

**MAPLE GROVE
LAKE QUALITY
COMMISSION MINUTES
February 15, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER A meeting of the Lake Quality Commission (LQC) was held on February 15, 2023 in the Mayor’s Conference Room at the Maple Grove Government Center, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove

Vice Chairperson O’Callaghan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Becky Fahrenbruch – Chair - Eagle Lake
Brennon O’Callaghan – Fish Lake
George Schneider – Rice Lake
Nancy Bergstrand – Weaver Lake
Sharon Martin-Kotula – Edward Lake
Joe Ruegsegger – At Large

Commissioners Absent:

Steve Lane – Cedar Island Lake

Others Present:

Kristy Janigo, City Council Liaison
Justin Templin, City Attorney
Derek Asche, City of Maple Grove
Mark Lahtinen, City of Maple Grove
Tom Anderson
Mary Parenteau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the January 18, 2023 LQC meeting were presented.

MOTION TO APPROVE made by Schneider, second by Bergstrand. With all in favor the motion was APPROVED.

2023 LQC WORK PLAN The final 2023 LQC Work Plan was presented.

MOTION TO APPROVE made by Schneider, second by Ruegsegger. With all in favor the motion was APPROVED.

DATA, ETHICS, AND OPEN MEETING LAW TRAINING City Attorney Templin provided a presentation and training for LQC on best practices for data, expectations for ethics, and the procedures for compliance with open meeting law.

BUCKTHORN PRESENTATION Mary Parenteau and Tom Anderson from the City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee presented to the LQC on buckthorn. The presentation included topics such as identifying buckthorn, the invasive status of buckthorn, how buckthorn

spreads, how buckthorn is detrimental to forest habitat, and management of buckthorn.

LAKE
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM
PROCESS

Asche updated the LQC on the process for submitting and reviewing proposals and projects for the Lake Improvement Program. Asche noted proposals for 2023 programming are due on 2/28/23.

AREA REPORTS

Rice Lake, George Schneider – Aerator is running and has been inspected by the DNR. The RLAA annual meeting is on 5/2/23. The lake currently seems to have an odor of decaying organic material.

Eagle Lake, Becky Fahrenbruch – A skating party took place in early February. Very few vehicles have been on the lake. Some fishing taking place but also much litter has been left on the lake. The winter festival is scheduled for 2/25/23.

Fish Lake, Brennon O’Callaghan – Little snow currently on the ice which overall is in poor condition. A successful polar plunge took place. People are catching perch.

Edward Lake, Sharon Martin-Kotula – Aerator is running and was inspected by the DNR. Lots of waterfowl and deer have been present recently.

Weaver Lake, Nancy Bergstrand – Lots of water recently on the ice from rain. Fish are schooling together in 3-5’ of water.

INFORMATIONAL
ITEMS

George Schneider noted the Rice Lake Area Association may have a LIP next month for buoys.

FUTURE
MEETING:

March 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.