

SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BOX 237
NESHKORO WISCONSIN 54960

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

DATE: **June 25, 2022**
TIME: **8:30 AM - Proposed Budget Viewing**
 9:00 AM - Annual Meeting
PLACE: **Marion Town Hall**
 N1279 County Rd Z
 Spring Lake, WI

Proposed Budget available for public viewing prior to Annual Meeting

AGENDA

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- A. Call Meeting to Order

 - B. Minutes - Annual Meeting 6/26/2021

 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Summary of 2021-2022 Finances
 - 2. 2022 Financial Audit Findings
 - 3. Proposed Budget FYJul22-Jun23 and approval of budget and assessment

 - D. Old Business
 - 1. Update on Spring Lake Management Plan: August 2021 plant inventory
Approve proposed plan updates
 - 2. Goose control efforts April and May 202
 - 3. Update on Healthy Lakes Grant: one year extension, project installations, and potential new projects
 - 4. Status of AIS management and member observations since June 2021
Curly-leaf pondweed; Eurasian watermilfoil; garlic mustard; purple loosestrife

 - E. New Business
 - 1. AIS management for 2022-3; possible chemical treatment and hand-pulling EWM
 - 2. Decision to continue goose control efforts in 2023.
 - 3. Lake water test results
 - 4. Comments and concerns.

 - F. Election – One Board Commissioner position open

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G. Guest speaker

H. Adjourn

NOTE: The Board will have a short meeting following the Annual Meeting to elect officers.

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Town of Marion representative
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Wisconsin DNR representative – NE region
SLMD Members

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SLMD Newsletter May 2022

Dear SLMD Members:

The SLMD Annual Meeting is Saturday, June 25, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Marion Hall. We welcome your attendance and participation. At the meeting the membership will be asked to approve the updated lake management plan, approve the next year's budget, and elect one new board commissioner. The detailed meeting agenda is being mailed to you with this newsletter.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Treatment Progress

Spring Lake has Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) and curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) which SLMD has controlled with chemical treatment and hand-pulling for the past 20 years. The last treatment occurred in spring of 2020. An aquatic plant inventory of Spring Lake was conducted in August 2021. It revealed the presence of both CLP and EWM in areas with prior infestations, although neither were present in large dense concentrations. Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resources conducted a survey this spring and recommended approximately 2.2 acres for chemical treatment. Based on findings from the August 2021 plant inventory, our lake DNR biologist informed us he would deny treatment this year, because the incidence of AIS plants was scattered and not present in sufficient concentration to warrant treatment. The DNR was concerned that chemical treatment would harm the native plants that were also emerging. The biologist believes hand pulling would still be acceptable and a better strategy this year.

Purple loosestrife, a wetland invasive flowering plant, was observed on two property shorelines. It is categorized as a restricted invasive plant by the Wisconsin DNR. The property owners will be notified of its presence, and SLMD will offer assistance with its control and removal.

Lake Management Plan Update

SLMD is updating its lake management plan. The changes to the plan will be available for your review on the SLMD web page on the Town of Marion website. The August 2021 plant inventory conducted by Golden Sands Resource & Conservation Council, Inc. showed continued healthy and high quality aquatic plant species diversity, and was consistent with the plant inventories conducted in 2005, 2013, and 2016.

Canada Goose Nuisance

In 2020 and 2021 the SLMD membership authorized efforts to control the Canada goose population on Spring Lake. SLMD obtained a US Wildlife Service and Wisconsin DNR permit to addle (by oiling with corn oil) eggs in goose nests located on property surrounding Spring Lake. One nest was identified in 2021, and two nests were identified in 2022. SLMD members Bill Hutchinson, Josh Daubner, Sharon Milliken and Kevin Milliken assisted with locating nests and oiling eggs in 2022.

Preserving the Beauty, Diversity and Serenity of Spring Lake

Some members expressed concerns that some aquatic plants, such as bulrushes, are diminishing both in number and concentration in various locations on Spring Lake. SLMD requests that members be careful to avoid boating thru stands of bulrushes which grow in shallow areas up to 5 foot of water depth.

Allowing taller native grasses to grow in the first 15-20 feet of property back from your shoreline will discourage geese from using your property. Geese are attracted to lawns mowed to the shoreline.

Some boaters have been towing inner tubes and other floats behind boats. This is not a prohibited activity, but boaters must comply with the no wake regulations applicable to Spring Lake. "No wake" means "a speed at which a vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control."

Volunteer Activities

SLMD members Derek Stone and Ron Lehman maintain the carp weir for SLMD.

Healthy Lakes Grant

In April 2019 SLMD was awarded a Healthy Lakes Grant in the amount of \$17,050 by the Wisconsin DNR. Eight SLMD property owner/members participated in the original grant application with proposals for shoreline plantings and rain gardens. Five of these eight owners have completed their proposed projects. Two of the original property owners elected not to proceed with projects, so SLMD has grant funds available to any other members who would like to install a project. The Wisconsin DNR extended our grant by one year. The remaining or new projects must be completed by December 31, 2022, to receive the 75% reimbursement, not to exceed \$1000 per project. If anyone has an interest in installing a Healthy Lakes project, contact Kevin Milliken for additional information.

Board of Commissioners Election

An election for one position on the SLMD Board of Commissioners (Directors) will be held. Kevin Milliken's second three year term expires in June 2022, and he will not be seeking to remain on the Board. This will be an opportunity for others to participate in the management and decisions affecting your lake.

Kevin Milliken, Chair --SLMD
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Spring Lake Management District

2021-22 Budget Summary

	Past Year Jul20-Jun21 Actual	Budget Jul21-Jun22 Proposed	Current Year Jul21-Jun22 Actual	Next Year Jul22-Jun23 Proposed
Income				
Special assessments	\$5,324	\$5,640	\$6,388.48	\$5,550
Insurance policy refund - WC	\$37	\$37	\$36.00	\$36
Town of Marion reimbursement	\$269	\$269	\$268.50	\$269
Donations	\$0	\$0		\$0
Carryover/Cash Balance	\$5,206	\$9,781	\$9,780.67	\$12,479
Total Income:	\$10,836	\$15,727	\$16,473.65	\$18,334
Operating Expenses				
WCWLC annual dues	\$25	\$25	\$50.00	\$25
WEAL lake water analyses	\$90	\$198	\$189.00	\$198
SLMD projects (weed survey, treatment)	\$0	\$4,500	\$1,597.38	\$7,500
Aquatic plant survey for Lake Management Plan Update		\$2,237	\$1,598.68	\$0
Production and copy expenses for Lake Management Plan Update		\$500	\$0.00	\$250
Postage/PO Box/Copying/Supplies	\$372	\$250	\$250.00 est	\$250
Donation to Golden Sands RCD, Inc.				
Insurance (liability & W/C)	\$548	\$548	\$300.00	\$548
Other expense property owner lists	\$20	\$20	\$10.00	\$20
Total Expenses:	\$1,055	\$8,278	\$3,995.06	\$8,791
Balance:	\$9,781	\$7,449	\$12,478.59	\$9,543

Healthy Lakes Grant

Property owner funds received by SLMD	\$5,913.25
SLMD payments to landscaper for projects	\$5,913.25
DNR Reimbursements to SLMD	\$4,000.00
SLMD reimbursements to property owners	\$4,000.00
Balance	\$0.00