LOON LAKE – WESCOTT

**MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**



**Fall 2013 Meeting Minutes**

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## **Remember our 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. **End personal fireworks by 10:30 P.M.**
   1. **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.**
   2. **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.**

Subject: Biannual Meeting of Loon Lake Management District

Date: Saturday, August 31, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m,

Place: Camp Tekawitha

Entire Board present.

Chairman Lloyd Knope called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Lloyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2013 meeting. Dave Nusbaum so moved, seconded by Joan Gregorius. Motion carried.

Larry Philbrick gave the financial report. Expenses since the May meeting totaled $82,998.10 including Marine Biochemist 2013 Treatment of $82,727.20, W.A.L. membership of $148.50 and other miscellaneous fees. Our checking account balance is $4,092.18 and the savings account balance is $37,816.53. We also have money left in a grant totaling $63.648.77. A portion of that grant money will be transferred into the association’s savings account for partial reimbursement of weed treatment expenses for 2013.

Larry presented the 2014 budget, with planned expenditures of $26,070, which includes a reduced amount of $20,000 for 2014 Eurasian Watermilfoil treatment. With a heavy treatment applied in 2013 we are planning a smaller treatment in 2014. A final determination if we can go with the reduced treatment plan will occur in early spring. Property assessment will remain at $200. John Abendroth moved that the budget be approved. Dennis Sager seconded. Motion carried.

Damian gave the weed report. The treatment application applied this Spring was designed to give us two years of control over the Eurasian Milfoil, with only minimal treatment required next year. The monitoring of the lake this summer indicated the treatment did not adversely affect any of the native plants. Milfoil is still present in the lake with some healthy plants seen as early as July.

The boating conditions were good this year with favorable water levels throughout the summer. Lloyd and Larry continued with lake monitoring this summer. Oxygen levels are good down to 9 feet and water clarity is about 6 ½ feet. Zebra mussels are not present in the lake, although they are currently active in Washington Lake. The DNR completed a weed survey in August. Results from that survey will be published in November. A copy of the report will be placed on our web site when we receive it.

Jeff Stark raised a concern about boats anchoring in the narrow waterway behind the island during busy weekend boating hours. He proposed we amend our courtesy code to ask fisherman to yield that portion of the lake to boaters from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The motion was declined with a vote of 14 in favor and 17 opposed to the change.

There was also a short discussion on fireworks being launched from the island. Several residents raised concern on how this activity would impact the wild life near the island. It was suggested that inappropriate activities involving fireworks be referred to the sheriff’s office.

Mike Schuler gave a quick update on town business. He mentioned the town hired one new employee. He also provided an update on the Curt Black Road construction project. The project is currently under review because of the wetlands alongside the road. If all goes well he still believes the project will start this fall.

Gene Hoppe addressed some questions on the county budget. He also clarified a question about the use of the right lane on the newer portion of Lake Dr. That lane is reserved for parking. It was not intended to be a bike or walking lane as some have thought.

Dennis Sager made a motion to adjourn. Dave Nusbaum seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Claire Lueck, Secretary