

**MAPLE GROVE
LAKE QUALITY
COMMISSION MINUTES
January 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER A meeting of the Lake Quality Commission (LQC) was held on January 18, 2023 in the Mayor's Conference Room at the Maple Grove Government Center, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove

Becky Fahrenbruch called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Becky Fahrenbruch – Chair - Eagle Lake
Brennon O'Callaghan – Fish Lake
George Schneider – Rice Lake
Nancy Bergstrand – Weaver Lake
Steve Lane – Cedar Island Lake
Sharon Martin-Kotula – Edward Lake

Commissioners Absent:

Joe Ruegsegger – At Large

Others Present:

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

OATH OF OFFICE Oath of Office was provided to Commissioner Bergstrand by Councilmember Janigo.

AREA REPORTS Rice Lake, George Schneider – Aerator is running. Birds have been present lately in the open water. Oxygen levels are low, likely due to snow cover.

Eagle Lake, Becky Fahrenbruch – Not many fish houses yet or snowmobiles due to poor ice conditions. Ice rinks are in poor shape.

Fish Lake, Brennon O'Callaghan – Not many fish houses yet but there are some snowmobiles. Ice is bad with slush.

Cedar Island, Steve Lane – Aerator is running and the ice is poor.

Edward Lake, Sharon Martin-Kotula – Aerator is running. The access ramp is an ongoing project. Has seen only one person fishing.

Weaver Lake, Nancy Bergstrand – Not much activity probably due to poor ice conditions.

Maple Grove staff, Mark Lahtinen – Fall lake readings confirmed low water levels. Average lake rise in the spring is 4-5” but goes up to 8-12” after a dry year. We will see what 2023 brings.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Minutes of the November 16, 2022 LQC meeting were presented.

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

ELECTION OF
OFFICERS

Becky Fahrenbruch was nominated for Chair of the Lake Quality Commission.

MOTION TO APPROVE made by O’Callaghan, second by Martin-Kotula. With all in favor the motion was APPROVED.

Brennon O’Callaghan was nominated for Vice Chair of the Lake Quality Commission.

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

2023 WORK PLAN

Asche presented a draft 2023 work plan to LQC. Included in the draft plan were lake improvement program, ethics presentation, annual Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) meeting, water quality presentation from Blue Water Science and lake tours. After discussion, presentations on buckthorn, chloride, street sweeping, and the Elm Creek Watershed were added. In addition, it was proposed that tours of Rice, Weaver, and Cedar Island would occur in 2023. A final work plan will be brought to LQC in February.

MAPLE GROVE
DAYS

This item was moved to April. No action was taken.

INFORMATIONAL
ITEMS

Councilmember Janigo summarized recent discussion at the City Council regarding a petition received for a feasibility study for dredging a channel in the southwest portion of Eagle Lake. Councilmember Janigo noted the Council voted to receive the petition and has requested additional information from staff. Because the feasibility study as proposed could apply to other lakes in Maple Grove it raises the larger question of city policy related to channel dredging.

Asche updated LQC that two water quality ponds were planned for dredging during the winter of 2022-2023 and that work would start soon. The Garland Lane Flood Protection and Drainage Improvement project is underway and will likely be completed in a few weeks. Also, Asche has been appointed to the advisory board of the Minnesota Stormwater Research Council. This body promotes stormwater research and works to fill existing gaps in storm water management science. Asche hopes this work will inform future stormwater management decisions in Maple Grove and prove beneficial to our residents.

FUTURE
MEETING:

February 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.