

Lakes Committee – Town of Plum Lake
June 12, 2024
Town of Plum Lake Town Hall, Sayner WI

Present: Bob Jackson, Chair
Bob Munsen, Jim Haberle, Mike Stroh, John Richter, Joe Heitz, Tracy Wallace,
Wayne Bernahl, Louise Randall, and Doug Pinney.
Jacob Worden and Steve Kozelek (Vilas County Lake Conservation Technicians)
also attended.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Bob Jackson.
2. Bob Jackson noted that he and Kim Lechner, Town Clerk, had properly posted and noticed the meeting at the Sayner US Post Office and on the Town of Plum Lake website.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 22, 2024. The draft minutes were presented for approval. Mike Stroh moved and Joe Heitz seconded, and the motion was approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report—Doug Pinney had previously sent an email with worksheets showing receipts and disbursements for calendar year 2024 for each Lakes Committee project. Doug stated that year-to-date the Committee has received \$6,475 in donations from lake organizations and individuals. Very few bills have been received for work on 2024 projects. Joe Heitz moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted; Jim Haberle seconded and the motion was approved.
5. Vilas County Update – Jacob Worden and Steve Kozelek introduced themselves and described their responsibilities with the Vilas County Decontamination Unit. They will be stationed at various lakes in Vilas County into the fall.
6. New Business – Status of 2024 Programs
 - a. BLIMS -John Richter reported that the camera at the Town dock is not working and he is working with Eric Lindberg of Environmental Sentry to diagnose and fix the problem.

Joe Heitz stated that the camera at Irving Lake had been vandalized. He believes either a hammer or crowbar was used to crack the lens.

- b. Little Star Remediation – Bob Jackson reported that Aquatic Plant Management will hand-pull Eurasian Water Milfoil with divers once this summer. They have recommended one session this year based on last year's results.
- c. Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW)— Bob Munsen said Cathy Higley, Vilas County Lake Conservation Specialist, had shown him a website that could be used to order T-shirts for our Town monitors. He said the shirts would provide some identification for the workers. Doug Pinney moved that we order T-shirts, hats,

and other apparel for Town monitors. Bob Munsen seconded and the motion was approved. Bob Jackson will take this on.

Anyone looking to volunteer to monitor was reminded of the training to be held June 25, 2024 by Cathy Higley beginning at 10 am at the Star Lake landing off of Hwy N. Call Cathy to register: (715) 479-3738.

- d. Fish Sticks – Bob Jackson stated that we will be working on installations for Plum Lake, Lake Laura, and Star Lake early next year. Some of last year’s volunteers will not be available this year. John Richter said we will need additional help.
 - e. Rapid Response Lake Surveys – Bob Jackson said he expects the North Lakeland Discovery Center to conduct early detection of aquatic invasive species (AIS) on Star, Plum, Razorback, Laura, Ballard, Irving, and White Birch lakes beginning in August.
 - f. Plum Lake Landing Restoration – Status of the agreement between the Plum-Skitters and the DNR is not known. They seem to have come to some understanding as ski shows are starting at State House Point this week.
 - g. Enhanced Wake Ordinance – The Committee at the May 22, 2024 meeting recommended that the Town adopt an ordinance restricting enhanced wakes on Town lakes. Bob Jackson reported that Jackey Postuchow (Chair of the Supervisors) asked for help with a draft ordinance. Bob, Joe Heitz and John Richter put together a draft ordinance, together with a condition report, and a draft transmission letter to the DNR for use by the Town. These were based on successful submissions recently by other towns including the Town of Winchester.
- Bob Jackson stated that the draft ordinance “Boating Regulation Restricting Certain Enhanced Wakes” was discussed at the Town Supervisors’ meeting on June 11, 2024. The Supervisors voted to refer the draft ordinance to legal counsel as the next step.
- Mike Stroh moved to approve the Town ordinance in its current form. John Richter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- h. Lake Management Plan – Bob Jackson said Tim Hoyman of Onterra LLC will attend a later committee meeting to make a proposal.
7. Other New Business and Citizen Comments and Concerns – Mike Stroh expressed some concern that the whole committee was not consulted on the draft ordinance before it was sent to Jackey Postuchow. A brief discussion took place on the need for quick

action and the possibility of a special meeting in the future. No further action was taken by the Committee.

8. Next Meeting – July 17, 2024 at 9:00 am.

9. The meeting was adjourned by Bob Jackson at 9:49 am

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas L. Pinney, Secretary pro tem

Planned meeting dates:

All on Wednesdays and starting at 9:00 am

July 17

August 14

September 11