it's not hers.
- Kay Ellen suggested to put your house number somewhere on your pier and also tag your boats, etc to help with any wayward equipment.
- Question on the pond and if we can dredge this – no.
- Can we organize a date for everyone to go on the lake with their boats to stir up the navigational lanes?
- Question on why the lake can't be treated more often. We over treated it for too many years and now have to reduce the areas that can be treated. Our lake is a 56 acre impoundment lake with an inlet and an outlet – not much can be done to help.
- Robin Latham asked if we could find a fish that eats weeds – not in Wisconsin!
- Question about Airbnb homes around the lake- they need to follow the County Health Department regulations. This is also limited by the septic usage.
- May Electric has a building on Alpine drive – not to worry, this is only for storage. If they want to use it for business, they would have to get a permit.
- Motion to adjourn by Linda Payne, seconded by Jim Puttkammer at 11:45 am