

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting September 1, 2026

Board Members Present: Mike Wosmek, Pat Hanson, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson, Ray Brueggemeier Tyler Fitzner

Board members please let someone know if you are unable to attend.

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund \$78,375.57 General Fund \$66,046.38

Paid Memberships: 199

1. Call meeting to order: President Mark Johnson

2. Secretary's August meeting report: Minutes approved for publishing on the website.

3. Treasurer's Report : Dan sent report and the following information.

Income: \$100.00 membership - Expenses: \$250 Mn Lake & River membership, \$193.82 Watershed Manage. Inlet #306, \$2033.82 Summer Newsletter, \$123.89 Pot Luck (reimbursement due from EZ Dock), \$274.67 Admin. Zoom and conf. equip., \$293.65 Membership management online support.
Total Income \$100 Expenses \$3169.85 End of month total \$141,967.10. DFD account \$2615.00

Separately, I contacted Perennial Bank to learn what the cost of early redemption of a CD might be, just in case we need to make payment for the planned Eurasian milfoil remediation in the next few weeks.

- Early redemption would normally increase a ~1% fee on the 6 month CD, or ~\$400.
- Basically, the fee would be offset by the accrued interest since June 15.
- I was informed that Perennial may be willing to waive some or all of that fee, if requested. I didn't pursue it further, given we don't know what the requirements might be yet.

Consensus of the Board was we would pay Lake Restoration the full amount for the EWM treatment when they bill us. If Perennial Bank did waive some of the early withdrawal fees that would be good. Otherwise we would accept the penalty fee.

Committee Reports

A. Water Quality: Dave R. reported on samples from 8/17 Secchi 9 feet, temp. 77.5 degrees, Phosphorous 18.4 mg/L, Chlorophyl 4.8 mg/L, Flow from Stella 287,000 gallons per hour
Samples from 8/31 Secchi 9.5 feet, temp 78.2.

Historically August average readings PH – 30 mg/L, Chlr 12 mg/L, Secchi 4 feet.

Dave noted other area lakes are reporting water clarity is very good this year.

Dave signed us up for "Look Out Research" by UM Duluth, looking at chloride and algae bloom impact on Lake Washington's water.

B. Vegetation: Mark J. reported there were 4 estimates for EWM treatment of 54 acres. Lake Restoration was awarded the contract for about \$31,000.00. They will be using liquid 2-4D product for this treatment. The DNR permit for this treatment is expected any day now. The average lake depth for this treatment is 9 feet. The treatment is scheduled sometime in the next couple of weeks.

C. I-LIDS & Watercraft Inspection: Dan K. I reached out to Noah Bauman at Lake Shield LLC to learn what the cost of an updated / replacement I-LIDS system might be - something he had offered to send several months ago, along with a proposal to buy back our current system. He indicated there were technical issues with their design (overheating, apparently), which he has spent the summer addressing, so he never formalized a proposal. He said the technical issues are now resolved and promised to forward a proposal in the next several weeks.

Lake Shield has also made some changes to the filtering of I-LIDS video captures. Historically, they reviewed all videos without pre-filtering them to exclude false captures (those triggered by wind, blowing

grass, children waving their hands at the camera, etc.), so the total video captures reported each month were inflated.

At the end of June, they made a change to their process and now use a filtering tool on their servers to screen out any videos that do not include a watercraft. As a result of the change, we are starting to learn something closer to the actual number of launches/retrievals that occur, which appear to be something in the range of 150/week in the last month or two. I will go through the data more thoroughly in the next few weeks and provide a more complete report.

D. Zebra Mussels: Mike W. Reported there is a little change in retrieval of the inspection plates and he will be pulling them on Thursday September 17 and doing the tear down, cleaning, and photos of the plates in his garage at 9 am on Saturday September 19. Dave, Sean, and Tyler signed up to help, others welcome.

E. Watershed: Mike W. Reported the seeding has been completed at site #306 and it looks great. Also, the lease for this site expired in 2024 and we no longer have any oversight or financial responsibilities.

Site #320 which is on 233rd Street on Ray B's and neighbor Steve's property, has the piping and filters installed and buried going down the 45-degree bank to the lake on the south side of the property. The water coming out of this pipe runs into a rock bowl to slow the flow of water and sediment. A berm was put in to divert the water away from the house. The Board had approved spending \$2500.00 for this project, Mike reported the materials costs were \$1149.00 and the Board approved paying \$1350.00 to the contractor for his work on this project. This completes LWIA involvement in this project that has been approved by Joe Norman, Meeker Soil and Water.

Mike reports there are no new projects at this time.

F. Walleye, Cormorants, Pelicans – Sean – tabled nothing new to report.

Membership/Shoreline Captains: Laurie J. reported there are 199 paid memberships at this time. Some historical perspective: we have had from 191 to 212 memberships at this time over the past 5-6 years.

Education & Public Relations

A. Newsletter: Laurie – **Fall Newsletter Articles due to Laurie September 21.**

B. Website: Laurie J. nothing new to report at this time

C. Facebook: Pam B. tabled

D. Email Activity: Pat H. has passed on to the Board many emails LWIA has received the past month.

Social Committee: Sandy & Mike W. Are waiting for EZ Dock to reimburse us for the meat and buns from the Potluck Dinner.

Grants: Sharon D. wants to thank everyone that has sent her in-kind hours. These are important because they are used towards our matching share of the grant monies. She is requesting everyone turn in all their 2026 volunteer hours by Oct. 2, so she has this information when writing an MCAL grant request for 2027, that is due on October 8th. We did get \$2692.19 in grant money for 2026 from MCAL and \$1603 of matching "Novel" grant money. She believes AIS grants will probably be due sometime in mid-November.

MCAL: Pat H. & Sharon D. – shared the following message from Kim at MCAL. LWIA did participate in the writing of this watershed management plan in 2018.

Some Board members have signed up, all are encouraged to attend this event at the Litchfield Eagles Club on September 22, 4:30-7:00.

Flowing Forward: A Watershed Dinner and Discussion, an upcoming event for stakeholders of the North Fork Crow River Watershed.

The North Fork Crow River Watershed Collaborative (NFCRWC) has started the work to update the 10-year comprehensive watershed management plan that started in 2018. Through the One Watershed, One Plan program, NFCRWC is required to update the plan and renew it for another 10 years.

This event is a fantastic opportunity for you to share your ideas, concerns, and hopes for our shared watershed. Your input and experience would be a significant contribution to the conversation, and I truly hope you can make it.

Here are the details:

- When: Tuesday, September 22nd from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM
- Where: Litchfield Eagles, 389 CSAH 34 South Litchfield, MN 55355

The event will kick off with check-in and a buffet dinner from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM, followed by guided discussions and engaging activities. We'll also have a staffed children's activity station available, so feel free to bring your kids if evening childcare is an issue.

Registration is requested for food count. You can register online or by phone:

- Online Registration: <https://forms.gle/25q8yQEk89Hr2AEP9>
- Phone Registration: Call Stephanie at 320-293-9311 and leave a message.

Open Discussion: All

Rod 'n Gun Club Sign update – Sean No new information at this time.

Next Board Meeting October 6 at 7 PM Dassel Rod 'n Gun Club