



Park and Recreation Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
4528 State Highway 57, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Mark Haen at 6:00 p.m.

Establish Quorum. In addition to Mark Haen, the following people were in attendance and constitute a quorum: Ryan Brungraber, Hugh Daubner, Dan Woelfel, Trent Olsen, and Gary Londo.

Also in attendance: Amy M. Flok, Linda Wait, Jeanne Vogel, Gwenn Graboyes, Mike Kahr, Robert DeFaut, Bill Hebal, Todd Rockway, Theresa Cain Bieri, Margaret Wahlen, Orlaine Gabert, Noah Tomaszewski, Robert Rock, Gina Newton, Kylie Newton, Tim Newton, Jason Perkins, Cara Perkins, Sam Hoffmann, Claire Markin, Paul Gryzwa, Amanda Danforth, Mark Weise, Terry Schneider, David Hubbard, Joe Graboyes, Heidi Tomaszewski, Dan Tomaszewski, Sher Rockway, Mary Kull, Laurie Kull, and Aaron Tomaszewski.

Approve Agenda. Motion by Trent and second by Dan to approve the agenda as noticed. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2024. Motion by Dan and second by Gary to approve the minutes from October 9, 2024. Motion carried.

Public Participation. Gwenn Graboyes would like to thank Mark Haen, Jack Haen, and Ryan Brungraber for fixing the dam.

Pending Business

Wake Boarding/Wake Boats on Clark Lake.

Gwenn Graboyes would like to thank the Park and Recreation Committee for taking the time to familiarize themselves with this agenda item. Clark Lake Advancement Association is dedicated to preserving and protecting Clark Lake. All the studies Gwenn has found state that you need a minimum of 20 feet to have wake boarding/boating without destroying a lake. The CLAA is asking that the Town of Jacksonport and the Town of Sevastopol pass an ordinance to prohibit wake boating/boarding on Clark Lake.

Mike Kahr used to own Death's Door Marine and did a lot of work on Clark Lake. Believes wake boats will deteriorate the shoreline.

Dan Tomaszewski stated that wake surfing is at a slow speed which is safer for the participants. Agrees that theoretically wake boarding could reach the bottom but doesn't believe there is a lot of research to support that.

Dave Hubbard is familiar with Kangaroo Lake which is where he grew up. He believes the thrust of those boats reach depths a minimum of 15 feet.

Jason Perkins urges the committee to use science and facts to make a determination on wake boarding/boating. He trusts the DNR's decision on what's best for the lake. Would like the Committee to consider waiting for the DNR to decide one way or another on wake boarding/boating and how it affects the lake.

Tim Newton believes that wake surfers are only usually done in the middle of the lake, which won't disturb the bottom of the lake.

Bob DeFaut has lived on the lake all his life. Believes that wake boating/boarding should not be allowed.

Denise Chevenert struggles with the current ordinances on the lake and enforcement. Believes that the enforcement is going to be very difficult.

Heidi Tomaszewski has lived on the lake for 10 years. Wants to be able to enjoy wake boarding/boating and showed a few short videos on wake boarding/surfing on Clark Lake.

Rob Rock does not own a wake boat, but he has a boat that he pulls his kids behind him. Believes that all the wake boating/boarding happens in the middle of the lake which prevents the erosion.

Ryan agrees with the ordinance but doesn't believe singling out one group of people using the lake will create less erosion on the lake. Gary would like the DNR's direction. Dan believes we need to do something. Hugh agrees with the ordinance and keeping everyone safe. Trent believes there should be a designated area. Mark can see both sides but would like to see some direction from the DNR before we decide on this ordinance.

Motion by Dan to recommend the Town Board consider the current ordinance as presented. No second.

Motion by Gary to wait to see what the DNR comes up with. No second.

Motion by Dan to recommend the Town Board consider the ordinance with a one-year moratorium on enhanced wake boating/boarding. No second.

Motion by Trent to recommend banning enhanced wake boating on Clark Lake in areas that are shallower than 15 feet of water. No second.

Motion by Trent and second by Gary to table the issue a year until we get more information from the DNR. Motion passed 5 to 1.

Park Restroom Progress Report. Dan stated that we will be 95% done by February 1st. Next week Portside will do the tile. The fixtures will be done after that. There will be a few items that they will finish up in the spring when it's warmer. There were a few change orders but not many. There will be a lot of work for our employees to smooth out the ruts that are around the new restrooms. Portside has been great to work with. Mark stated the old restrooms are gutted out. Ryan and Mark started doing some interior demolition work. We will look at residing the old bathroom/concession stand in April.

New Business – None

Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

Set Next Meeting Date.

Adjourn. Motion by Trent and second by Hugh to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M. Flok
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