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BEAVER DAM LAKE

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

— *Preserving and Protecting* —

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Letter from the President

Thirty years ago on July 27, 1991, the Beaver Dam Lake Management District - BDLMD was officially formed at a meeting where the By-laws were passed and the BDLMD was officially chartered. Thanks to the effort by many local committed residents the Lake District was created. The complexity of getting a municipality, and four townships, along with 51% approval of the residents within the proposed Lake District to agree to form a lake district – this was certainly an accomplishment! As I look back at the past year with all the challenges we all faced with the Covid-19 pandemic, I am hopefully not being too optimistic about the future. Last summer because of the pandemic, I observed and believe that the lake was used more by residents and visitors than in past years. Cumberland was one of only a few communities in Wisconsin that held a “4th of July” fireworks and it was an awesome display of pyrotechnics. Even though the Rutabaga Festival and parade were cancelled, the two “concerts on the lake” were a huge success and for a moment in time provided some distraction from the fears and chaos caused by the pandemic.

Following the purchasing of the 3 properties on Elm St. where the SE Storm water project is being planned, the three dilapidated buildings were finally demolished by late October 2020. The area sure looked different with the buildings removed. In early May 2021, trees on the properties were trimmed and several dead trees were removed. The Cumberland utility removed a number of trees that were infringing on the power lines. The area was seeded, and a group of volunteers covered the area with straw. With the timely rains during late May the seed really grew well. The Lake District applied for a construction grant on Nov. 1, 2020 and received notification that it was awarded in late March 2021. Work started on the final design of the first phase and bid specifications for the project were published. Because of the magnitude of the SE pond project and associated costs, the project is currently planned to be completed in 3 parts (requiring 2

additional grants) over the next three years. Construction of the first phase is scheduled to begin sometime in early Sept. 2021.

Now that the final Library Lake storm water pond project is underway, planning for dredging of sediment from Library Lake has started. Obtaining the required WDNR permits is the first step in the process. Once the permits are in hand and the scope of the dredging is finalized, a means of acquiring the necessary funds to cover the dredging expenses will be developed. This is going to require a major community effort!

As I mentioned in a May 5th article in the Advocate, during the fall 2019 aquatic plant survey, the EWM was found to be at one of the lowest levels since the early 2000's. However, by the fall of 2020, EWM was found to have unexpectedly rebounded. It was very disturbing and disappointing to see that the effort to control the invasive plant over the past years "go down the drain" so quickly. After consulting with a number of experts in the field of EWM, the consensus was that because of the warm water temperatures in the high 70's for at least 5 weeks during the summer of 2020, dormant EWM seeds had the right conditions to grow. EWM seeds can lie dormant for 6 to 7 years. As a result of this unexpected regrowth of EWM the treatment plan was expanded and approved. The EWM treatment was executed per the approved plan during late May and early June. This summer, the BDLMD will be monitoring and reviewing areas of the lake with a need for non-EWM weed control.

The WDOT engineers continue to work on the design for the replacement of the Highway 63 box culvert going between the east and west sections of the lake. Whether the structure is a replacement box culvert or a bridge structure remains in question. If everything goes as presently scheduled, more information may be available shortly after the first of the New Year. The construction of the replacement structure is currently scheduled for 2025.

The "No Wake" buoys near the beach area were removed late last summer when it was discovered that the placement of the buoys did not match the locations on the WDNR permit. After discussions with the WDNR it was decided that an amended permit would be submitted by the City of Cumberland. The amended permit would allow the buoys to be placed along a line starting at a point on the shoreline in line with

Second Ave., then 300 ft. to the north (point buoy), then turning about 90 degrees to the right (southeast) in a straight line to the shoreline by the intersection of Nedvidek and Hwy. 63.

It was also discovered that there was never a City of Cumberland, "No Wake" ordinance covering the placement of buoys on Beaver Dam Lake within the City's jurisdiction. A public hearing on the "No Wake" ordinance and the amended permit will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the BDLMD on July 10, 2021. Pending approval of the "No Wake" ordinance by the City of Cumberland, Maple Plain and Crystal Lake townships the ordinance numbers for the City of Cumberland No Wake Ordinance number is 749, Town of Crystal Lake No Wake Ordinance number is 21-0601, and the Town of Maple Plain No Wake Ordinance number is 2021-01. Please follow good boating practices when you see any navigation buoy. They are there for safety reasons. Also; don't play with or move the buoys. There are regulations with penalties covering disturbing, moving and damaging buoys.

