



**Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 19, 2024 – 4:00 pm**  
**Cravath Lakefront Room**  
**312 W. Whitewater Street**  
**Whitewater, WI 53190**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Present: Carol McCormick, Kurt Zipp, and Elvira Kau.

Absent: Geoff Hale, Gayle Stettler, and Ginny Coburn.

Staff: Michelle Dujardin

Guests: Don Huntington and Jeff Weigel

**2. Consent Agenda:**

**Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, May 1, 2024**

**Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2024**

**Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, May 29, 2024**

Committee did not have a quorum, agenda items were not able to be approved.

**3. Staff Reports**

Dujardin reported: Cattail removal contract was awarded to RLP Diversified, start date after July 8<sup>th</sup>. SEWRPC installed continuous water temperature and water level loggers. They were installed at six locations: one in each of Cravath and Trippe lakes, one in Spring Brook, one in Bluff Creek, and two in Whitewater Creek (upstream and downstream of lakes). These loggers will be monitoring water temperature and water levels in the lakes and creeks every hour until they are removed – the plan is to keep them in for at least the summer and potentially for the next year.

**4. Hearing of Citizen Comments**

Jeff Weigel, Whitewater Creek Coalition expressed interested to the committee in partnering with weekly clean up events, public education, invasive species control, water testing, improving Whitewater Creek Nature Area, and dovetail together in future planning.

## **5. Considerations/Discussions/Reports**

### **a. Discussion and possible action regarding Whitewater Stormwater Management Plan Budget Questions**

- i. Dujardin presented Fund 630 Stormwater Utility Budget to committee.
- ii. Committee formulated questions and asked for Public Works Director Brad Marquardt to the next meeting.
  1. The last report/plan was done in 2017. What is the status of the new and updated version?
  2. Can you update the group on the Starin Park project and where that water goes?
  3. The property owners are charged a storm water fee, can you explain the uses of that fee and does that strictly go to maintenance or is there a fund for improvements? (Any that benefit the lakes/streams)
  4. If you had to pick a project in the storm water plan that isn't being done that you would like to see done, what is that project? Could the Lakes Advisory Committee help make that happen through combination efforts with grant funding?
  5. Is it possible to increase the stormwater fee and save in a fund that helps with lake improvements?
  6. Does all the city stormwater go into the lakes?

## **6. Considerations/Discussions/Reports**

### **a. Discussion and possible action regarding creation of a Lakes District.**

The committee directed Dujardin to reach out to Eric Olson and other similar communities to obtain sample resolutions.

## **7. Considerations/Discussions/Reports**

### **a. Discussion and possible action regarding Lake District Marketing Campaign.**

Dujardin presented the opportunity to create a Summit and allow the community to come in and learn about the Lakes and the benefits of creating a Lake District. Local location of 841 was suggested. Possible dates would include first two weeks of October.

The committee directed Dujardin to reach out to 841 for possibilities. McCormick offered to attend conversation with 841. Future planning to take place after date set.

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

- a. Storm Water Updates
- b. Lake District Creation Discussion
- c. Lake District Marketing Campaign
- d. Geese Concerns

**9. Adjournment**

- e. Motioned by Kau to adjourn, seconded by McCormick. Unanimous voice vote.  
Adjournment at 5:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michelle Dujardin*