

MINUTES
Lake Ordinances Review Committee
(Town of Oakland & Lake District Boards)
August 4, 2004

The meeting of the Lake Ordinances Review Committee started at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake District office. Committee members present included John Molinaro, Lynn Anderson and Dennis McCarthy. Paul Jorstad was absent. Paul Dearlove was present to record minutes and serve as technical consultant.

McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the committee's 7/7/04 meeting. Anderson seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The committee discussed waterfront zoning and the potential for more commercial marinas on Lake Ripley. Anderson noted that the existing marina is currently the only waterfront zoned parcel in the Town of Oakland. Committee members agreed that waterfront zoning should be defined and addressed in the Town of Oakland's Comprehensive Growth Plan. ***Molinaro moved to recommend to the Town of Oakland that it update its Comprehensive Growth Plan to include a waterfront zoning definition consistent with Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance No. 11.04(f)(9.), except for the following changes under Conditional Uses: minimum lot area of 1.0 acre for both sewered and unsewered lots; minimum width and depth of 200 feet; minimum building setback from the Ordinary High Water Mark of 75 feet; and maximum building height of one story or 15 feet. McCarthy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.***

The committee also noted that the Town of Oakland's Comprehensive Growth Plan represents a collection of decision-making guidelines. It was agreed that the provisions of the Plan should be adopted as ordinance for enforcement purposes. ***Molinaro moved to recommend to the Town of Oakland that it adopt an ordinance to codify the guidelines outlined in its Comprehensive Growth Plan. McCarthy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.***

After reviewing Town Ordinance #42 and the locations of mapped sensitive areas on Lake Ripley, the committee agreed that these areas should be expanded to include the channels. ***McCarthy moved to expand the sensitive area map to include the horseshoe channel known as Vasby's Ditch and the inlet channel. Molinaro seconded. Motion carried 3-0.***

In regards to enforcement, the committee agreed that the Town of Oakland should be encouraged to continue funding a seasonal lake patrol officer.

Dearlove distributed a draft resolution summarizing all of the committee's recommendations to date. The committee reviewed the recommendations and asked Dearlove to amend the resolution to include today's motions. ***Molinaro moved that the committee submit the resolution and its associated recommendations to the Oakland Town Board. McCarthy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.*** (See attached resolution)

Molinaro moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Anderson seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned, and no further meetings scheduled.

RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE RIPLEY ORDINANCES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Relating to: Recommended actions by Town of Oakland to help increase user safety, reduce recreational conflict, limit the potential for overcrowding, and preserve lake health.

WHEREAS Lake Ripley is an important resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS a 2003 study commissioned by the Lake Ripley Management District demonstrated that boat traffic routinely exceeded the lake’s estimated carrying capacity based on minimal safety and environmental-protection standards; and

WHEREAS the Committee recognizes the need for responsible and balanced local regulations to effectively manage boating access and use of the lake

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT:

This Committee, being comprised of Board members from both the Lake Ripley Management District and Town of Oakland, recommends that the following actions be taken by the Oakland Town Board:

- 1. Amend Oakland Town Ordinance #2 to:
 - a) raise the launch fees for the public boat landing consistent with s. 30.77, Wis. Stats., and as outlined in the table below.

Sticker fees	Annual	Daily
Oakland property owner	\$10.00	\$ 3.00
WI resident	\$20.00	\$ 5.00
WI resident age 65 or older	\$10.00	\$ 3.00
Out-of-state resident	\$30.00	\$10.00
Replacement sticker	\$10.00	-----

- b) designate a slow-no-wake area within a 200-foot distance of the Lake Ripley shoreline (in addition to buoyed restricted zones already described in this ordinance).
 - c) redefine the slow-no-wake buoyed restricted area in South (Marina) Bay to include all water south of an east-west line connecting the south property boundaries of parcels 022-0613-0833-001 and 022-0613-0743-025.
- 2. Amend Oakland Town Ordinance #42 to:
 - a) include as mapped sensitive area all of Vasby’s Channel and the inlet channel.
 - b) prohibit new or expanded piers, wharves and swim rafts from being placed within Lake Ripley’s designated sensitive areas.
 - c) prohibit new private or public access ramps anywhere on Lake Ripley.
- 3. Amend the Town of Oakland’s Comprehensive Growth Plan to include a waterfront zoning definition consistent with Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance No. 11.04(f)(9.), except for the following changes under Conditional Uses: minimum lot area of 1.0 acre for both sewered and unsewered lots; minimum width and depth of 200 feet; minimum building setback from the Ordinary High Water Mark of 75 feet; and maximum building height of one story or 15 feet.
- 4. Adopt an ordinance that codifies all development guidelines outlined in the Town of Oakland’s Comprehensive Growth Plan.
- 5. Adopt an anti-funneling ordinance to prevent new keyhole developments on Lake Ripley.

6. Adopt an emergency slow-no-wake ordinance to take effect during periods of high water when such conditions threaten public health, safety, welfare and/or property.

The Committee also supports the continued funding of a seasonal, 35-hour per week, lake patrol officer to help enforce applicable Town ordinances.

Resolution with final recommendations approved August 4, 2004

By a vote of: 3 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining