



Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Newsletter

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RESOLUTION TO CREATE ORDINANCE 33-2023 Regulation of Artificial Wake Enhancement on Riverview Lakes

RESOLUTION 2023 #3

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Riverview, Oconto County

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health, safety, or welfare, including the public's interest in preserving the state's natural resources, the Town of Riverview has the authority to enact ordinance applicable to waters within its jurisdiction if the ordinances are not contrary to or inconsistent with Chapter 30, Wis. Stats., and they relate to the equipment, use, or operation of boats or to any activity regulated by ss. 30.60 to 30.71, Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, there exists entirely within the boundaries of the Town of Riverview inland lakes: Crooked Lake, Paya Lake, Maiden Lake, and Nelligan Lake, which are entirely within the jurisdiction of the Town of Riverview, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had determined that artificially enhanced wakes cause dangerous conditions on shore and on docks as well as dangerous water conditions for swimmers, angler and other watercraft, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had determined that the use of ballast causes a boat to be operated in an unsafe manner by causing the bow to rise and obscuring vision forward and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverview submitted a draft of this ordinance to the Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources for its advisory review at least 60 days to passage, pursuant to s. 30.77(3)(d), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverview provided notice and conducted the necessary public hearing as required by s. 30.77(3)(aw), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after taking into consideration public comments and any suggested changes of the DNR, determines that adopting the following boating regulations would promote the public health, safety and welfare, including the public's interest in preserving the state's natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Riverview, Oconto County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

33-2023 Motorboat Wake Enhancement Ordinance

(1). No person may use or employ water sacks, ballast tanks, submersible wings or other device which causes a boat to operate in a bow-high manner, or which increases or enhances a boat's wake.

(2). No person may operate any motorized watercraft in an artificially bow-

high manner, in order to increase or enhance the boat's wake. Such prohibited operation shall apply to wake enhancement by the use of ballast, mechanical hydrofoils, uneven loading or operation at transition speed (the speed at which the boat is operating at greater than slow-no-wake speed, but not fast enough so that the boat is planing).

(3). No person may operate any motorized watercraft in a transition for over 100 feet in length.

Section 2. Severability. Should any portion of this Ordinance or the affected Code Section(s) be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected.

Section 3. Penalty. Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Wis. Stat. 30.80 and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference and all reference to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.

- A. Any person violating a provision of this ordinance for which no statutory equivalent exists in Wis. Stats. Ch. 30 shall forfeit the following:
- B. Any person found guilty of violating Section V of this Chapter shall pay a forfeiture established by the Town Board (ref to the Town of Riverview Bond Schedule) together with the cost of prosecution.

Section 4. Effective Date. Upon adoption, this Ordinance shall take effect the day after publication or posting.

Enacted: December 12, 2023

TOWN OF RIVERVIEW
By: Jim Zittlow, Chairman
By: David Van Zeeland, Supervisor
By: Dave Szepanski, Supervisor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted by the Town of Riverview Board of Supervisors on the date indicated above.

Dated: December 12, 2023 Beth Hartman, Clerk

Published/Posted on December 12, 2023 by Beth Hartman

(The actual ordinance has the signatures of the three Supervisors and the Clerk.)

**Wake Enhancement violation TRV. Ch33
\$500 First Offense/\$1,000 Additional Offense**



May 15 Dave Van Zeeland, Jeff Mai, and Pat Porubcan (behind the sign) placed the new ordinance signs for the Lakes District.

CROOKED LAKE AREA LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, May 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. Wally Remic Community Center

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2024 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Tax Assessment Resolution

Committee Reports

Clean Boats/Clean Water

Zebra Mussels

Education/Ordinance

Commissioner Election

Other Business

OCLAWA

Firewise

New Business

Adjournment

FIREWISE

Here in the Crooked Lake area our risk of wildfire will be HIGH again this year due to the mild winter, warm temperatures, lack of snow cover and very dry conditions.

The 2024 funded fire reduction activities include the following:

Spring leaf and needle pick-up
(Week of 5/13)

Summer roadside chipping
(Week of 6/10)

Home Ignition Zone assessments
(sometime in June)

Most important: Return your 2024 Firewise USA Time sheet before

10/15/2024 to Matt Connell (mconnell3095@gmail.com). Each hour you document is worth \$31.80 in match to our Firewise District.

Your Firewise USA Work Group:

Curt Hoffman, CLFD

Tom Laundre, CLFD

Matt Connell, CL Resident

Dean Stoller, CLALPRD

Bob Sipiorski, CLALPRD

Patrick Krage, US Forest Service

Jackson Beck, Forester, WI DNR

Laura Hayes, WI DNR

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2024

All meetings are held at the Wally Remic, Jr. Community Center at the Crooked Lake Firehouse. The public is always welcome to come to all meetings. The agenda for all meetings are posted on the district website, the firehouse, and at the Crooked Lake Convenience Store.

2024 Meeting Dates:

February 24, 2024

May 4, 2024

May 25, 2024 (Annual Meeting)

September 7, 2024

October 26, 2024

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED!

With the rising cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, the board would like to see sending out the newsletter by e-mail. We currently are sending out just under 75 residents through the mail. Please e-mail crooklake@gmail.com with your cottage address. Thank you.



INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES UPDATE

Your District board works closely with Onterra, LLC, a provider of lake management services such as invasive plant species monitoring, water quality studies, and grant writing. In 2024, Onterra will conduct a point-intercept survey on Bass Lake, which is a comprehensive study of plant populations using GPS coordinates. These activities are necessary in order to apply for a permit to apply chemical herbicide to the growing population of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), an invasive species, in Bass Lake in 2025. The cost for their services will be roughly \$4,000 in 2024 and the cost for the entire three-year project is expected to be in excess of \$25,000. Onterra will apply for grant money from the DNR on our behalf to offset some of the costs, but your District will be competing with other organizations for these hard to secure financial resources.

Due to the uncertainty of available funding through grants and the escalating costs associated with executing our Lake Management Plan, your District board will recommend at the annual meeting that the current tax assessment for District properties should remain at \$100 per tax parcel.

Have a SAFE and ENJOYABLE summer on the lakes!