

**Meeting Minutes**  
**LAKE NOKOMIS LAKE DISTRICT**  
P.O Box 740  
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The LNLD Board of Commissioners held a meeting on May 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Nokomis Town Hall.

**Call to order and roll call**

Scott Swenty called the meeting to order and roll call of the commissioners was taken:

- Scott Swenty, Chair - present
- Larry Beaumont, Treasurer - present
- Russ Wadzinski, Vice Chair - present
- Cara Kurtenbach, Secretary (Town of Nokomis Representative)- present
- Linnaea Newman, Oneida County Representative - absent

**Approval of 12-08-22 Commission Meeting minutes**

- Due to the turnover in the Secretary position, these minutes have not yet been circulated for review. This item has been tabled until the next meeting.

**Approval of 05-02-23 Commission Meeting Minutes**

- A motion was made by Swenty to approve the 5-2-23 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kurtenbach. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report**

- Beaumont presented the Treasurer Report. As of 5/17/23 the total account balance was \$171,073.26

**Oneida County Report**

- Newman was not present to give this report so this item was tabled until the next meeting.

**Committee Reports**

- **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)** - Schmidt's Aquatic, LLC will be applying a Eurasian milfoil treatment to 26 acres of Hazy Bay on Bridge Lake at a currently unset date some time after Memorial Day 2023. Per the Lake Management Plan,

the residents will be notified and signs will be posted along the shoreline. In addition, water samples will need to be taken right after the treatment. The Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) initiative will continue. Towels and t-shirts will again be given to our volunteers.

- **Education** - Mike Milligan, the previous Secretary of LNLD, was the chair for this committee. With Mike's departure, we need to revitalize this committee and decide what to tackle next. A suggestion was made to look at the Comprehensive Management Plan to confirm what the requirements are and develop action items for the next meeting.
- **Safety** - Wadzinski presented an update for the Safety Committee. The required notice to the WDNR regarding the installation of the buoys has been submitted. Wadzinski found a new source to order buoys from and he passed this information along to WVIC. The replacement buoys have apparently been ordered. The process of installing the buoys for the 2023 season has already begun. Dave Nycz reported that there is a new "rocks" buoy by the County Road N boat landing. They have changed the configuration of the "slow no wake" buoys by the Tilted Loon with three buoys across and one in back this year. The graffiti on the Hwy N bridge will be painted over the week of May 22, 2023. A clear coat will be applied over the paint that will allow the graffiti to be pressure washed off in the future. The board directed Beaumont to add an expense item for graffiti removal and that the money will come from the contingency funds.
- **WVIC** - a discussion with Ben Niffenegger indicated that Ben feels that the location of the proposed Ostrowski's Campground is a bad location for the campground. Niffenegger was asked about the possibility of conducting a traffic study at the Nokomis boat landings utilizing the rubber-tubed traffic measuring devices. Niffenegger indicated that it would cost about \$500 to purchase one of these devices.
- **Policy and Procedure** - nothing new to report. Beaumont is considering developing treasurer's procedures.

### **Public Comment**

- The proposed Ostrowski campground approval process has revealed that there is not good communication between the Town of Nokomis and the LNLD. The question was asked about what the LNLD can do to represent its members by opposing the Ostrowski campground. Swenty explained that the LNLD can only give recommendations to the Town and County on CUP components. The LNLD does have the authority to develop safety regulations on the water.
- A LNLD member stated that the Town of Nokomis needs to look at rezoning like the Town of Little Rice is doing. The question was asked if LNLD could formally request the Town of Nokomis to rezone all of its general zoned parcels.

Apparently, the Town of Nokomis is the only town out of the 20 Oneida County townships that has general zoning throughout.

### **Ostrowski Campground Discussion**

- It was reported that the Town of Nokomis formed a committee to look at what is required to rezone the Town of Nokomis.
- Wisconsin Statute 66.1002 Development Moratoria states that a 6-month development moratorium can be requested if a public health official or registered engineer feels there is a significant threat to the health and safety resulting from a development project.
- Current meetings scheduled to address proposed Ostrowski campground:
  - June 5, 2023 Town of Nokomis Meeting
  - June 21, 2023 Public Hearing regarding proposed Ostrowski Campground at 4:00 pm at the Nokomis Fire Station
  - Oneida County May 31st meeting to address the proposed Ostrowski campground has been postponed and has not yet been rescheduled.
- A LNLD member asked what needs to be done to make sure that the Town of Nokomis puts the following items on the next meeting agenda 1) a discussion about changing the ordinance to change minimum lot sizes; 2) a discussion about rezoning the Town of Nokomis from general zoning. Swenty suggested that members contact the Town about requested agenda items.
- A LNLD member indicated that the Town can grant a variance on a lot size however, they would need to justify why this variance would only apply for this one situation.
- Swenty had a discussion with the Oneida County Sheriff's Department to determine how they staff the fall ride to staff for the increased population. Additional resources are brought in from across the state.
- The question was asked if it is worth talking to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department to determine if they have any traffic data for County Road N and what their thoughts are regarding additional traffic at the N boat landing.
- A LNLD member felt that Oneida County would likely approve the campground. They felt that the Town of Nokomis should look at adding an agenda item for discussion of a variance to approve smaller parcel sizes for the proposed campground property, if the County approves the campground.
- A question was asked if there are any state statutes that allow people to petition a town to add an agenda item to a meeting. They were concerned that the Town is not responding to calls or emails and that they would not add an agenda item to the next meeting agenda to discuss a variance for smaller lot sizes.
- The Town of Nokomis Zoning Committee performed an investigation and determined that residents can take pictures of any violations of the campground's

CUP and submit them to the County for enforcement if the campground is not enforcing its CUP requirements.

- A recommendation was made that the LNL D and Town should jointly hire an attorney and implement the same things that the Town of Little Rice is in the process of implementing.
- A recommendation was made by a member for the Town of Nokomis to add an agenda item to discuss a repeal of the agreement allowing UTVs on County Road Y. They mentioned concerns with out of Towners driving UTVs where they are not allowed and the possible resulting loss of additional snowmobile trails.
- A recommendation was made that the LNL D provide comment at the public hearing on June 21st.

### **LNL D Special Charge Policy & Procedures**

- A discussion was held regarding the possibility of adding a special charge to each campsite at the proposed Ostrowski campground. It was decided that was not a recommendation at this time.

### **New Business**

- Beaumont spoke with Dave Seubert, WDNR fish biologist, about inviting him to speak at the annual meeting to discuss the results of the last fish study. Seubert is willing to speak but the results will not be available until the 2024 annual meeting.
- The LNL D internal audit must be done before the August 12 annual meeting. A date will be set to perform the internal audit.
- The WDNR Conservation Congress had a six question survey on the WDNR website which is now closed with results. Sixty six percent of the respondents were in favor of regulating wake boats more strictly.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Kurtenbach, LNL D Secretary