

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

CALL TO ORDER A meeting of the Lake Quality Commission (LQC) was held on May 17, 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 6:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Brennon O’Callaghan – Fish Lake
Nancy Bergstrand – Weaver Lake
Joe Ruegsegger – At Large
Steve Lane – Cedar Island Lake

Commissioners Absent:

Becky Fahrenbruch – Chair - Eagle Lake
Sharon Martin-Kotula – Edward Lake
George Schneider – Rice Lake

Others Present:

Kristy Janigo, City Council Liaison
Derek Asche, City of Maple Grove
Mark Lahtinen, City of Maple Grove
Matt Eich, Eagle Lake

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the May 17, 2023 LQC meeting were presented.

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

AREA REPORTS Cedar Island, Steve Lane – Current water level is high. Outfall in pump bay may need to be dredged.

Eagle Lake, Matt Eich – Eagle Lake is still busy and the association is working on the lake plan.

Fish Lake, Brennon O’Callaghan – Fish is busy and water level is high but not quite to the no wake level. A clean-up is planned for this fall and the channel dredging project is moving ahead.

Weaver Lake, Nancy Bergstrand – Great turnout for the annual meeting and still lots of activity on the lake.

Joe Ruegsegger, At Large – Seeing lots of activity on Fish and hoping for late ice.

Council Liaison Kristy Janigo – Several buckthorn pulls were completed in 2023 including Worden Park, Weaver Lake Park, Woodcrest Park, and adjacent to Cedar Island. Council approved \$5000 to remove sediment near the end of an outfall at a navigation channel on Fish Lake.

CHLORIDE
PRESENTATION

Asche noted that chloride contamination in our freshwater lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands continues to emerge as a concern among water resource managers and scientists. Small amounts of chloride can negatively impact freshwater fish, plants, and other aquatic life upsetting the aquatic ecosystem. Once chloride is in freshwater, there are only limited and expensive ways to remove it from the system.

A powerpoint presentation from Low Salt, No Salt Minnesota campaign was presented to the LQC. The presentation included information and testimonials on best practices, public safety, and liability.

DOCKS,
MOORINGS AND
OTHER
STRUCTURES

Asche noted for LQC that the city has some regulations regarding docks, moorings, and other structures located on lakes within the City of Maple Grove. Lakes included are Cedar Island, Eagle, Edward, Fish, Pike, Rice, and Weaver. Staff has received complaints regarding violations of this section of code and, upon review of additional properties using aerial photos, staff concluded there are many non-compliant docks.

LQC indicated an interest in reviewing both City Code and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regulations regarding docks for consistency. Asche indicated this could be done in November, 2023.

INFORMATIONAL
ITEMS

None.

FUTURE
MEETING:

November 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.