

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Monthly Meeting Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee Aquatic Invasive Species	Date:	September 12, 2023	
	Time:	7:06pm	
	Location	Zoom Meeting	
	Next Meeting Date/Time:	January 9, 2024 7:00pm	
Conducted by:	Nick Williams		
Recorded by:	Jorja Burke, Alternate Secretary		
ATTENDEE INFORMATION			
Attended	Name	Lake	Attended via Zoom or CC
	Behr, Fritz	Lynx Lake	Mtg is ZOOM only.
X	Benn, Eric	Armour	
X	Burke, Jeff	Van Vliet	
X	Burke, Jorja	Van Vliet	
	Casey, Susan	Armour	
	Cerny, William	Lynx	
	Czarny, Mike	Van Vliet	
	Drum, Sue	Horsehead	
	Gawriluk, Susie	Katinka	
	Gorrilla, Colleen	Crab	
	Gruca, Gary	Lynx	
	Higley, Catherine*	Vilas C. Invas.Spec.Co	
	Horswill, Bob	Armour	
	Jacobsen, Ronie	Van Vliet	
	Kenkel, Jeff	Lone Pine Lake	
x	Lewandoski, June	Rosalind/Papoose	
X	Lewandoski, Paul	Rosalind/Papoose	
X	Mawicke, Ann	Natural Lakes	
	Meessmann, Jeff	Natural Lakes	
	Novak, Linda	Oxbow	
	Novak, Otto	Oxbow	
x	Phillips, Carol	Wildcat	

x	Phillips, Richard	Wildcat	
	Plouff, Gary	Frontier Lakes	
	Preston, Tom	Katinka	
	Ruch, Bob	Carlin	
x	Ruch, Judy	Carlin	
	Sisbach, Sarah	Presque Isle	
	Speer, Gail	Katinka	
	Suffron, John	Annabelle	
	Suffron, Kay	Annabelle	
x	Vogt, Dave	Annabelle	
	Watkins, Mary	Carlin	
	Weber, Cathy Logan	Annabelle/Town Supv.	
	Weigand, Tom	Horsehead	
	Wierzba, Tom	Big	
X	Williams, Nick	<u>Crab</u>	
	Zarembka, Fred	<u>Big</u>	

MEETING MINUTES	
Topic/Subject	Discussion Items
Call to Order	Nick Williams @ 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance	Deferred.
Secretaries' Minutes	Accepted.w/correction of name spelling at 7.a. "Carol"
Changes/additions to agenda	None
Intro of new members/guests	None
Treasurer's Report/Budget	. Beginning balance of \$3921.70. No transactions since August 2023 meeting. .
Correspondence	As Otto/Oxbow was unable to attend this meeting, he sent an email to all members which included information in 6.b. below.

6. Old Business

- a. Next round of lake studies – preliminary applications due September 15, final due November 15: See yellow highlighted lakes below.** Prior to this meeting, Nick/Crab Lake and Otto/Oxbow Lake conferred re this subject. The next round of lake studies will include only GPS points, no shoreline analysis, as DNR guidelines currently indicate once every 10 years is adequate. Cost is \$11,600 each lake (Big, Crab, Annabelle, Armour, Horsehead) with the exception of Little Horsehead at \$9,159. The approximate total is \$67,130 with 60% of that amount coming from the DNR (\$40,000-\$36,365) and the balance paid by the town and the lake associations. Currently, revisions to the DNR grant program allow for a maximum grant from DNR to be about \$10,000 per grant. Regarding discussion during the 08.08.23 PITLC meeting regarding the timeline of the 5-7 years between lake grants (which is determined by the DNR), in a follow-up with the DNR, Otto/Oxbow learned it is determined by the dates of the fieldwork.

Otto N/Oxbow will attend the October Town Board Meeting to take care of any questions relating to the lake study resolution to be signed for the 6 lakes submitting DNR Grant Applications on or before November 15.

Jeff B/Van Vliet Lake will attend the budget meeting(s) on PITLC's behalf. Eric/Armour Lake may attend as well. Consistent with the budget in past years, PITLC will request the Town Board's approval of \$13,000 (plus \$1300 for operating costs: upkeep of the Dissolved Oxygen Meter, supplies, etc.) for their 2024 budget. Nick will also correspond with Cathy Logan Weber, Acting Chair.

