

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council President, Ken Howell; Alderpersons: Selena Proksa, Doug Skates, Tim Dunn, Cindy Flower, Shari Straube, John Halverson and Rich Hedlund

Council President Howell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that Howell, Proksa, Skates, Dunn, Flower, and Halverson were present with Straube and Hedlund being absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed

Motion by Skates to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole, second by Proksa. No discussion. Motion carried

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion and consideration

Mary Jo Fesenmaier; 1085 Lakeshore Dr; Spoke in regards to the potential for a future Ice Castles agreement and spoke to items that she would like to see considered moving forward. She would like to see data to show how the Ice Castle is benefiting the surrounding communities. She would like to see what the condition of the beach is at the end of the summer and the water quality of the beach. Possibly exploring year round parking considering the Ice Castle.

Dick Malmin; N1991 S Lakeshore Dr; Mr. Malmin introduced himself as Paul Revere. He spoke to the invasive species of Starry Stonewort and spoke how this species could be detrimental to the lake. He added that the lake being affected by this could hurt the community as well.

Ted Peters from the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency (GLEA) to present on the Starry Stonewort, the invasive plant and the GLEA's management/eradication plan for Trinke Estates Lagoon

Ted Peters from the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency gave a presentation to the Committee of the Whole regarding the invasive species, Starry Stonewort. He stated that he has researched this extensively and believes that he has found a way to possibly eradicate this invasive species. He noted that this most likely came from Europe and was brought into the state in the late seventies. He added that Geneva Lake is not the only Wisconsin lake affected, and that some of the neighboring lakes have been infested as well. This species can vary in size which can be very small and can be meters long. This species can grow to be very thick which can be detrimental to boaters and most importantly fish.

He then outlined what the proposed plan is to eradicate this issue. This species tends to be better dealt with while using the dredging method. This would involve placing silt fencing in

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the lake as to stop the spread of the plant, dredging the bottom of that area, then placing the materials in trucks to be hauled away, and then placing the water removed in large bags for dewatering. This operation would be staged and take place near the Trinke Estates.

Peters noted that the biggest concern at this point is raising the funds for this project, which is slated to be approximately \$150,000. He added that he is hopeful to obtain grants from the state as well. He noted that any information is available on the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency's website along with a GoFundMe page to help with raising funds.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS. The following Aldermen will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. It is not contemplated that these matters will be discussed or acted on but referrals to the appropriate committees and/or individuals will be made.

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, Alderman Howell

Personnel Committee, Alderman Proksa

Public Works Committee, Alderman Flower

Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, Alderman Skates

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

Utility Commission, Aldermen Hedlund & Flower

Tree Board, Alderman Dunn

Police & Fire Commission, Alderman Skates

Plan Commission, Alderman Skates

Board of Park Commissioners, Alderman Straube

Library Board, Alderman Halverson

Historic Preservation Commission, Alderman Flower

Cemetery Board, Alderman Howell

Avian Committee, Alderman Proksa

Tourism Commission, Aldermen Hedlund & Straube

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Chamber of Commerce, Alderman Straube

Geneva Lake Museum, Alderman Dunn

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Aldermen Howell & Hedlund

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Alderman Proksa

Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, Alderman Flower

Geneva Lake Use Committee, Alderman Dunn

Business Improvement District, Alderman Halverson

Adjourn

Motion by Dunn to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, second by Halverson.

Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.