

**MAPLE GROVE  
LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
April 19, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER      A meeting of the Lake Quality Commission (LQC) was held on April 19, 2023 in the Mayor’s Conference Room at the Maple Grove Government Center, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove

Chairperson Fahrenbruch called the meeting to order at 6:31 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  
Steve Lane – Cedar Island Lake

Commissioners Absent:

None

Others Present:

Kristy Janigo, City Council Liaison  
Derek Asche, City of Maple Grove  
Mark Lahtinen, City of Maple Grove

APPROVAL OF MINUTES      Minutes of the March 15, 2023 LQC meeting were presented. Bergstrand requested “annual meeting” be changed to “monthly” in the Area Reports section as it relates to Weaver Lake.

**MOTION TO APPROVE with the change was made by Lane, second by Bergstrand. With all in favor the motion was APPROVED.**

AREA REPORTS      Cedar Island, Steve Lane – Ice out occurred on April 13. Lake level is near normal and there was a small fish kill.

Rice Lake, George Schneider – Ice out on April 14. The aerator is off and there was a fish kill.

Eagle Lake, Becky Fahrenbruch – Ice out on April 14. Annual meeting was held recently with very good speakers. A dead eagle was found.

Fish Lake, Brennon O’Callaghan – Concurred with Joe Ruegsegger’s comments. Noted there is interest in understanding the process for modifying lake regulations.

Edward Lake, Sharon Martin-Kotula – Ice went out on April 10. Some dead fish were seen and the waterfowl have returned.

Weaver Lake, Nancy Bergstrand – The loons are out on Weaver Lake.

Staff, Mark Lahtinen – Have started taking regular lake readings and the lakes are up, rebounding from last fall's drought.

Council Liaison Kristy Janigo – The annual Lake Improvement Program passed at the April 17 City Council meeting.

Joe Ruegsegger, At Large – Noted a fish kill on Rice Lake and that loons have come to Fish. Lake levels seem fine but with the no-wake in effect he is hearing complaints.

WATER  
OBSTACLES

Asche reviewed the 2023 water obstacle applications which included three water slalom courses on Fish, Rice, and Cedar Island and new buoys on Rice Lake. Asche noted that certificates of insurance have been provided for the slalom courses and the insurance is pending on the buoys. Staff recommended approval of all four applications with the Rice Lake buoys application conditional upon receiving the required insurance.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the three slalom course applications made by Lane, second by Martin-Kotula. With all in favor the motion was APPROVED.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE the Rice Lake buoys conditionally upon receiving the required insurance made by Lane, second by O'Callaghan. With all in favor the motion was APPROVED.**

MS4 ANNUAL  
MEETING AND  
PRESENTATION

Asche presented to the Commission on the Maple Grove Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit issued through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). It was noted that the City is required to create regulatory mechanisms, map and inventory the drainage system, provide education, inspect construction sites, inspect illicit discharges, manage long-term stormwater best management practices and more. The City is also required to implement projects, practices, and programs to meet the requirements of approved Total Maximum Daily Load Plans (TMDLs).

MAPLE GROVE  
DAYS

The LQC discussed participation in Maple Grove Days. It was agreed participation is valuable to reach residents on lake issues. Adopt-a-Street would be a good topic. Each LQC member is encouraged to participate by taking a shift during the Maple Grove Days event. Asche indicated he would reach out to a local educator to assist in staffing the booth and purchase some give-away items.

INFORMATIONAL  
ITEMS

None.

FUTURE  
MEETING: May 17, 2023

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.