

Village of Chenequa

CHENEQUA LAKES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, October 25, 2011
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A meeting of the Chenequa Lakes Management Committee was held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. at the Village Hall, 31275 W. Hwy K, Chenequa. Legal requirements for notification of the news media were met.

Following is the attendance list:

Mr. Foote/ Chairman - present
Ms. Villavicencio/ Trustee – present
Mr. Luedke / Committee Member – present
Ms. Von Bereghy/ Trustee – present
Ms. Surles/ Committee Member – present
Mr. Gehl/ Committee Member – present
Dr. Tyre/ Committee Member – present
Ms. Rohlen/ Committee Member – absent
Ms. Brumder/ Committee Member - absent
Mr. Kante/ Forester – present
Chief Douglas/ Administrator, Police Chief – present
Ms. Zimdars / Clerk-Treasurer – present

Attendance

None.

Public comment period

None.

Approve minutes of the August 26, 2010, Lakes Management meeting.

Motion (Villavicencio, Luedke) to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2010, meeting of the Lakes Management Committee.

Update on the Lake Water Quality Project.

Forester Kante told committee members that SEWRPC began a 4 point study in 2006 that is now coming to an end. The first area of study was groundwater and Chenequa had concerns with the large capacity well in Delafield. Forester Kante said the study showed the well in Delafield has no impact on Pine Lake under normal conditions. The second area of study was water flow and the impact on the watershed. The third area of study was watershed inventory covering future development concerns. And the fourth area is the final report, which will make recommendations for management. The report is expected to be completed next spring or summer. President Foote said this committee would reconvene to discuss the results of the study. Forester Kante said the water quality is very good and may compare to Lake Geneva. He

said he could not comment on Beaver Lake because there was no sharing of information. Mr. Gehl said the zebra mussels were balancing out. Dr. Tyre suggested the Lakes Committee should make a request of all three lakes to share data.

President Foote asked if there had been any monitoring of the integrity of septic systems, and Forester Kante told him the County requires that septic systems are pumped out every few years. He said the large algae bloom could be due to the use of fertilizers. Mr. Luedke said he would talk to the Friends of Beaver Lake about sharing data. Forester Kante then said that Eurasian Milfoil has spiked. He pointed out that Pine Lake has a good mix of native plants, and it is beneficial to have as many native plants as possible.

Discussion and review of possible changes to the local ordinances.

President Foote said he was concerned with boats traveling at a high rate of speed in the very early hours of the day, and this makes for a dangerous situation. He said both Beaver Lake and North Lake have a slow/no wake ordinance in place from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. Also, North Lake has a 35 mph speed limit. Dr. Tyre said on North Lake, most comply with these rules and the deep well boats seem to be behaving better – but they were not able to get anything passed as far as restrictions. He said citation data was reviewed, and although there were a few repeat offenders, generally it was not too bad. Administrator/Police Chief Douglas gave the following data:

Nagawicka has a 45 mph speed limit during the day but no night time speed limit

Okauchee has a 40 mph speed limit during the day and 10 mph sunset to 8 AM limit

Pewaukee has no speed limit during the day, but 10 mph from 10pm to 10am

Skiing on Pewaukee Lake is restricted from sunset to 9:00 AM

Oconomowoc Lake has no daytime speed limit, but 10 mph at night 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.

North Lake has a 35 mph daytime speed limit and a slow no wake nighttime limit 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.

Beaver lake does not have a daytime speed limit and has a slow no wake from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise speed limit.

Trustee Villavicencio said if a restriction is imposed on water skiing, there will be a problem for some of the residents. She said previously the Board had looked at water skiing and the residents were not too happy. She also felt there is a safety issue to be considered for nighttime boating. President Foote said he would like to survey the residents to see how they feel. Trustee Von Bereghy asked if the survey should be specific as to a certain speed limit, and a time period for slow/no wake. Dr. Tyre suggested the survey should include information on other lake's restrictions. Administrator/Police Chief Douglas said the DNR would have to approve a speed limit restriction. Mr. Gehl said whatever is passed on Pine Lake should also be passed on Beaver Lake. Dr. Tyre said the survey should include questions on wake boats. He said the problem became so bad on the Milwaukee River that there are now 7 or 8 miles of the river restricted to slow/no wake.

Motion (Von Bereghy, Gehl) to recommend to the Chenequa Village Board that village residents be surveyed for lake issues, such as lake speed, safety, and other recreational activities, Carried Unanimously.

President Foote asked who would be interested in creating the survey, and Dwyn VonBereghy, Andy Gehl, and Dr. Tim Tyre agreed to help.

Mr. Luedke said Dr. Thornton should be encouraged to finish the 5 year study, and he would check with the Friends of Beaver Lake. President Foote said the next meeting of the Lakes Management committee would be for reviewing the survey before it is sent out as a committee. Administrator/Police Chief Douglas said the State DNR is aware of the concerns with wake boarding and are reviewing and monitoring what other states are doing to address the issue. Dr. Tyre said the organization Wisconsin Lakes is waiting for case law which typically takes 7 years.


Agenda items to be considered for future meetings of the Lakes Management Committee

President Foote said the next meeting of the Lakes Management Committee would be held sometime around January.

Adjournment.

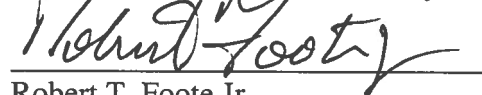
Motion (Surles, Luedke) to adjourn the October 25th meeting of the Chenequa Lakes Management Committee at 6:05 p.m., Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Bonita Zimdars
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved and Ordered Posted by:



Robert T. Foote Jr.
President