



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

"The Manitowoc County Lakes Association will protect and enhance the quality of area lakes and watersheds for the benefit of all."

Meeting of March 24, 2016
Minutes of Meeting:

Pete Tarnowski, Senior Planner with Manitowoc County Planning & Zoning Department presented an extensive overview of the impact of recent legislative actions, especially SB549/AB600, SB477/AB603, and reviewed the status of the Counties Shoreland Planning Ordinance.

Note: Please refer to the MCLA website for the [posted PowerPoint presentation](#) as well as a copy of [the Wisconsin Legislative Council Amendment Memo regarding SB459](#) which Mr. Tarnowski has graciously made available.

SB459/AB600 generally effect areas administered by the DNR rather than the County. The Public Trust Doctrine, which was initiated approximately 230 years ago, has been the basis for the State's obligation to protect the state waters for all people, for trade and transportation. Shoreland Zoning (NR 115) extends State obligations to protect the safety and well-being of residents, to aid in the prevention of water pollution, to protect spawning beds, etc. and to preserve shore cover and natural scenic beauty.

Although many of the proposals initially included in the bill, including those allowing dredging, were removed before passage, the bill generally restricts DNR oversight on many of its previous responsibilities.

Act 55 codified many proposals introduced through the State Budget process as alterations to NR115, the Shoreland Protection Ordinance. The revisions limit governmental ability to enforce setbacks, to establish impervious cover requirements, and to redress previously established non-conforming uses.

Mr. Tarnowski presented several slides indicating the ecological and financial value of vegetative buffers, on both land and water, as well as the benefit to fisheries of reduced impervious cover on shoreland development. He explicitly refrained from commenting on the appropriateness of the recent legislation.

Questions included:

1. If shoreland regulations extend to the full lot on deep lakefront properties. Yes, with exceptions, to the 1000' line. Can general zoning restrict lot size? Yes, but must apply everywhere, not just lake areas.
2. If bills altered definition of Public Trust governance. No.
3. Do riparian ordinances have impact on rivers? Yes. Although lots may be larger on rivers. All ordinances/statutes will apply.
4. If changes are all going forward – what about old laws? Ordinances need to come into place to follow the statutes.
5. If the County Board of supervisors will have flexibility in adaptation of new ordinances. Little, perhaps in enforcement protocols.
6. Can County utilize mitigation anymore? Yes will still use for new construction.
7. Are there any restriction to dumping stuff over the Lake Michigan bluff close to the beach? If below the toe – DNR requirements. Inward of the toe would be County requirements regarding fill – may need conditional permit.
8. What if new owners tear out existing mitigation? Should be in deed restriction.

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Terry Busse – President of the Manitowoc Chapter of the County Fish and Game Association offered potential support for replacing the Weyer's Lake aerator. He requested ideas from MCLA what the group would propose. John Durbrow relayed a verbal suggestion from one vendor for a ½ hp pump with two diffusers at +/- 18'. Cost would be approximately \$2500; A four diffuser dual system was also suggested. The single pump would have a +/- \$25/month operating cost. Maintains fish health – for water clarity would run throughout the year. 3/8" hoses. Previous operating cost \$700/yr. JD will solicit written proposals and estimates for TB to take back to his group for further discussion.

Lake reports:

Silver Lake – fishing down – fewer shacks. 6.3 ppm dissolved oxygen reading @ 12'. Will take some more readings soon. Diversion – grants have been applied for. Hopefully this year. Next meeting in May. \$300,000 cost – new bridge moved coming into the park. New bridge 39' – almost double of old bridge. Parking lot bigger/diversion will be widened. Currently the diversion overtops every 2 years, with work completed, it should be every 10 to 25 years.

Pigeon Lake – funding for walleye for fall. Ice golf – 75 people came. Grant denied for monitoring. Autumn Ridge was very helpful. Will go ahead w/milfoil treatment. Can't get \$\$ for monitoring - Monitoring mandated by DNR prior to treatment. Looking for people to do treatment at reasonable price.

Long Lake – ice out Marc 16. No report on fishing.

Wilke Lake – March 15th ice gone. Gene Weyer presented an article from 1956 regarding fishing. Fishing is slow this year.

Gass Lake – March 13th ice gone.

Carstens Lake – Assoc. is using the model established for treatment of Phragmites on the Lake Michigan Shoreline to address Carstens Watershed. Stantec will prepare the grant applications for planning and implementation. S&WCD program is to address Carstens Lake to get 20% phosphorous reduction in 10 years. – grants on yearly cycle – must wait until next February for approval. Have started watershed monitoring – taking samples from 6 areas of the lake, both going in and out of the lake. If works, can apply to others.

Hartlaub Lake – March 6th ice out. Milfoil – came back somewhat last year. Took water samples – full comparable of tests – Spring, Shoe, Horseshoe, and Weyer were not funded to be tested. Can't launch boat on Hartlaub – what can we do? Need boat washing station. However can't get boat in there. Dredging would be difficult to permit/ logistical issues also. John Durbrow will contact Gary Robinson.

Harpt – working with Gary Robinson for new pier. Permits applied/approved. Corps out and approved. Placed walleye spawning bed. Will be putting in 2500 Perch.

Weyers– needs aeration. good bluegill in lake.

Lake Michigan – John Durbrow went to Charter Captain's meeting group at LTC. Alewives are disappearing – reducing forage for Chinook Salmon. No remediation – just reports. Changes in food web – gobies and whitefish are eating mussels. Whitefish are rebounding. Salmon won't go deep enough to eat gobies, but Lake trout do.

Treasurers Report. \$1308.50 in checkbook - \$750 insurance requirement. \$4507.02 approved Tuesday from grant. Submitted grant - \$9300-9500 range. Will put balance at \$16, etc. \$6400 remaining after all invoices paid and \$16,000.

AIS Report. Tom Ward reported regarding grant procedures and new reporting requirements. Need to document volunteer's time for a match. Volunteers should capture hours on form when talking to boaters, etc. Any work with invasives – monitors, etc. requires signatures. Tom will send out packets to keep track of time. Cleaning station people – use these as matches. Need to keep records

Newsletters – 2 a year. Hand out newsletters to boaters to get dues \$\$.

Monitor training/ 2 landowner mailing/ placemats?

Water Quality Monitoring Report. Gene's has additional bottles for testing. Four tests this year – everything set to go.

New Business. Collins Marsh is building a new nature center, and has asked Manitowoc County Fish and Game Association for a contribution. MCLA F&G Directors asked for a vote to indicate guidance on their response. MCLA voted unanimously to support the contribution.

Next meeting May 26th.

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