



LMMD - Lake Mason Management District Board Meeting Minutes  
Spring Meeting 2025  
May 24th, 2025 - 9:00 am  
Douglas Town Hall, N436 County Rd A, Briggsville, WI 53920

**AGENDA:**

1. Call Meeting to Order - Deltgen 9:01
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Check for Open Meeting Law Compliance - Proof of Posting - Deltgen posted 5/3 @ 3 locations & website.
4. Roll Call of Officers - Madden, Churco, Carlson, Fisher, Morse, Deltgen, (Bukowski - absent)
5. Approval/Adoption of Agenda - Churco motion, Madden 2nd, all aye.
6. Treasurer's Report and Outstanding Bills- Madden led discussion of his 5/18/2025 email to board. Review of budget and expenses, no pending expenses or outstanding bills, added inventory of assets to Financial Report, unsure when pier on north shore was purchased.
7. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bill Payments - Fisher motion to approve, Deltgen 2nd, all aye.
8. Reports
  - a. Deltgen - Dock, Lift, ADA pier & Boat Launch pier installations started 3/17/2025, earliest ever.
  - b. Deltgen/B.Carlson - 4/21/2025 DNR Scott Provost & Jen Bergman call on lake quality. Survey & water testing results, LIC to bring options based on recommendations, proposals to board, and then members at annual meeting. Updates to LIC Barb Maley & Dave Deltgen started as Chairs, Maley moved, Deltgen to Board Chair, thanked them for their service. Now Bob Carlson, Mike Atterberry, & Steve Lizer are Co-Chairs of LIC. DNR has made suggestions for improving lake quality, each of which is being looked into as a piece of the puzzle, none are a fix on their own. We are all here because we care about the quality of the lake and are looking for solutions and improvements. The lake is now a Turbid lake and will not return to a Clear lake on it's own. Lake now has Bass, Northern Pike, Crappie, Carp, Shad, it is not a Walleye lake. What can we do? As lake owners, we all need to do our part to create shoreline buffers and decrease runoff to help decrease the amount of nutrients that get into the lake. We need to do our part in order to be able to ask those in the Watershed to help by decreasing additional nutrients from getting into the lake.
  - c. Lake Improvement Committee: Recognition of all LIC members: Bob Carlson, Mike Atterberry, Steve Lizer, Liz Lehr, Dale Sankey, Tim McFadden, Jeff Marshall, Brook Cooper, Jim Brancel and board members Madden & Deltgen
    - i. B.Carlson - Buoy project update: Originally placed after the lake was drained in 1970 to mark a channel that was sprayed for weeds, seaweed is now gone and we will not get approval to spray again. Went over options to vote on at the Annual Meeting 8/30/2025.:
      1. Status quo
        - a. Currently pay Deano's \$2,240/yr
        - b. We have lost some buoys that need to be replaced
        - c. Some buoys have shifted from locations approved by DNR

- d. People think that buoys are a path and speed by them upsetting homeowners
    - 2. Remove the buoys
    - 3. Repurpose the buoys
      - a. West end mark a channel around the stumps for safety
      - b. East end mark No Wake Zones at launches, Cove, Sandbars
      - c. Needs LMMD & DNR approval
  - ii. M. Atterberry - 5/21/2025 Shoreline assessment didn't happen due to rainy weather, rescheduled and planned for 6/3/2025. These assessments are suggestions, not requirements, that are up to the shoreline owner, not enforceable. Sign up if interested. Erick Carlson shared his assessment that he received this spring with suggestions for improvement. Sankey asked about lakeshore assessments and grants available to prevent water from running straight into the lake, up to \$1,000.
  - iii. S. Lizer - Aerator project updates. 6 months ago DNR advised adding an aerator to Amey Pond. Morse & Lizer have received quotes of \$16K and \$36K. Will it work? Need to get 3rd quote, spec, and determine how much water needs to remain open for proper aeration. Van Schoyck stated that Amey Pond freezes out. Aerator needs to run November - May to remain open. This is a piece of the puzzle, not the entire solution.
  - iv. Deltgen - Carp removals posted on Facebooks received much positive feedback and support. Discussed potential Tournament interest. Great results at Foxy's Bass Tournament with lots of large bass caught and released, thank you Foxy's. Discussed how to remove carp and potential stocking of bluegills since they are the primary predator of carp eggs. We are looking for ideas and solutions. Spoke with Trisha earlier who offered to help out with sign up and to sponsor the event, Bergman also made suggestions for our first tournament. Van Schoyck brought up liability concerns and that a net used to be in place by the Hwy23 bridge to lessen carp spawning, that Wampler had offered to haul and Linder & Huber had offered to spread on their fields when discussed in the past. Fisher asked why we couldn't hire commercial people to remove carp instead of looking for someone to remove them for free for the New York market since they didn't show up to fulfill the DNR contract. Deltgen to contact DNR Fish Biologist Jen Bergman about possible people to hire and the net Van Schoyck referred to. Wayne Luenburg offered to contact the Portage Rod & Gun Club to see if they can help with carp removal. No volunteers to help with set up and run a carp tournament. The board and LIC will continue to look into, as we would like to make it a yearly thing. Some lakes put a bounty on each carp.
  - v. Information packets - see your LIC Rep if you are in the Lake District and do not have a packet.
  - vi. Volunteer opportunities to join - See LIC Co-Leads if interested. Brought up possible helping opportunities with Bella Goose or others that want to go ahead with Shoreline Buffer plantings. More hands to get more done.
9. New Business Updates/Discussion and/or Board Approval
- a. LMMD Board commissioner updates and thanks to those for serving - 3/10/25 Pam Klein resigned, thanks for 6 ½ years of service, Deltgen to temporary Chair. 4/8/25 Deltgen to permanent Chair, Bukowski to Secretary, and welcomed in Tom Morse as Commissioner for remainder of Klein's term until fall 2026. Thanks to Jim Brancel for 10 years of service that was up on 4/15/25 on the Town of Douglas Board and welcomed in Mitch Fisher to the LMMD Board.
  - b. Board Commissioner Clarification for 8/30/2025 Annual Meeting - Fill open Board Commissioner position at Annual Meeting - Bukowski's term expires this fall, he has been on the board for 8 years. Discuss the process of becoming a board member. Someone has to nominate you, someone has to 2nd that person, they have 2 minutes to give a Bio or what you would bring to the board, then members vote. Deltgen asked members to

