

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Monthly Meeting Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee Aquatic Invasive Species	Date:	January 11, 2022	
	Time:	7:00 pm	
	Location	Zoom Meeting	
	Next Meeting Date/Time:	April 12, 2022 at 7 PM - Zoom or PI Community Center	
Conducted by:	Nick Williams		
Recorded by:	Judy Ruch, Alternate Secretary		
ATTENDEE INFORMATION			
Attended	Name	Lake	Delegate
	Behr, Fritz	Lynx Lake	
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	
x	Gawriluk, Susie	Katinka	
	Gorrilla, Larry	Crab	
	Gorrilla, Colleen	Crab	
	Gruca, Gary	Lynx	
x	Higley, Catherine*	Vilas C. Invas.Spec.Co	
	Horswill, Bob	Armour	
	Jacobsen, Ronie	Van Vliet	
	Lewandoski, June	Rosalind/Papoose	
x	Lewandoski, Paul	Rosalind/Papoose	
x	Mawicke, Ann	Natural Lakes	
	MacLean, John	Town Board Liaison	
x	Novak, Otto	Oxbow	
x	Phillips, Carol	Wildcat	
x	Phillips, Richard	Wildcat	

x	Plouff, Gary	Frontier Lakes	
x	Preston, Tom	Katinka	
x	Ruch, Bob	Carlin	
x	Ruch, Judy	Carlin	
x	Sisbach, Sarah	Presque Isle	
	Speer, Gail	Katinka	
	Strauss, Lynn	Horsehead	
	Suffron, John	Annabelle	
	Suffron, Kay	Annabelle	
	Vogt, Dave	Annabelle	
	Walters, Lorine	Horsehead/Town Clerk	
	Watkins, Mary	Carlin	
x	Weber, Cathy Logan*	Little Horsehead, Town Board Supervisor	
	Wiegand, Tom	Horsehead	
x	Wierzba, Tom	Big	
x	Williams, Nick	Crab	
	Zarembka, Fred *Indicates non-voting member	<u>Big</u>	

MEETING MINUTES	
Topic/Subject	Discussion Items
Call to Order	Nick Williams @ 7:05 PM
Pledge of Allegiance	Deferred.
Secretaries' Minutes	Correction to the October 2021 PITLC Minutes. Under New Business, section d. Other 2. Twin Island Lake and Little PI Lake are stated as being in Natural Lakes. This should be corrected to state that Twin Island Lake and Little PI are in Frontier Lakes.
Changes/additions to agenda	None
Intro of new members/guests	Jeff Meessmann from Natural Lakes, also participating on behalf of Last Wilderness Alliance
Treasurer's Report/Budget	Balance is \$3,882.68 which includes a \$.98 interest payment
Correspondence	The PI Town Board minutes now reflect that John MacLean is our town board liaison so he is now included in all communications from this committee

<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lake Study Grants for 2017 – Otto and Nick prepared the December reimbursements for Natural Lakes, Stateline, and Oxbow Lakes. A call was made to Jill Sunderland at the DNR to fix issues of withholding money. Natural Lakes had a big difference in amounts. In early February \$42 -45,000 reimbursement to the town is expected. This same error will occur on the 2018 since the same method of determining amount was used both years. b. Lake Study Grant for 2018/2019 –13 Lakes reports are in progress. Whitewater’s reports will start coming. Annabelle Lake is already in. c. Shoreland study – Carlin Lake – No Carlin Lake Shoreland report is in yet. No known final costs yet. d. Hazardous Wake – Both sides of this issue have submitted arguments to the Vilas County Judge who will issue a ruling. Concern was made for the expedience of the ruling as it relates to the April elections. If the ordinance as written is to appear on the next Presque Isle ballot at least a month advance notice is required. There was also discussion about the voting boundary changes within Natural Lakes and if this would affect potential voting for the Hazardous Wake ordinance (if on the ballot). Eric Benn noted the voting ward changes only affect county level issues (part of Natural Lakes would vote for county level positions in Boulder Junction), not Town. Therefore, there would be no issue for potential voting for a Hazardous Wake ordinance. Also, relating to the election, Paul reported that there will be no primary for the position of Vilas County Supervisor since only 2 candidates are running: Pat Easley, the PI constable and Dick Logan, a volunteer at the Discovery Center and relative of Cathy Logan Weber. e. Other – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ann is collecting data from PITLC members on the number of wake-boats observed on their lakes this past summer. This is the first summer of activity tracked and the data will be helpful to analyze along with our lake surveys. Cathy Higley said the county would be interested in this data and she requests an update on the Hazardous Wake issue. Jeff Meessmann will update Cathy once the judge rules on the Hazardous Wake litigation. 2. Cathy Higley also spoke about the watershed protection of Rice Creek. White Water Assoc. will share data with her to fill in the gaps on where there is run-off erosion: at Round, Keego, Kitten, Maple, Mable, and Mud Lakes. 3. Cathy Higley also told of the phragmites patches found on Round Lake last summer. (From the boat launch, go north to the creek inlet. It’s there. It’s also at the canoe portage.) It has been genetically analyzed. This is the only place in PI where phragmites has been found. Crab Lake has native phragmites which are not invasive.
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<p>New Business</p>	<p>a. Reimbursement Hours for 2020 & 2021: if you haven't sent these to Nick please do. Nick will keep all emails in the future. These hours figure into our reimbursements and into grant requests.</p> <p>b. Internet and Association pledges: The PI Internet Committee is a sanctioned town committee and Nick, Cathy Logan Weber, and Eric Benn from our committee also serve on it. All of PI is underserved by the internet. Two ISPs (internet provider) have been identified to provide solutions. Estimates are needed and the Town will partner with one of the ISPs for a Public Service Commission (PSC) Grant to help fund the investment. The grant request must be filed before March, 17, 2022. It has been suggested that individuals and associations write letters/emails supporting the effort and even pledging money towards it. This indicates participation and helps earn points to win the grant. We are encouraged to contact our lake association and lake neighbors to send a letter, pledge an amount which isn't due until 2024. (Amortizing an amount over the next 2 years was suggested.) The monetary amount isn't as important (\$2 to hundreds of dollars) as the letter of support for helping our town have better internet service. Nick had a Zoom Board meeting with the Crab Lake Assoc. to accomplish this. He put out a high dollar amount to get their attention which worked. Information you can include: the project is to get fiber to your home, 1g which is the same as 1,000 mg; everyone will get it; the contracted company puts in money; the PSC puts in the most; the town the rest which could be up to \$4 million. An example is Boulder Junction: the cost there is \$7.5 million; Marshfield Clinic put in \$15,000. Cathy Logan Weber noted that the town did a mass mailing asking for support and only 100 people responded. 95% were for doing this project; 5% were against saying it may increase our taxes. Nick will supply us with the letter he sent as an example. The ISP (internet company) hasn't been chosen yet, but the town is committed to a ground based company not Starlink. We won't know the outcome until April or May. Letters are due by February. The school and Nicolet College will be asked to support this as it will enhance distance learning.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned by Nick Williams at 8:01 pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: April 12, 2022 Zoom or PI Community Center.</p>

Unapproved minutes.