

14 Mile Watershed Committee

MINUTES February 6, 2017 at 6:00PM

Jerry Jensen asks

Should we be posting an agenda and minutes? - We need to check this out. Steve Nowicki will find out about this.

Is the allocation that Rome made toward this water committee- Is that part of our spendable budget? How much was it.

At the last meeting, Don gave us social economic education, and this was a good start, to educate the residents of Rome, as to how the lakes impact our society.

Wally Sedlar- He would like to make it clear that we did not contract Wally. He is just taking the soil samples and he submits them to the lab. Then Tri-Lakes would be billed. He is volunteering his labor.

Amend that statement in the last minutes.

Voted unanimously at \$3000. to go toward the soil sampling. The then goes to the Tri-Lakes Management Board to approve the use of this money.

From the 14 Mile Creek watershed partnership

We need your help! Currently Tri Lakes Management District is looking for homeowner volunteers from each of the three lakes, Arrowhead, Camelot and Sherwood to allow us to test your yard soils. This will be done by a professional soil sampler and at no cost to the homeowner. We will be looking for about 50 sites per lake placed throughout the lake shores to give us a balanced view of what our shorelines contain for material makeup. The homeowner and the soil tester will be the only people having the direct results of each test, and they will be anonymous to Tri Lakes.

The purpose of the tests will allow us to identify potentially what may come from our shorelines as for materials, and allow us to better asses what can be done to help control that material. Some of the information we are looking for are:

Do you fertilize your lawn?

Privately?

Lawn service provider?

Any knowledge of what is applied?

Is weed killer used and if so what?

Any knowledge as to the volume applied?

Are there electric dog fences?

Wally informs us that this taking these core samples from the lawns and testing them, will tell us, for example, what quantity of nutrients are given off by a lawn going up to the lake vs having a buffer of plants and how that uses the excess nutrients that might have gone into the lake. Wally will let the homeowner know the test results, but no one else specifically.

John Endrizzi speaks.

A continuation of what the group has started. The testing that Scott and McGinley have spoken about. There may be some errors of omission. Would like to see a strong sampling of waters at the entrance, and where the water leaves our lakes. He would like to see an established testing system to identify spots along the watershed to see what is COMING TO US. What changes are being made to our water? Is it changing the temperatures of our lakes? John would like to see a continuous system of testing.

Wally has someone compiling the data that we have been collecting before the lake and in the lakes. There are 5 sites being tested.

Steve reads a letter from Scott Provost as he was unable to attend tonight's meeting:

“Dr. McGinnley is submitting the grant application to the National Science Fund. For the study we discussed earlier.

I was excited after the last meeting to see a turf nutrient monitoring idea develop. This should be ready to go this spring before spring application season starts (follow Wally's lead).

Should we move along with a lake and Ag meeting? Should we get a moderator? UW-Extension could do that.

Here's a link to some type of circulators that were discussed at last month's meeting. A series of these, or something similar to this, could circulate water from the channels out to the main lake. I doubt this would work if it had to compete against the wind, but it should be used with the wind is in the right direction or on calm days. I want to reiterate this is not a sustainable option. This is more or less, triage for the residents in the channels. “

<http://www.pondsolutions.com/pond-heaters-and-deicers/>

Steve asks do we want to bring in the Ag and do we want to bring in the lawn applicators to speak and work with them.

Meeting from 10-Noon with lunch to follow.

We ask Wally get back by us at the end of the week for a date. Also we must contact Scott for a date. Last week in March Wally has available in the beginning of the week.

We will be looking for the process. What do they apply? How often do they apply? How much of the fertilizer do they apply?

We could also go to the Co-ops and see what they are doing.

All are agreed to let Scott proceed with the University of Wisconsin.

At our March meeting if it falls in the right time span that we meet before the meeting with the Lawn Fertilizers.

Second Monday of the Month March 13 at 6:00p.

Jerry Jensen would like to invite Chuck Sibilsky. (works in Wally's office).

Showing him where shoreline was eroding in the lake and get his take on where we could do some shoreline improvement. It would be nice to get grants, and some of the money put aside for this project.

We need to do things as homeowners (ourselves).