consider helping out if you want to make a difference and really care about the lake. Voting of members happens once per year at Annual Meeting. 9am Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Went over website information for term lengths left of current board members. Discussed responsibilities, commitment, and expectations. 4+ board meetings per year. Be an active participant, teamwork, willing to research and be prepared, work on projects, carry your own weight, and help improve the quality of our lake. See a current board member if you are interested with any questions that you have. Goal is to have several people with an interest be nominated for the open board position, so that the best candidate is voted in by the members. Immediately following the Annual Meeting is another short approximately 5 minute Board Meeting where the new Board Commissioners determine the Chair, Secretary, & Treasurer positions through the next Annual meeting.

- c. Newsletter plans to continue with LIC, Board, DNR, & member input. Frequency determined by information to share via email, website, and Facebook. To not incur additional costs, we are not mailing this, only mailing the annual meeting notices as required.
- d. 7/6/2025 Jasper's Sandlot Fireworks LMMD/LIC table discussion - Trisha has offered for the LMMD Board & LIC to have a table with lake information like packets and shoreline buffer information and sign ups. Please see an LIC Co-Chair if you are willing to help at the table with talking to people and giving out information.
- e. Danke - 7/5 Boat Parade information. In 2024 we had a record 54 boats. For 7/5/25 we will meet near the North Shore Boat Landing and start at noon when Sal Danke with her lime green flag leads the parade. The parade is always the 1st Saturday in July. Safety Sal also went over cold lake warnings this time of year as hypothermia can still happen in a short period of time.

#### 10. Old Business/Discussion

- a. Historical Files - Madden update document scan project is in process with hired person to scan old archives. Showed on LMMD website where to locate documents, minutes, and archives that have been added back to 2012. Several years have already been added. There is missing information from 2003, 2017 & 2018. If you have any of the missing information, please scan and email it to [lmmdmadden@gmail.com](mailto:lmmdmadden@gmail.com) so that we can get that information on the website.

#### 11. Citizen Input (limited to two minutes) "matters other than those specifically described in the meeting agenda may be discussed (but not enacted or voted upon until a future meeting following proper public notice)".

- a. Robert Garske has been on the lake since 1941 and asked that the Bass Tournament not be on the 1st opening fishing weekend of May. It's always on the 2nd weekend.
- b. Allison Heesch owner of Bella Goose has Shoreline Buffer planting to do 5/31/2025 starting at 9am which includes free coffee, smoothies, or tea (Deltgen to post on Facebook), thank you for donating the coffee for the meeting.
- c. Jim Joyce asked if it is hard to get weeds planted into the lake. Bob Carlson replied that if we can control the carp, more plants would grow, as the seeds are at the bottom of the lake and will stay dormant for quite some time, but will grow.
- d. Erick Carlson promoted that Lake District members should sign up for a shoreline assessment.
- e. Sal Danke asked about carp disposal once you catch them. Deltgen replied that they should be buried or used to fertilize your plants.

#### 12. Adjournment - Carlson motion, Morse 2nd, all aye. 10:05