

**MAPLE GROVE
LAKE QUALITY
COMMISSION MINUTES
February 17, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER A meeting of the Lake Quality Commission was held on February 17, 2021 via Webex. Becky Fahrenbruch called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Becky Fahrenbruch – Chair - Eagle Lake
George Schneider – Rice Lake
Steve Lane – Cedar Island Lake
Nancy Bergstrand – Weaver Lake
Sharon Martin-Kotula – Edward Lake
Joe Randall – Fish Lake

Commissioners Absent:

Ben Zaker – At-Large

Others Present:

City Council Member LQC Liaison Karen Jaeger
Dave Spatafore – Fish Lake
Steve McComas – Blue Water Science
Derek Asche, City of Maple Grove
Mark Lahtinen, City of Maple Grove

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting of the Lake Quality Commission were reviewed for accuracy.

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

AREA REPORTS Weaver Lake, Nancy Bergstrand – Not much activity due to cold weather.

Rice Lake, George Schneider – Aerator operating.

Eagle Lake, Becky Fahrenbruch – Quiet due to cold weather. No winter festival this year due to Covid.

Edward Lake, Sharon Martin-Kotula – Aerator is operating. Quiet due to cold weather.

Cedar Island Lake, Steve Lane – Aerator is operating. Quiet due to cold.

Fish Lake, Joe Randall – Little activity due to cold weather, however, Dave Spatafore reported that with the cold weather there is enough ice to get equipment on the ice for carp harvesting. Carp were congregating in the same area

as last year. An attempt to net and remove carp may be made next week when the weather warms up by J.R. Commercial Fishing.

Karen Jaeger, City Council – Many animal tracks can be seen.

2021 WORK PLAN **MOTION TO APPROVE by Schneider, second by Lane. With all in favor the motion was APPROVED.**

LAKE
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM

Asche presented the criteria for the funding of Lake Improvement Projects (LIP). The LIP applications are due by February 28, 2021. Asche noted one project for Cedar Island involving the removal of weeds which clog the Cedar Island outlet pump. George Schneider asked about the funds available to residents for shoreline improvement projects and Asche responded that LQC has historically set aside \$1,500 for individual improvement projects and that remains the case in 2021. Jaeger noted there may be grants available as well from watersheds. Sharon Martin-Kotula asked whether a boat ramp on Edward Lake might be eligible for funding and Asche responded that the project should be submitted so it can be reviewed by the LQC. The Lake Improvement Program applications will be provided to the LQC in March for review and approval.

2020 LAKE WATER
QUALITY
MONITORING
REPORT

Steve McComas of Bluewater Science presented the annual lake quality monitoring report. Data on Eagle and Pike Lakes compiled by the Shingle Creek Watershed will be included in this report when it is compiled. The report will be available on the City website once it is finalized. Steve Lane mentioned that Cedar Island was clear last year but that there were more weeds. Steve McComas explained that weeds and algae compete for nutrients so sometimes one will dominate in a lake.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

Asche indicated that two applications have been received for vacant LQC Commissioner positions. There is also an opening for a Citizen Assisted Water Quality Monitoring (CAMP) position on Pike Lake.

FUTURE
MEETING:
ADJOURNMENT

March 17, 2021

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Bergstrand, second by Martin-Kotula. With all in favor the motion was APPROVED. 7:19 p.m.