

Boating Safety & User Conflicts Committee
Meeting Minutes & Notes

Minutes

Date: November 14, 2003

Time: 7:10-8:40pm

Place: Village Hall

Meeting called to order by: Chairman Tom Porps

Committee Members in Attendance: Porps, Baratti, Baxa, Bletsch, Hass, Meyer, Smith, & Walsh

Lake District members not in attendance: Vardon

Lake District Commissioner in attendance: Darrel Stoen

Others in attendance: District Steering Committee Chariman Robert Livingston, Pam Becker, Ofcr. Randy Prudick of Twin Lakes Police Department

- Motions made:
- 1) A motion was made to approve the minutes of the prior meeting by Chairman Porps, seconded by Meyer and approved by the committee
 - 2) A motion was made on the attached resolution, seconded by Baxa and approved by the committee.
 - 3) A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Chairman Porps, seconded by Smith and approved by the committee

Secretary: Scott Smith

Next meeting date: January 16, 2004

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Village Hall

Meeting Notes

- New Business:
- Members of the committee conducted a lengthy discussion of issues and concerns frequently raised by residents relative to PWC usage on the lakes.
 - Members of the committee discussed the Village's reaction to the committee's motion at its November 19 meeting to table the document request previously made of the village.
 - Officer Prudick spoke to the committee about issues confronting the village police department's budget outlook and how such issues might impact the department's ability to enforce water safety ordinances effectively
 - Member Baratti presented the committee with a draft of proposed guidelines the committee might consider in handling conflict issues among various parties in the community
 - Chairman Porps and member Baratti discussed at length issues related to a long-standing dispute on lake access and boundaries adjacent to Baratti's property in Indian Point

By _____
Scott E. Smith, Secretary

A motion regarding boating safety and user conflicts related to the no wake ordinance passed by the village board on _____.

WHEREAS, there exists significant conflict among the lakes' users related to use of personal watercraft (PWC);

WHEREAS, members of the Boating Safety and User Conflict Committee (the Committee) believe the no wake ordinance will result in additional conflict and safety issues on Lake Elizabeth and Lake Mary;

WHEREAS, the Village has received numerous letters and complaints regarding passage of any additional regulation related to all watercraft;

WHEREAS, Village Trustees received testimony at numerous public and private meetings that any additional regulation involving watercraft would not be in the best interest of the community and would pose significant safety hazards;

WHEREAS, Village Trustees have received testimony that educational programs would better serve the community than would additional regulation;

WHEREAS, the Village police department is likely to have enforcement issues with the morning no wake ordinance passed one year ago and does not have the resources to adequately enforce the proposed new no wake ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Committee requested documentation in support of the proposed no wake ordinance after its first meeting on September 19, 2003;

WHEREAS, members of the Village Board of Trustees and Trustee Darrel Stoen requested at the Committee's second meeting on November 14, 2003 that the Committee table the document request as a show of good faith;

WHEREAS, the Committee tabled the document request at the November meeting after Trustee Stoen said he would represent the views of the Committee to the full Village Board;

WHEREAS, the Village Board chose not to set aside the no wake ordinance for the year 2004 and requested that the Committee make suggestions in its place;

WHEREAS, the inadequacies of the process used by the Village Board in developing the no wake ordinance are documented in correspondence to the Village Board published in the Twin Lakes Report;

NOIW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above factors, the Boating Safety and User Conflicts Committee requests the following actions:

1. That the appropriate Village agencies complete the document request as submitted by the Committee after its meeting on September 19, 2003.
2. That the Village Board rescind the no-wake ordinance for 2004 and empower the Boating Safety and User Conflicts Committee to develop an educational program for distribution at Village launching ramps, marinas, throughout the new web site and Lake Committee newsletter.

RESOLVED, by the Committee as of November 14, 2003.