

MINUTES
Lake Ordinances Review Committee
(Town of Oakland & Lake District Boards)
June 9, 2004

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake District office. Committee members present included Paul Jorstad, Lynn Anderson, John Molinaro and Dennis McCarthy. Paul Dearlove was present to record minutes and serve as technical consultant. Bruce Gondert of the Oakland Town Police was also in attendance as a public observer.

Jorstad moved to approve the minutes of the committee's 4/29/04 meeting. McCarthy seconded. Motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Dearlove updated the committee on s. 30.77, Wis. Stats., which establishes state parameters on the launch fees that can be charged for the purpose of operating and maintaining a publicly owned boat access site. Parameters include not exceeding a certain base fee—or that which is charged a state resident vehicle for entrance to the state parks—plus permitted surcharges. Dearlove reviewed the 2004 base fee rates, and summarized the additional fees that could be included as optional surcharges. He also pointed out that differential fees could be charged on the basis of residency within the unit of government maintaining or operating the access. Discussion then ensued as to how the fee structure could be amended in light of the new information. ***Molinaro moved to recommend that the term "resident" be defined in Town Ordinance #2 as an individual who permanently resides or owns real property in the Town of Oakland. Molinaro further moved that the Town of Oakland adopt the following fee structure for use of the public boat landing: \$5.00 resident daily pass; \$7.00 non-resident daily pass; \$3.00 senior-citizen daily pass; \$20.00 resident annual pass; \$25.00 non-resident annual pass; \$10.00 senior-citizen annual pass; \$10.00 for duplicates/replacements. Anderson seconded. Motion passed by a 4-0 vote.***

Dearlove advised the committee that, for the sole purpose of regulating piers through Town Ordinance #42, the current map and definition of an ecologically significant (or sensitive) area is probably sufficient. Committee members concurred with the assessment, but requested that he work on drafting a model definition that the Town could consider as part of a more comprehensive land-use policy or ordinance.

The committee reviewed several existing anti-funneling/keyholing ordinances that Dearlove had compiled. Problems associated with keyholing were then discussed, as well as the potential of existing lakefront parcels to support such developments. ***McCarthy moved to recommend that the Town of Oakland create an anti-funneling/keyholing ordinance. Molinaro seconded. Motion passed by a 4-0 vote.***

The committee discussed current zoning around Lake Ripley, including the future likelihood of new commercial uses that could add to boating congestion and overuse. Anderson indicated that most of the property that fronts Lake Ripley is zoned R-1, with the exception of the marina that operates under a "waterfront" zoning classification. She indicated that the waterfront zoning classification was not currently addressed in the Town's growth plan as it relates to rezoning requests. ***Molinaro moved to recommend that the Town of Oakland include a definition of waterfront zoning in its Comprehensive Growth Plan. McCarthy seconded. Motion passed by a 4-0 vote.***

Under new business, Molinaro discussed the idea of creating an emergency slow-no-wake policy that could be instituted on Lake Ripley during periods of excessively high water levels. Dearlove distributed copies of Ch. 72.08(3)(a) of the Dane County code as an example approach of addressing the issue. Discussion ensued as to the feasibility and methodology of instituting such a policy. ***McCarthy moved to recommend that the Town of Oakland establish an emergency slow-no-wake policy to take effect during periods of high water when such conditions threaten public health, safety, welfare and/or property. Molinaro seconded. Motion passed by a 4-0 vote.***

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, July 7, 2004, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lake District office. Agenda topics will include environmentally sensitive areas, public and private boat ramps, and slow-no-wake spatial zoning.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.