

**LOON LAKE – WESCOTT
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**
Annual Meeting Update
Fall 2020



By now everyone should have received the Fall Newsletter and the Agenda for the upcoming annual meeting. As indicated in the newsletter we wanted to address any questions the members had via e-mail as the meeting agenda will be restricted only to the motion to extend the current budget and postpone board member elections.

We have received a couple of questions and below is the board's response to those questions. Note that we have taken the liberty to shorten the questions, for readability purposes, as some of them were quite lengthy.

Question 1: Does the board have any thoughts or concerns about future development of the real estate listing for N6709 Loon Lake Drive (Sigrid's).

Sigrid is currently renting apartments/rooms in the building at N6709 Loon Lake Drive. According to the Wescott Zoning committee she can continue to rent but cannot expand the number of rental units. The property is up for sale. If sold the buyer can use the property as a restaurant/bar. If they want to turn the property into a multifamily unit or resort, they will have to go through the Wescott Zoning committee for approval.

If this site does go to the town for rezoning, there would be public hearings where homeowners could engage in the discussion before a decision is made. At that time the board will review the specific rezoning request and determine if the district should get involved.

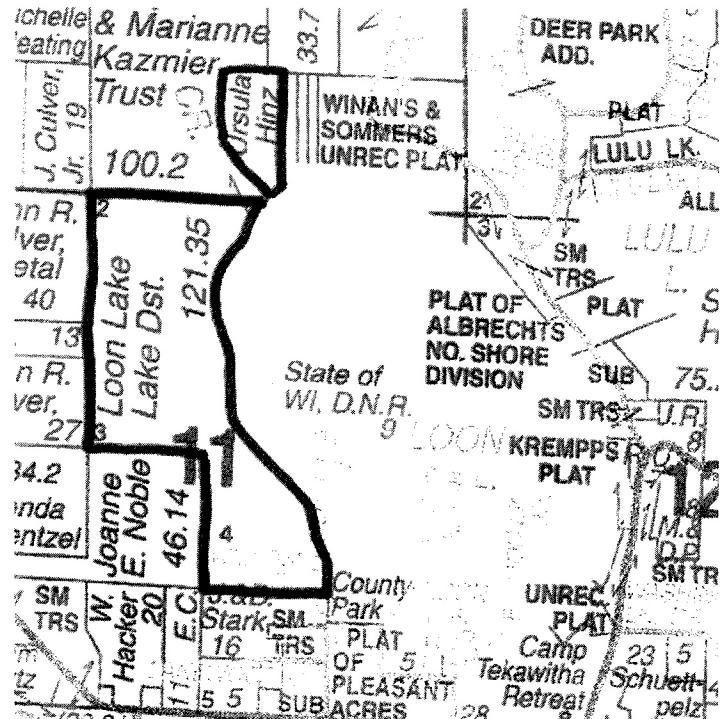
Question 2: The home and 5 acres of land at W5346 Loon Lake Circle was sold with a potential for future development.

The property is zoned residential and there is nothing stating that you can't subdivide your own property. The owner is planning to subdivide the lot into four 100-foot lots. Even if subdivided, the current zoning would not allow condo's or apartments to be built on the land.

This situation points out a good reason why the district continues to review opportunities to buy wetlands along the lake shore to protect the lake and prevent flooding of our properties.

Question 3: Can the board provide a map outlining the properties that are currently owned by the lake district?

Here is a map. The properties outlined in black are currently owned by the district.



Questions 4: A rock dam was constructed on the concrete slab at the entrance of the creek that flows into Washington Lake. Will this dam create flooding concerns when we experience high water levels on the lake?

Scott Koehnke, the DNR Enforcement/Compliance specialist, reviewed photos taken of the rocks recently placed on the concrete at the entrance of the channel. He responded, indicating that placement of rocks below the ordinary high watermark required a permit. Since no permit was obtained by the landowner, Scott ordered the removal of the rocks by September 31st.

There have been a few situations this summer where property owners have altered the lakeshore without the proper approvals. Please make sure that if you are planning any shoreline improvements you take the time to get the proper approvals. The board will continue to ask the DNR to review any shoreline changes made without the proper permits as part of our mission to protect Loon Lake.

Question 5: There were several members that reached out with concerns about the treatment of wildlife on our lake, especially the family of Loons. One e-mail reported a recent incident with a jet ski moving at a fast speed that potentially hit one of the adult loons.

The board would like to remind everyone that chasing, harassing or disturbing wildlife with a boat is unlawful. Please remind anyone that operates a boat or jet ski from your property to please keep a safe distance from the Loons or any other wildlife that makes its home on our lake. If you witness unlawful behavior, we ask that you call the Sheriff at 715-526-3111 to report the incident.

Question 6: Can the board send out a reminder of the Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities and the Loon Lake Courtesy Code?

The board would again like to remind everyone that we all have a responsibility to follow the Wisconsin Boating Laws and adhere to the Lake Courtesy Code. For your reference here is the link to the 2020 handbook for the Wisconsin Boating Laws:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/LE/LE0301.pdf>.

Below is the Courtesy Code at Loon Lake

1. Encourage personal watercraft to stay out 300 feet from shore.
2. Observe state laws to stay 100 feet from docks and boats.
3. Restrict Fireworks to the week of July 4th, using only legal fireworks and ending personal fireworks by 10:30 P.M.
 - a. THE LAW – Fireworks in Wisconsin: Fireworks that stay put and just smoke or fizzle are OK. This includes sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, snakes, smoke bombs, caps, noisemakers or confetti poppers with less than a quarter grain of explosive mixture.
 - b. Fireworks that require permits: Anything that explodes or leaves the ground – from Roman candles, firecrackers, and bottle rockets, to streaming, booming fireworks displays. Permits must be issued by municipalities to groups. Fireworks vendors cannot issue them, and individuals cannot receive them.
4. Use phosphorous-free fertilizer on lawns.
5. Observe Ordinance 54: NO WAKE BEFORE 9:00 AM AND AFTER 5:00 PM.

The board has been contacted by Jason Breeggemann from the Wisconsin DNR. They are working on updating the statewide walleye management plan and would like to know if anyone from Loon Lake would like to participate in the online stakeholder meetings for the Shawano area. If you are interested in attending could you please send your name and e-mail to the Loon Lake Board (loonlakeboard@gmail.com) and someone from the walleye team will contact you.

In closing, the board would like to remind everyone of the short ‘5-minute’ annual meeting in the parking lot at Camp Tekakwitha on Saturday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m. The only agenda item will be to take a vote to extend the current budget and postpone board member elections until the next annual meeting. Just a reminder that attendance at the meeting is not required. Please use your own judgement determining if you should attend. If you attend, face masks are required, and we ask that you follow all CDC/State social distancing guidelines during the meeting.

Stay safe out on the lake and enjoy what is left of summer!

The Loon Lake Board