



**CITY OF DELAFIELD
MEETING MINUTES
LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Chair: Mike Hausman

*Members: Jerry Dunnick, Gayle Gaborsky, Ald. Phil Kasun, Susan McVey, Mark Millot, Paul Price,
Sarah Reardon, Louis Scopp, Don Tills*

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

6:00 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers
500 Genesee St.

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair Hausman called the Wednesday, March 9, 2022, Lake Welfare Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present

Mike Hausman, Chair
Ald. Phil Kasun
Sarah Reardon
Susan McVey
Louis Scopp
Don Tills

Absent

Jerry Dunnick
Gayle Gaborsky

4. Approve minutes of the [January 12, 2022](#) regular meeting

Hearing no corrections, the Lake Welfare Committee meeting minutes of January 12, 2022 were approved as presented.

5. Citizen's Comments

Brian Dahlman N41W32701 Marina Dr., Nashotah – Comments with regards to Item 7a. He stated there has been a motion by some members of the association to petition the DNR for placement of mooring buoys. He stated there is discussion within the association and he believes the majority of the members do not want to have mooring buoys. They are looking for a non-binding vote from the Lake Welfare Committee as it relates to their stance – knowing full well that this committee does not govern mooring buoys.

Hausman moved to item 7a.

6. Unfinished Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. SEWRPC study: Follow-Up Items

- **Focus on Natural Hydrology and inflows to the lake.**
- **Further study on the SEH map discussed at the December meeting.**

Hausman stated he did reach out to Court and Hafner, however he has not worked on this. He stated the next step is reaching out to Court and scheduling a meeting including everyone.

B. “Welcome to the Lake” program update.

Tills stated there was one sale and one packet was handed out. He added he has about fifty packets if anyone needs one to let him know. He concluded by stating he has a good working relationship with a realtor who is keeping him informed with all the sales on the lake.

C. Updates to the Lake Welfare Committee web page and the Lake Management web page on the City of Delafield website.

Hausman stated he is still working on this.

D. SEH discussion regarding follow-up letter pertaining to raingardens.

Hausman stated he will work on this with Molly after the elections.

7. New Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Nagawicka Bay Sailing Club interest in placing mooring buoys adjacent to existing pier.

Hausman stated this is DNR territory and this committee has no authority however felt it is our responsibility to try and help. He also stated he has received some feedback on this issue and looked into the history. Regardless of how much property Nagawicka Sailing Club has, when looking at the logistics and history we don't want to go against the DNR.

Tills commented (having worked for the DNR for forty years) at the time this decision was made and there were major concerns about navigation, impact on bottom materials and on the bog. This kettle is a bog habitat and it is one of the farthest southern bogs in the United States. It's a unique habitat and definitely worth protecting. DNR has designated the whole of the kettle as a sensitive area, which means they watch for development in that area. Given the amount of frontage and thinking about how many mooring buoys can be placed, how many pontoon boats, etc, it will destroy the aesthetics of a unique piece of real estate in the State of Wisconsin. He thinks the DNR will have problems if this moves forward. In the past, this has gone before a circuit court to appeals court and they affirmed everything the DNR did, with setting the scope. He concluded as a member of this committee, he will do whatever he can to stop people who still want to put mooring buoys out.

Reardon commented, not knowing much about the topic and not living on the lake, however hearing with what's been said, she would be against it.

McVey commented, as she lives on the lake, she does not want to see this and thinks it would destroy the whole environment.

Price commented there are already 40-50 pontoon boats docked out on the weekend in that area and can't imagine anymore.

Tills added it was his understanding that there are fifty-six lots that don't have access to the lake right now. The original idea the developer had is that every one of them would have a boat slip.

Millot commented he has never been a fan of buoys on the lake and felt it was the subdivision's way of getting around the bylaws that were agreed upon legally. As mooring buoys are regulated by DNR, who are already understaffed, he would be opposed to them. He also added if this were passed, there would be countless other subdivisions along the lake requesting same.

Kasun stated he is personally opposed to them and feels if anyone was for them, they should personally look at the documents provided in ePacket. He also stated the aesthetics, navigability and the environment would be compromised.

Scopp stated he has empathy for the people who originally moved into the development. Karek had promised them a slip with every lot. However, with the history, court cases, DNR's stance and the potential harm to the environment, he thinks at this point it's going to be very tough to get any type of approval.

Jared Galassini W328N4175 Anchor Rode Lane, Nashotah – (Harbormaster for the subdivision's board). He stated the board isn't necessarily for or against them. They have reached out to the DNR and received mixed responses, Heidi Bunk (in charge of habitat) is against and Jason Roberts (Safety warden) was not against it as they are not illegal and do not require a permit. They (DNR) are coming together to make a decision. He thinks it is very unlikely that the neighborhood community would vote for this, but if they did, they would come before this committee. Currently they have paused the voting as they are awaiting the DNR's response. He also added if it were to pass, it wouldn't ever be more than five buoys per the guidelines the board has come up with.

Jim Smith N41N32649 Marina Drive, Nashotah – He had some questions (directed to Tills) regarding line of navigation. He asked if there ever was a complaint about a mooring buoy being outside the line of navigation, which is 3' in the kettle. Tills stated the line of navigation doesn't have anything to do with buoy placement, it just needs to be 150 feet from shore. Jim asked if the mooring buoys were in deeper water would that be a negative? Tills stated the state of Wisconsin allows mooring buoys under certain conditions and if they are put in based on all those conditions, they don't hurt navigation. Tills further reiterated that navigation isn't the issue, the issue is environment and aesthetics.

Millot made a motion, although not authorized, still oppose the placement of mooring buoys in the kettle. Price seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Goose Egg Oiling proposal from the US Department of Agriculture.

Kasun made a motion to approve \$1,400.00 for Goose Egg Oiling for the USDA. McVey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Unanticipated emergency reparations to Nagawicka Lake Dam.

Hausman stated this has already been decided, but he felt it was worth talking about. One of the timbers had a knot blown out of it causing water to flow out. (Pictures included in ePacket).

Price gave some history, a couple years prior to the flood in 2006, the Council was approached to make some repairs on the dam and did not. Ultimately after the flood, they had to fix and costs were much higher than if they would have approved fixing the damage initially. He stated he is totally in favor in maintaining any issues before this one timber becomes another.

Scopp questioned if the rest of the dam was fully functional? Kasun replied yes, they are on top of that maintenance.

Tills questioned if there was a better technique instead of using boards which are going to deteriorate? Hausman stated he will look into why they use wood timbers.

8. Requested Future Agenda Items

McVey commented on a lake lot undergoing construction and the removal of several large trees – questioned how this effects the lake. Hausman stated he will look into the city ordinance and will put it on the next agenda for discussion and review.

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment

There was no further business; therefore, the Wednesday, March 9, 2022, Lake Welfare Committee meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassy Rivers
Administrative Support