

Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Meeting Minutes

October 13th , 2024 Zoom Meeting

Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting call to order at 1:02 PM by Tom Johansen
2. Roll Call: Jack Bertram, Tom Johansen, Dan Butkus, Linnea Newman, and Peggy Jensen. The meeting was properly posted, and a quorum was met.
3. Approval of the Agenda: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
4. Hearing of Delegations: N/A
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes July 14th and August 10th: Linnea Newman made a motion to approve, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
6. Treasures Report: The report will be filed, archived and available upon request.
7. Eurasian Milfoil Harvesting Report:
 - A. Onterra survey – the report is available on the website
 - B. Harvesting data summaries – the report is available on the website
8. Review and approval of a letter to the electors, EWM removal program this summer: Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve, seconded by Dan Butkus. All approved, none opposed.
9. Report on application for DNR supporting grant for new dive boat: Tom Johansen is waiting for final estimate for new dive boat provided by Flagship pontoons. Dan Butkus will be submitting application for the grant by November 1st .
10. Report on estimates and funding for new dive boat: Tom Johansen discussed the new dive boat with our divers to determine all of the features they would like to see on the new dive boat to assist with the harvest of EWM. Tom Johansen visited the factory of Flagship pontoon boats where he discussed the requirements for the new boat and received an estimate. After initial review the board suggests modifying the boat to include all aluminum components and eliminate wood to future proof the structure. A new bid for the changes will be requested.
11. Discussion/decision on sending a letter of support for an Oneida County Healthy Watershed Grant: Dan Butkus drafted a letter to be sent to the Land & Water Conservation Department of Oneida County in hopes of receiving the grant. Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve the sending of the letter, seconded by Dan Butkus. All approved, none opposed.
12. Discussion about the condition of the boat landing: The board discussed the deteriorating nature of the boat launch and referenced several hazardous conditions of its current state. The board is concerned with possible liability, safety, and property damage given the current state of the boat launch. Dan Butkus made a motion that Tom Johansen drafts a statement to express concerns about the current state of the boat landing to be presented to the Town of Crescent at the next board meeting. Seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
13. Review and approval of the boat storage, mooring, and transportation bids: Tom Johansen reviewed the bid and Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve the bid by Dan Butkus for the storage, mooring, and transportation, seconded by Linnea Newman. All approved, none opposed, Dan Butkus abstained.
14. Review and approval of bids for the placement and removal of educational marking buoys: Dan Butkus reviewed the bid, and Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve the bid by Tom Johansen for

the placement and removal of educational marking buoys. Seconded by Linnea Newman. All approved, none opposed, Tom Johansen abstained.

15. President's Report: The end of season milfoil report covered everything Tom Johansen wanted to discuss. The end of season harvesting report is available on the website.

16. Reports and Considerations

A. Oneida County Board Delegate: Budgetary process just ended with a balanced budget

B. Wisconsin Lakes Association Board Member: Dan Butkus attended a board retreat where discussion about refocusing the Wisconsin Lake Mission statement took place, along with workshopping new ideas for what Wisconsin Lakes stands for and coming up with a plan moving forward.

17. Petitions and Communications:

A. North Lakes Land Trust thanked the board for keeping them up to date on the status of the rope swing

18. Future Meeting Dates: Quarterly Board Meeting 1-12-25

19. Adjourn: Tom Johansen made a motion to adjourn at 2:43 p.m., seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.