As the Beaver Dam Lake Management District approaches the 30 year milestone, I think of what Beaver Dam Lake will look like 30 years from now? Will the Hwy. 63 bridge be built as scheduled and how will that affect dynamics of the Lake? What will the "Downtown" look like as changes are made to Library Lake? Will past graduating Cumberland students and residents continue to return to Cumberland to retire and will new faces continue to find Cumberland as a place to relocate? Will people continue to volunteer and support the BDLMD? All the past volunteers that have served as President, Secretary or Treasurer as well as all the commissioners are owed a big "Thank You". In addition, the support of residents, contract companies, local government officials and the WDNR personnel is also recognized and appreciated. Without the involvement and dedication of all these parties to making sure that the challenges affecting Beaver Dam Lake were addressed, the lake would not have remained one of the premier lakes in the State of WI. Hopefully this will continue for the next 30 years.

Don't forget this year's Annual Meeting will be held at the Cumberland Middle School on Sat. July 10, 2021 at 9:30 AM. Hope to see you there!

Tom Schroeder, President BDLMD

Ordinance #749

An Ordinance to Regulate Boating Upon the Water of Beaver Dam Lake and Prescribing Penalties for Violation Thereof.

The City of Cumberland Common Council of the County of Barron, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

Section 1 – Applicability and Enforcement: The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Beaver Dam Lake. This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of City of Cumberland Police Department and/or by any law enforcement officer of the state of Wisconsin.

Section 2 – Intent: The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests and the capability of the water resources.

Section 3 – State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted: State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71, Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference here.

Section 4 – Penalties: Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in ss. 30.80, Wis. Stats., and deposits established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conferences, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment are deleted.

Section 5 – Severability: The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the City of Cumberland would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether

or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 6 – Definitions: “Slow-no-wake” means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steering control.

Section 7 – Slow No Wake Area: No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the waters of Beaver Dam Lake approximately 300 feet directly north of 2nd Avenue and then placing buoys in a line directly SE to Nedvidek Street.

Section 8 – Posting Requirements: The City of Cumberland shall place and maintain a synopsis of this ordinance at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the City pursuant to the requirements of NR 5.15, Wis. Adm. Code.

Section 9 – Effective Date: This section will become effective upon its passage and publication.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2021

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Or Current Resident

Beaver Dam Lake Management District 30th Annual Meeting
Saturday July 10, 2021
Cumberland Middle School
Cumberland, Wisconsin 54829
Doors open at 9:00 AM, Meeting begins at 9:30 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions – Tom Schroeder
2. Public Hearing on “No Wake” buoy ordinance pertaining to the buoys placed between the City beach and Hyw. 63. The “No Wake” Ordinance number for the City of Cumberland number is 749, Town of Crystal Lake number is 21-0601, and the Town of Maple Plain number is 2021-01. Tom Schroeder
3. Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes – Tom Schroeder
4. Annual Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Alan Carlson
5. Audit Report – submitted by Mary Biros Rogers, presented by Dr. Carlson
6. Present Budget for 2021-2022, discussion, approval – Dr. Alan Carlson
7. Election of Commissioners – Tom Schroeder
8. Update presentation on Library Lake by Jay Michels -EOR
9. Review of District Activities – Tom Schroeder
10. Other items as needed
11. Adjourn

Proposed Budget 2021-2022

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Tax Rev.	\$210,723	Mailings, Notices, Mtgs.	\$ 3,000
Grants Remaining		Grant Matches	
Lib Lk SE LPT 71421 Const.	175,000	LPT-71421 Lib Lk SE Construction	267,000
Cash Reserve Draw	102,227	Milfoil/CLP Control with Plant Surveys	184,000
Total Revenues	\$487,950	Aquatic Plant Mgmt. Plan-ongoing	5,000
		Insurance	6,000
		Boat Landing Monitors	2,000
		Fireworks	1,000
		Water Safety	650
		Website Updates	800
		Shoreline Restoration Site	2,500
		Feasibility Study	6,000
		Storm water Pond Maintenance	10,000
		Total Expenses	\$487,950

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Approximately 15 minutes following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting the BDLMD will hold a brief Board meeting with the following agenda.

1. Approve minutes from May 13, 2021 and June 10, 2021 meeting
2. Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Alan Carlson
3. Election of officers
4. Approve bid pricing and contractor for the Phase 1 of the SE storm water pond
5. Set next meeting date
6. Adjourn