

Lake Mason Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday July 15, 2024, 6:04 pm – 8:13 pm By Zoom
Notes / Minutes

Present: Dave Deltgen Bob Carlson, Michael Madden, Mike Atterberry, Steve Lizer, Jim Brancel, Jennifer Bergman (DNR), Barbara Maley

Absent: Dale Sankey, Pam Klein, Liz Lehr, Tim McFadden, Brooke Cooper, Jeff Marshall

1. Those present discussed/ brainstormed the information available and possible plans for the lake.
 - a. Jen congratulated the committee on our Engagement project as a sense of community will be critical in determining and implementing any plans for the lake.
 - b. Many present had not received the Fishery report provided to Pam by Jennifer. Plan: Jennifer to provide the report to those present and all committee members.
 - c. We don't have the results of the water testing. Barb to communicate with Scott Provost asking for analysis of water testing.
 - d. Lake Mason was Clear Lake (Characteristics of a Clear Lake are predominate fish Bass & Blue Gill, much aquatic vegetation. Navigation can be challenging due to vegetation.)
 - e. Lake Mason is now a Turbid Lake. (Characteristics of a Turbid Lake are predominate fish Crappie and Carp with very limited aquatic vegetation.)
 - f. To return to a Clear Lake we would need to drain the lake, probably for 1 full year, poison all the fish and restock.
 - g. Need to use the Survey done last year to determine what lake characteristics are most desired by those surveyed. And have meetings / discussions with those affected.
 - h. Requested: Jennifer share at the Annual meeting, 10 AM Saturday August 31:
 - a. Clear vs Turbide Lake characteristics
 - b. History of Lake Mason
 - c. Current state of Lake Mason as Turbid
 - d. Compare results of Survey (what do users want) to two types of lakes, Clear vs Turbid
 - e. Very simple description of what is needed if a Clear Lake status is desired
 - i. Possible timeline
 - ii. Data still needed
 - iii. Estimated cost
 - iv. Anticipated results
2. Committee discussed issues that were raised at the June 1st LMMD member meeting. Committee would like to recruit new members for our committee, those who had raised issues / made suggestions at the June meeting
 - a. Carp Tournament Objectives: Fun, awareness of lake issues, etc. Barb to reach out to Dan Hanko
 - b. Bouy placement and corresponding signage: Sally Danke had raised the issue June 1. Dave will reach out to Sally to invite her to join the committee.
 - c. Boating regulations. DNR Worden had shared that the Lake District could enact boating regulations. Committee would like the Board to have a vote on these regulations at the Annual meeting:

- i. Slow / no wake areas and or times
- ii. No Wake Boats on Lake
- d. Proper disposal of carp when caught

3. Progress Toward Goal - Reps present reported on interaction with neighbors. To-date we have met with 40 neighbors for 37% completion

Tabled:

- Determine what will be reported by the Lake Improvement Committee at the Annual LMMD Meeting Labor Day weekend.
 - Share a list of those whom Reps have not yet connected with.
- Discuss how to handle those neighbors who Reps have not met with
- Progress by Dale in getting and installing campground fishing regulations signs. The Board has not yet paid the bill. Much confusion as to how to get this paid.
- Determining committee's next project was tabled until September LIC meeting
 - See minutes above for possible projects
 - If water testing reveals nutrient management is needed LIC could work with county land management people in implementing actions
 - Shoreline Buffer zones if nutrients are from shoreland owners
 - Jim Brancel has had discussions with Bella Goose about installing a Buffer Zone
 - Dave D could contact Pat Kilbey and Dustin Grant asking if anyone has expressed interest in planting a Buffer Zone
 - Refer to county concerns if nutrients seem to be coming from land use inland from the lake