

# Meeting 12–Waterways Association of Menominee & Shawano County (WAMSCO) Annual Meeting

Four Seasons Hotel

Shawano WI

April 22, 2017

**Attendees:** See attached sign-up sheet plus Mark Emerick (via phone)

## Agenda

**Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties (WAMSCO)**

**Four Seasons Resort**

**201 Airport Road Shawano, WI**

**April 22, 2017**

1. 9:00 – 9:15 Introduction - WAMSCO – 15 minutes
  2. 9:15 – 10:00 Shoreland Zoning Updates– Bob Jacobson, Shawano County Zoning Administrator
  3. 10:00 – 10:15 - Shoreland Restoration/Improvement Projects – WAMSCO member (Long Lake, Cloverleaf Lakes, Legend Lake, Shawano Lake).
  4. 10:15 – 10:30 – Break
  5. 10:30 – 11:00 - Shoreland Restoration funding – Shawano and Menominee County and DNR
  6. 11:00 – 11:30 - Lake Rules 101 – Clark Delzer - DNR Conservation Warden
  7. 11:30 – 12:00 - Area Lakes Aquatic Invasive Species Control projects – Brenda Nordin DNR
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- 1) **Call to Order** Shanda opened the meeting at 9:00 AM
  - 2) **Introduction of WAMSCO Board & meeting attendees**
  - 3) **Shoreline Zoning updates – Bob Jacobsen** Bob gave a 20-slide presentation on recent changes to Wisconsin statutes governing shorelines. Highlights included:
    - a) Changes have already been signed into law by the legislature and governor.
    - b) No County or local rules can be more restrictive than State rules.
    - c) Reduced restrictions on non-conforming structures and substandard lots – new standard allows owner to make changes as long as the footprint doesn't increase. Owners can also re-build existing structures without a permit if the original envelope is not exceeded.
    - d) Boat house flat roofs can now be used as decks
    - e) There has been a big change in the focus areas such as:

- i) Impervious surfaces – 15% of a property can be covered with impervious surfaces this can be increased with special permits. In some highly developed areas, the cap can be increased to 30-40% with special mitigation ,
  - ii) Mitigation of runoff into waterways a 1:1 ratio is required for sites with excess impervious surfaces. And can include buffers on shoreline, or revising structures.
  - iii) Management zone - 35 ft. dedicated management zone from shoreline with 35 ft. access corridor per 100 ft of shoreline. For example, a 200 ft shoreline could have a 70 ft. wide corridor to shoreline.
- 4) **Lake Rules 101 – Clark Delzer** Clark reviewed Lake navigation and safety rules. Highlights included:
- a) High speed operation of watercraft is not allowed within 100 ft of shore, or 100 ft from another boat. This restriction applies to individuals, or unoccupied swim rafts placed outside of no wake buoys.
  - b) Identification is required for any operator of a watercraft.
  - c) Water skier dock starts are a violation of boating laws.
  - d) Question: How far from shore can an owner can place a swim raft. Answer is unknown.

**10:15 AM, 15 minute break, meeting resumed at 10:30**

- 5) **WAMSCO update – Shanda Hubertus** thanked the Four Seasons for hosting our meeting, and highlighted recent WAMSCO developments:
- a) Approval of our 501C3 application
  - b) Plan to hire a Water Resource Specialist as a WAMSCO employee
  - c) Update on Brenda’s efforts with respect to Youth Engagement & Watershed education
- 6) **Jason Breeggemann - Fishery Biologist** Jason discussed upcoming fish surveys he will be completing in Shawano, Legend, and Long Lake.
- 7) **Cloverleaf Lakes – Shoreline Remediation projects** – Shanda Hubertus & Brenda Nordin – Brenda & Shanda discussed recent Fishsticks project on Cloverleaf lakes over the past few years, and the Fishsticks project completed on Long Lake last winter.
- a) **Cost sharing opportunities in Shawano & Menominee County** were discussed, and it was noted that 10-50,000 per year is allocated to each county for such projects each year. Jeremy Johnson noted that there have been 46 shoreline remediation projects in Menominee County since this program was launched. Both Shawano and Menominee County currently have funds available. Potential qualifying projects include: Fish sticks, shoreline buffers, and run-off diversion. Call Brenda for details.
- 8) **Aquatic Invasive Species Update – Brenda Nordin** Brenda provided an update on recent/upcoming activities. Highlights included:
- a) Moshawquit Lake – planning a low dose whole lake treatment of EWM in May 2017. Moshawquit Lake is also adding a DASH unit in 2017 for use in 2018 and beyond.
  - b) Legend Lake - planning a low dose whole lake treatment of the entire system for EWM in May 2017
  - c) Loon Lake is continuing to fight EWM/NWM hybrids in their lake.
  - d) Shawano Lake – will review status of EWM in 2017 following a highly successful treatment of 900 acres of EWM in 2016 with a 92% success rate.
  - e) Big Lake will complete a large scale EWM treatment in late May 2017
  - f) Cloverleaf Lakes will review the results of a “4 bump” treatment protocol which they used in 2016 to treat hybrid EWM.
  - g) Brenda reiterated the importance of developing a comprehensive Lake plan prior to undertaking treatment efforts. Make sure there is really an issue before launching treatments. The DNR is

continuously reviewing results of treatments to make certain that we are getting the results we expected prior to treatment.

- 9) **WAMSCO new projects – Shanda Hubertus Shanda** discussed the following planned projects:
  - a) Education on Water Action Volunteers (WAV)
  - b) Shoreline remediation @ Smalley Park – Shawano Ski Sharks site
  - c) Clean Boats Clean Waters
- 10) **Adjournment** – Shanda thanked all participants, and meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM