

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Virtual Using Zoom

1. Meeting called to Order by Tom Johansen at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Dan Butkus, Tom Johansen, Jerod Bennett, and Peggy Jensen. A quorum was met. The meeting was properly posted. Bob Thome represented Oneida County at the meeting and had full rights to vote.
3. Approval of the Agenda: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve and Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.
4. Hearing of Delegations: None present.
5. Approval of October 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes of Commissioners: Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve and Dan Butkus seconded. All approved, none opposed.
6. Treasurer's Report Presented by Dan Butkus: The Lake District is in sound financial status. The report is archived and available for review upon request.
7. Report on Squash Lake District Grants:
 - a. Lake Management Plan Grant Survey: Waiting on WDNR for approval.
 - b. EWM removal grant: No updates at this time.
8. WDNR meeting report on possible grant funding for boat purchase: Dan Butkus and Tom Johansen met with the WDNR Waterways Commission to request if grant funding would be available for a new dive boat. The request is currently under review by the WDNR legal team to assure that offering such a grant is legal. If approved, we will put through a grant application.
9. Oneida County Tourist Rental home task force (informational item): Update presented by Bob Thome.
10. Communication with Squash Lake District residents about Oneida County zoning regulations for lakefront properties (tabled from the October 10, 2021 board meeting): The Oneida County board denied our request to receive information about common violations that occur on Squash Lake and informed us to request this information from the local townships.
11. Follow-up about communications with Lake District residents who have private boat landings on their properties (request to rescind motion from October meeting): Dan Butkus made a motion to rescind the motion that was made to draft a letter to lake front owners who have boat landings on their properties about checking boats that enter and leave the water at these landings and revised the motion to allow Tom Johansen to communicate with these lake residents by the most appropriate means. Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.
12. Woodboro town meeting agenda item about island names on Squash Lake (informational item): There was no objection by any Woodboro Town resident to use Marshal Island (a.k.a. Big Island) and Scrub Oak Island (a.k.a. Little Island) as the official names of these islands. This information was forwarded to the WDNR by the Woodboro Town Board.
13. Diver meeting summary report Presented by Tom Johansen. The meeting was productive and the report is archived and available for review upon request.
14. President's Report: Tom Johansen notified the board that Bob Mott is not running for a County Board seat and will no longer serve as a board member for the Squash Lake District. We will forward a request to the Oneida County Board of our recommendation for a replacement after the April election.
15. Reports and Considerations:
 - a. Oneida County Board Delegate: Bob Thome presented information about the status of a proposed ordinance on manure storage that would protect runoff into lakes and waterways.
 - b. Wisconsin Lakes Association Board Member: Dan Butkus notified the board that the Wisconsin Lakes and Waterways Convention can be attended personally or virtually (April 6-8).
16. Petitions and Communications: none received.
17. Future Meeting Dates: Quarterly Board Meeting 4-10-22 at 1:00 p.m.
18. Dan Butkus Makes a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. and Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.