Per Eric/Armour Lake, the FOAL wants to proceed with the current grant application and understands that the lake association will have responsibility for a significant contribution of the cost (estimated share as previously discussed) if a grant is approved and awarded beyond the GPS point study.

Along with these minutes, Nick has included a rough draft of the financial commitments regarding the proposed grant submissions. The approved sections are the first as adjusted by the second regarding Horsehead and Armour Lakes. The other sections are no longer applicable.'

Remember to send in volunteer hours at the end of the year. Lake Associations' grant shares are due 1st Q 2025. Nick will send a copy of the spreadsheet he created to PITLC members.

b. Hazardous Wake Ordinance + lake association membership surveys.

- a. Criticisms of the ordinance by Robin Miller/DNR were viewed as "not substantive."

Otto/Oxbow Lake commented via email to PITLC members the following: "The Oxbow Lake Association (OLA) did not elect to conduct the survey for the following reason:

- OLA is a 501c3 and the President felt the question was borderline "political"

Otto further opined, "There doesn't appear to be any value in the survey as it lacks the specific details of a proposed regulation and therefore, respondents can't make informed decisions. When a vague survey such as this is performed the results can lead to unintended consequences. Incomplete surveys can be molded and presented in a way that ensures that the requester of the survey gets the results they want. For example, based on Sarah's presentation to the Town Board regarding the Presque Isle Lake Association's approach to the survey, it appeared the association attempted to encompass all Presque Lake property owners and not just Lake Association members – a positive thing to do. Sarah mentioned that the surveys were sent to 96 property owners and that two-thirds responded. I may not have the exact numbers correct, but I believe she mentioned that 65 property owners responded. This indicates that 31 people may not have felt compelled to respond. When coupled with the number of respondents (15 or 16) who were opposed, one could interpret the results as being pretty close to even."

- c. **Other:** Nick spoke to "succession planning" of/for lake association boards and what some of the steps involved may include.

	<p>Updates to “helpful links” homepage on the PI website have been made. Ann/Natural Lakes has retested and it works. Eric noted that finding the studies is not intuitive on the DNR page. He will contact the DNR web administrators.</p> <p>Dave/Annabelle said a lake management study/report was done in 2000/2001, prior to PITLC. It is not online where is it? Ann says it’s out there but it may be necessary to click on every link to find it. If there’s a grant #, look for that. Eric located the 1998 Annabelle comprehensive lake plan online and will send URL to Dave. Van Vliet Lake also has 2 reports to locate on the DNR website, one by Onterra and one by Bonestroo.</p> <p>Regarding discussion during the 08.08.23 PITLC meeting, Otto advised, via email, regarding the timeline of the 5-7 years between lake grants (which is determined by the DNR). In a follow-up with the DNR, Otto learned It is determined by the date of the fieldwork.</p> <p>Remaining on the “to-do list” is still the question of what lake associations are doing with the White Water study results.</p>
7. New Business	<p>a. Upcoming events – Next meeting January 9, 2024 October meeting cancelled by motion of Judy/Carlin Lake, 2nd by Dave/Annabelle. All aye.</p> <p>b. Town Chairman Election November 14, 2023 – Order your absentee ballot as soon as possible.</p> <p>c. Other: None</p>
Next Meeting	<p>a. October 10, 2023: Cancelled</p> <p>b. January 9, 2024: Zoom or PI Community Center or cancelled.</p>
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned by Nick Williams at 7:51pm.

Unapproved minutes.

<u>Body of Water</u>	<u>Last Grant Award</u>
Annabelle	2018
Anne	2018
Armour	2018
Averill	2018
Beaver	2017
Big	2018
Carlin	2009/2019
Cathaline	2016
Crab/Little Crab/North Crab	2018
Dunn	2017
Horsehead	2018
Katinka	2009
Little Horsehead	2015
Little Presque Isle	2017
Lone Pine	2009
Lynx	2016
Mabel	2016
McCullough	2017
Morton	2017
Oxbow	2017
Papoose	2016
Presque Isle	2018
Red Bass	2018
Rice Creek	2015

Round	2015
Rudolph	2009
S Branch PI River	2017
Stateline	2017
Twin Island	2017
Van Vliet	2018
Wildcat	2018