

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Monthly Meeting Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee Aquatic Invasive Species	Date:	July 13, 2021	
	Time:	7:00 pm	
	Location	Zoom Meeting	
	Next Meeting Date/Time:	August 10, 2021 at 7 PM - Note change of venue to the American Legion	
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	
	Duke, Jim	Wildcat	
	Gorrilla, Larry	Crab	
	Gorrilla, Colleen	Crab	
	Gruca, Gary	Lynx	
	Higley, Catherine*	Vilas C. Invas.Spec.Co	
x	Horswill, Bob	Armour	
	Jacobsen, Ronie	Van Vliet	
x	Lewandoski, June	Rosalind/Papoose	
x	Lewandoski, Paul	Rosalind/Papoose	
x	Logan Weber, Cathy*	Town Board Liaison	
x	Mawicke, Ann	Natural Lakes	
	Novak, Linda	Oxbow	
x	Novak, Otto	Oxbow	
x	Phillips, Carol	Wildcat	

x	Phillips, Richard	Wildcat	
	Plouff, Gary	Frontier Lakes	
	Preston, Tom	Katinka	
x	Ruch, Bob	Carlin	
x	Ruch, Judy	Carlin	
	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	
	Wiegand, Tom	Horsehead	
x	Wierzba, Tom	Big	
x	Williams, Nick	Crab	
	<u>Zarembka, Fred</u> *Indicates non-voting member	<u>Big</u>	

MEETING MINUTES	
Topic/Subject	Discussion Items
Call to Order	Nick Williams @ 7 PM
Pledge of Allegiance	Deferred.
Secretaries' Minutes	No corrections
Changes/additions to agenda	None
Intro of new members/guests	None
Treasurer's Report/Budget	Balance is \$3,880.72
Correspondence	<p>1. Nick received a query from Lone Pine Lake about our committee; the president of their association likes our work; their lake was first studied in 2014.</p> <p>2. Nick discussed the letter from Lawton & Cates to the town board regarding the ATV ordinance. They are doing an open records request concerning how the ordinance was created, who drafted it, and all notes and emails regarding it.</p>

<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lake Study Grants for 2017 – Otto and Nick will work on the reimbursements in the fall before Otto leaves. b. Lake Study Grant for 2018/2019 – Nick has requested that White Water Associates send all outstanding bills. Also Carlin Lake Assoc. was sent a bill for their shoreland study and Bob Ruch said it would be paid promptly. Nick said we still have many donation bills out. He also said that PITLC has collected \$450,000 in DNR funds for studies of township lakes and rivers and we have no AIS. c. Shoreland study – Carlin Lake - For the shoreland study, science data such as Secchi dish etc. is not collected, just evaluation of the shore. Bob reported that one example is data concerning the number of natural fallen trees into the lake which also have part of the trunk on the shore. d. Dissolved oxygen meter – Paul Lewandoski has it now. e. Hazardous Wake – The town ordinance committee has been working on a draft of this. The town board voted to take the town attorney’s advice that such an ordinance was unenforceable and would subject the town to lawsuits. The Lawton and Cates letter supporting the ordinance had 24 pages of exhibits that show there are communities with such an ordinance and no lawsuits against them were found. North Lake in southern Wisconsin has a You Tube video taken with an underwater drone that shows how these wakes wash away plants and fish spawning areas. The wake also disturbs the lake bottom and brings up sediment. This impacts muskies, walleye, and northern pike which rely on visibility to catch their prey. When the lake bottom is disturbed long buried mercury and other elements are turned up from where they have been settled for years. Sawyer County has the best fishery in the state and these are concerns for them. f. Hazardous Wake Signs – Eric Benn will submit a bill. g. Other – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Red Bass Lake was attached to Lynx Lake via a culvert. Lynx Lake Assoc. paid for the cost of the study done on Red Bass Lake. The DNR would like to put an AIS sign at the canoe lift-in on Red Bass but the property owner of that site doesn’t want the sign since it would be on private property. 2. Stateline Campground has a new owner, Kelly, and we’d like to invite him to our meeting. Jorja will give Nick his contact information.
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New Business

- a. **PITLC and Lake Associations** – no discussion
- b. **Yellow flag iris study on Crab Lake** – for 2 years Crab Lake has been identifying and removing yellow iris (flower is cut off and the plant is inoculated). The entire shoreline has been walked to find them. GPS was used to locate them. The results are that there are less infected areas or they are totally gone. Any part of the plant should be placed in a black trash bag and labelled that it contains invasive plants and should go to the transfer station and not go into compost. Bob Horswill has been digging them up on the Armour Lake shoreline as well. Ann Mawicke is conducting a terrestrial invasive species workshop at the North Lakeland Discovery Center. She emphasized that 3 types of thistle: Bull, Canadian, and Eurasian Marsh should all have flowers removed (they contain thousands of seeds) and that the plant should be dug up for best control. { Editorial note: Ann was honored by the Wisconsin DNR with an Invader Crusader Award for 2021 for this work.}
- c. **Watershed study – Rice Creek:** Cathy Higley and Sean O’Connell are doing this study. County employees will walk to find where there is pollution and erosion. They are looking for volunteers to help. Tom Wierzba brought this up at the Big Lake Association meeting and was able to get 11 volunteers. (Big Lake is at one end of Rice Creek.) It was suggested that they read the Round Lake, Big Lake and Rice Creek studies that have already been done. Nick noted that the land north of Round Lake has been clear cut 3 times since he’s been up here which produces a monoculture of quaking aspen which makes it prone for army tent caterpillars.
- d. **Last Wilderness Alliance** – This group has hired Lawton and Cates attorneys to look into the ATV and Hazardous Wake ordinances in Presque Isle. June and Paul reminded us that ATV probably doesn’t come under our purview. Lawton and Cates wants to separate the 2 issues but they want to gauge community support for each. While lake associations may be discussing this issue, each individual should respond when given the opportunity.
- e. **Other –1.** More discussion on the Hazardous Wake issue: In some state lakes there is a 700 foot no-wake zone; there are few lakes in Presque Isle where this would work. Ann noted that Natural Lakes is private and they have put up a sign saying there will a \$1,000 fine for anyone launching a boat that generates a hazardous wake. Carol thinks it should be a lake by lake consideration of the hours of use, size of the lake, and the structure of the lake including the shoreline, depth, and composition of the lake bottom.
2. Paul will attend a 6 county discussion on hazardous wakes. Oneida and Vilas counties are included.. It will be virtual and is available from the Vilas County River and Lakes Association on their website: VCRLA.org

	<p>3.-The Presque Isle Zoning Committee is now meeting at our usual time in the Community Center so we've been bumped. Larry Gorilla said he would sign us up to use the American Legion facility for August and September.</p> <p>4. It was noted that the dam at Pipke Park has failed, that culverts are only made to last 40 years, and the question was raised as to when these were last inspected.</p>
Adjourn	<p>Meeting adjourned by Nick Williams at 8:26 pm</p> <p>Next Meeting at the American Legion at 7 PM, August 10,2021</p>

Unapproved minutes.