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WALWORTH COUNTY

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Public Hearing – Lake Ordinance – Town Hall – March 13, 2017

Chairman Weiss called the public hearing to order at 6:45 pm. There were fifteen (15) people present plus the five Town Board members. Chairman Weiss read the notice that was published in the paper. He then turned the meeting over to Supervisor Roy White, Chairman of the Lake Use Committee. The last changes to the Ordinance were done in 1990.

The following audience members made comments:

- Tom Kwitkowski, N1596 Countryside Lane. Tom stated he has been a full time resident since 1970 and former Director of the Water Safety Patrol. He is worried about the 300' distance proposed for the slow no wake buoys. In the 1980's the distance was regulated. The buoys were put on cinder blocks with chains and in the fall when they were removed, a milk bottle was attached. Placing and removing the slow no wake buoys was always given to the Water Safety Patrol. They would just eyeball the distance and put the buoy in.
- Juan Gomez, DNR employee. Juan has been on the lake since 2011. Presently there is a large range of placement of the buoys. The property owner is responsible for maintaining and placing the buoys. They are supposed to be permitted by the local Municipality. There are too many buoys on the lake at this time.
- Jason Roberts, DNR employee. For atheists reasons we do not need so many buoys. The DNR would like to have a numbering system implemented with the permit # on top of the buoy.
- Steve Beers stated he would like to leave the distance at 200' and wait to change when we get a handle on the number of buoys and the numbering system in place. If there is a raft in place, buoy needs to be 100' from the raft. The current distance needs to be enforced.
- Charles Colman does not believe buoys are being registered or permitted at the Municipality.
- Ted Pankau, current Director of the Water Safety Patrol. Speaking for the Safty Patrol he is against the 300' distance. That will shrink the traffic lane. It then becomes a safety issue. Those not conforming should be made to conform.
- Tom Kwitkowski stated that buoys have added to the safety. In 1979 there were nine (9) deaths on the lake. The Water Safety Patrol is about safety and education.
- Bill Binn stated he wants some uniformity around the Lake.
- Jeff Reed, Reeds Pier Service stated most buoys are not permitted. When they place them, they just eyeball 100' from the pier and drop them. There is a mechanism for permitting a slow no wake buoy.
- Atty. David Schiltz asked how the 100' pier head line will be governed.

There is a typo in Section IX, Severability. In the first sentence it should be unconstitutional.

Everyone seems OK with the ordinance except the buoy placement. A mechanism needs to be found to solve the problem of the buoys out so far.

Chairman Weiss closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 PM.

**Jones/White motion to adjourn. Carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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