

Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association, Inc.
(TMLIA)
Monthly Meeting
Dunn County Fish and Game Clubhouse
Date: August 14th 2018
6:00pm

People in attendance:

Alyssa Quelling, Amber Georgakopoulos, Mike Phillips, Liz Osborne, Ben Hartenbower, Matt Wegneke, Randy Sommerfeld, Mike Kneer, Lindsay Olson, Dick Lamers, Randy Knaack

Introductions:

Longer introductions were taken to fill in Mike P on everyone's backgrounds as this was his first meeting.

Negotiate Agenda:

Discussion of the Aug 28th PR&D meeting was added to the Upcoming Activities section.

Approval of minutes:

Mike K. moved to approve the July meeting minutes, seconded by Ben H., passed unanimously.

Questions on the agency and committee reports:

Mike K. filled in some of the meetings he attended, such as the Joint City/Towns meeting which is held every three months. Representatives from Cedar Corps, Town of Red Cedar, City of Menomonie, Town of Tainter, Town of Menomonie, and Dunn County Development attended. He shared information gained from that meeting that the Town of Red Cedar approved a 50 unit development just outside the city sewer service area and so the new development will all be on septic. City maps for city growth were overlain on township maps for collaboration. He also spoke about other current topics like well testing initiatives and septage spreading issues being addressed.

Treasurer report:

Ben recapped the treasury report for all present, a motion was made by Amber G. to vote to approve it, Randy S. seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Vote on Governing Document

The governing document, which can be found on the TMLIA website under the "About Us" tab (<http://taintermenomin.mylaketown.com/governing-document>), was unanimously passed after Ben H. moved and Lindsay O. seconded.

Upcoming activities

Aug 14th Stream Restoration Field Day-Liz and Lindsay shared their experience on attending

Aug 14th Liz shared informational flier about a groundwater quantity meeting being held in Polk County at the same time as the TMLIA meeting tonight and pointed out Dunn County is one of the three counties currently participating in the new technology study.

Aug 15th Joint Sustainable Working Group Meeting-Liz included the board in the report she submitted for this meeting

Aug 15th Civic Governance Meeting-Liz will inform the group the governing document has been adopted

Aug 18th Menomin Meander-Liz made a request for volunteers and shared the flier

Aug 18th Farm City Day-flier was shared

Aug 22nd Farmer to Farmer Tour-flier was shared

Aug 28th Dunn County Planning, Resource, and Development meeting-The conservation intern will be giving a presentation on the work she's done over the summer. The meetings are good for members to attend, be informed, and show support for water quality resource allocation as it is the county committee that directs the Land and Water Conservation division.

Dick shared that water samples have been being collected by his dock all summer and he will share the results when they come in.

Lindsay shared that at one of the city council meetings comments were made that the Let's Go Fishing boat had to move out of Menomin and into Tainter to avoid exposing sensitive populations to a cyanobacteria bloom in Butch's Bay. Making well composed public comment at board meetings is a good way to get free press coverage of water quality issues, as the meetings are often reported on.

Meeting Evaluation

Average 4.95. Gaps included needing more time to go over the goals and therefore not accomplishing all parts of the meeting purpose. A suggestion was made to move the reports to after business items.

Reports submitted after the meeting:

Education & Outreach = August 14, 2018

Email suggestions to Kate at edenborgk@uwstout.edu

Main Needs:

- Seeking newsletter editor
- Newsletter content

Book Club & Community:

- For the kid's book **Creeksfinding**, we are planning a collaboration with the public library and Friends of the Red Cedar Trail/DNR potentially in September.
- Will share selected books for 2018-19 reading club. One in fall and one in spring.
- Connecting with Dunn County Historical Society about a community event about the local lake history.
- Developing ideas for an art-related event/contest.

ONGOING -

Summer Intern → Research and Writing

- Our summer intern is Deon Canon. He is doing our social media content (Facebook) as well as an analysis and writing for the newsletter. Will explore idea of an "Ask TMLIA" prompt on Facebook to allow the community to post questions that our board or experts can respond to – a direct way of educating and communicating about issues.
- Developing calendar of TMLIA-related events based on what we've done the past few years.

Outreach / Community Collaboration Efforts

- Music on Menomin on Aug 9th.
- Kate received funding (for 2018-2019 academic year) to continue research with 2 undergraduate students that examines local newspaper coverage of Lake Menomin over time was presented at Research Day and other events.
- **Citizen Science Efforts:** Connected with the Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science Center steering group. Will provide updates when I have details about events and opportunities.
- One of the colleges at UW-Stout is doing a theme/topic every few years called the Intellectual Commons— the first one is Water.
 - The Center for Applied Ethics is planning a screening/discussion of a film about water scarcity. I'll send updates on times/dates.

Newsletter

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR ARTICLES FROM THE BOARD :) **** I NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR FACES OF TMLIA FOR THE ISSUES!**

Publication deadline dates 2018

* **First issue** = Before the watershed conference (Feb/March) PUBLISHED ALREADY

* **Second issue** = Before annual meeting (Sept/Oct) **SEND CONTENT BY AUG. 17**