



WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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## Minutes for SPARKS Committee – March 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Rhonda Carrell.

A quorum was declared.

Minutes for January 17, 2022 meeting were approved. We had no meeting in February.

There was no public comment during meeting. Resident input/comment was shared with Committee members on NEPCO Lake Public Access (NLPA) during later discussion. We have received good community support on this project.

The Committee updated our Town Chair, Terry Rickaby, with information and thoughts about the improvement of the NLPA. Chair Rickaby offered his thoughts and presence when meeting with possible engineers. Terry and Rhonda are to work on finding an engineering firm. We are starting with Quest. It is possible we may not need an engineering firm.

The slope leading to the lake is steep and safety is important. Sarajane Snyder created a hand drawn map of the site with suggestions for layout. The visual tool is helpful with this long, narrow lot. The map includes: parking lot, bathroom, steps to the lake, covered shelter and a few other items (bike rack, benches, etc.). A parking lot will likely be installed by the Town Maintenance Crew. We agreed on a winding path that preserves the existing trees is the best approach and a dock at the bottom of steps that allows for lake access is a good option. There should be either switchbacks or rest stops that include simple benches. Bill Leichtnam will speak with Chad Schooley at Parks and Forestry for additional information. Terry Rickaby suggests electric be installed for use in covered shelter. Electric could also be helpful in bathrooms. A decision must be made as to whether privy vault or flush toilets that require septic and drain field. Also, the Committee will look into how to go about having water access, whether that can be done with a sand point or drilled well. Cost would be a determining factor as to what will or will not be done. We will seek information and cost for all items to submit to the Town Board for input and approval. A discussion was had about community members donating time and efforts. We will contact Wood County for the purpose of installing signs indicating NLPA along State Highway 13 and County Highway Z.

On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, members of the SPARKS Committee will deliver a report on progress of the NLPA to the Wood County CEED Committee. A request will be made for the

release of grant funds for the project. A packet containing specific plans and what has been accomplished will be put together for submittal to CEED.

The next SPARKS Committee meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Carrell