

Menominee Town/County

Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 17th, 2023 - 8:30 am

County Conservation Building W3270 Courthouse Lane, Keshena WI

- 1. Call to Order. Roll call. Denise Gilane calls meeting to order at 8:27 a.m. Heather Pyatskowitz, Ruth Winter, Denise Gilane are present. Jeremy Johnson, Abby Vogt, Alex Forster are also present.*
- 2. Approval of meeting minutes from July 13, 2023. Ruth motions to approve minutes, second by Heather, All in favor, motion passes. Steve Savage arrived at this time.*
- 3. Timberland Invasives Partnership. Abby gives an update on TIP activities since last meeting. Alex and Abby finished up Spotted Knapweed around Legend Lake. Abby has been working on Buckthorn, Honeysuckle, Burning Bush, and Goutweed. This month has consisted of a lot of control work, Alex has helped when Abby has been out in other counties. August 19th Abby and Alex will be at the Legend Lake Fair. Abby has been working with Cierra to set up a time to treat Phragmites across from Max Martin Rd. and Rainbow Falls Rd. Abby also had a half day volunteer Sharon Johnson where they worked on Buckthorn at Medicine Hat Beach Club.*
- 4. Cost-share project request for Kreuser/Seegers at N1130 Whispering Pines Court. Jeremy explains the design plans aren't ready for this site due to the state engineer, Alex, and himself went to look at the site August 8th. He will get the design drawn up, both of the contractors that bid for this site have done these types of projects and are well aware of how they go. This is a very natural shoreline but with heavy undercutting from wave activity. Rock will be used to protect the shoreline, everything will be left natural on the hillside due to this being an extra lot. Heather makes a motion to approve the cost-share project request for Kreuser/Seegers at N1130 Whispering Pines Court for 50% of cost, Ruth seconds motion. All in favor, motion approved.*

5. *Jeremy also made it aware there is enough cost-share funds for these projects, there will actually be an extra \$2,000 that may need to be transferred to another county. Jeremy also made up a spread sheet of all the cost-share projects throughout the years.*
6. *Cost-share project request for LLPOA at Spirit Island Beach Club. Jeremy explains 1/3 of the beach club was done last year. This year the north half of the beach club will get done, and hopefully next year the remaining will get finished. Heather makes a motion to approve the cost-share project request for LLPOA Spirit Island Beach Club for 50% of cost, Ruth seconds motion. All in favor, motion approved.*
7. *LLPRD Lake Fair. Reminder that the LLPRD Lake Fair will be held August 19th in the parking lot next to the lodge. Alex and Abby will be present with information on aquatic and terrestrial invasives. War Bonnet will be providing food, vendors will be present.*
8. *Terrestrial and aquatic invasive species updates. Alex gave an update on aquatic invasive species. She worked with Cierra and Kyle to release gala beetles on purple loosestrife populations along the Wolf River. She also partnered up with Chantelle in Shawano to release beetles in Wescott. Jeremy and Alex have been on the boat doing shoreline surveys but also been monitoring for EWM and other aquatic invasives including recording where Purple Loosestrife is present on properties around the lake. Phragmites has also been monitored. No regrowth has shown at the sites. Reed Canary Grass is something we will be looking at more in the future. Terrestrial invasives are being managed well. Instead of really controlling its more of maintenance of them. Jeremy also brought up Alex will now have a mass rearing cage for gala beetles for next year.*
9. *Comprehensive planning and shoreline surveys on Legend Lake. Jeremy discusses that this started a few years ago. This is to record on that day this is what this shoreline looked like. This is not only for the state but the DNR to have to help obtain the grant to help with the comprehensive plan. This helps us know what our shoreline looks like but also helps with zoning. Next year we should have the complete comprehensive plan.*
10. *Other items for discussion. Jeremy brought up cost-share projects. The program started in 2002 with 9 projects that year. With 69 total projects and \$306,315.00 state dollars spent in 22 years. Jeremy brings up there is still \$2,002.00 left in this years cost-share funds. Steve mentions if the funds are available and the LLPOA approves could the funds*

be used to extend on the current Spirit Island Beach Club. It's agreed that using the funds for the LLPOA would be beneficial.

11. *Next meeting date and agenda items.* The next meeting is scheduled for 8:30a.m. September 14th,2023 at the County Conservation building W3270 Courthouse Lane, Keshena WI.

12. *Adjournment.* Meeting is adjourned at 9:14 a.m.