

Spoooner Lake District Fall Newsletter



August 2022

Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing to be held Saturday, September 3, 2022, 9:00 am at the Pavilion at the Washburn County Fairground. There are picnic tables, but you may want to bring a lawn chair.

Budget Summary (detail will be available on website with Agenda):

- **Income: \$128,500 (proposed tax levy \$60,000, balance is grant income, legal fee donations, etc.).**
- **Expense: \$137,200.**

There will be a board position open this fall, and we are seeking someone to fill this role. Please consider volunteering. Your ideas and thoughts are welcome. We have a meeting each quarter and additional meetings as necessary. We will also finalize the election of Logan Ludwig at this meeting (he was appointed earlier this year to replace Wayne Poteet who chose to resign).

It has been a busy year for The Board Members.

1. Last fall we purchased 3 new buoys (1 Rock, 2 Navigation). Nancy took lead on this.
2. The Town of Spooner asked us to take over the Boat Launch Pass program. To date we have sold 27 launch passes. We (the Board) chose not to charge our lake residents for launching their boats. We continued with the \$5 Boat Launch Fee and together (passes and fees), we have received approximately \$2500. This money is earmarked for weed control per the agreement with Town of Spooner. Nancy is lead on this with help from Mabi Plisky.
3. We are moving forward with updating our Spooner Lake Watershed Management Plan which is outdated (2007). It is suggested these plans be updated every 10 years. This will be a multi-year project. Maintaining, protecting and enhancing the quality of the lake is crucial in sustaining the lake's natural beauty, water quality, and availability for recreational use. The Watershed Management Plan helps us to do this. We are applying for a Grant to help offset costs. Pat Inman is lead on this project.
4. We approved going forward with a DNR initiative to Score the Shore and applying for a Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grant to help lakeshore owners that would like to do some shoreline projects with funding from DNR. You should have all received a mailing on this. Logan Ludwig is lead on this project.

5. We mechanically harvested weeds again this year. The navigation channels were harvested along with a couple other areas. We are still working the best timing for the harvesting. This year harvesting was performed earlier than last year. Plans for next year will be discussed at the meeting. If anyone has the crystal ball on weather and weed conditions, please bring it to the meeting! Jay and Nancy lead this project.
6. We are having conversations with Town of Spooner about fixing the boat launch. The boat launch is owned by the Town of Spooner so it is their expense and decision, however, they are open to our suggestions and input, which we really appreciate. Jay Nordstrom is lead with help from Mike/Mabi Plisky and Don Cuskey.
7. We continue to legally fight the campground. The developer is starting to cut trees & widen existing driveways. The Washburn County Board of Adjustment decided in May 2022 to agree with Zoning Committee decision from October 2021. We have filed an appeal to the State of WI Circuit Court. Ed Fisher is currently soliciting/accepting pledges to help offset the cost. Ed Fisher and Pat Inman are leading this project.
8. The one-foot drawdown is scheduled as follows: “Begins the Monday closest to September 21 and ends the Thursday closest to October 15,” so this year will begin Monday, September 19 and end Thursday, October 13. Jay is leading this.

We are still requesting email addresses for electronic communications. Your information will only be used for Lake District communications. Please send your name and email address to: spoonerlakeweb@outlook.com

Web address is www.spoonerlakewi.com. Meeting schedule, agenda, and minutes are posted there.
Mailing address is P.O. Box 73, Spooner, WI 54801

Chairman: Jay Nordstrom, Treasurer: Nancy Hanson, Secretary: Ed Fisher, Commissioners: Pat Inman and Logan Ludwig

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Spooner Lake District Board Members