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Fellow Board Members,

Below, I am providing my summary of recommendations from the PLP&RD Boat Landing Committee, edits, and additions are welcome.

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Boat Landing Committee Member

BOAT LANDING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 9-19-20

The PLP&RD Boat Landing Committee met on September 19, 2020 to consider what improvements are needed at the Upper Post Lake Main Boat Landing and to consider signage upgrades for all three boat landings. The meeting took place at the Main Boat Landing on Upper Post. In attendance were Jeff McKinney, Andy, Joswiak, Tim Prunty, Al Wendorf and John Steber. The committee is recommending that their proposal to upgrade the signage at all three landings be considered separately from the rebuild of the Main Landing. It is felt that the proposed sign upgrades could be incorporated into a new design of the Main Landing.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAIN BOAT LANDING ON UPPER POST

It is the committee's recommendation that the board approve efforts toward a major upgrade of the Main Boat Landing. These upgrades to include the entrance road, parking lot, boat ramp and green space. It is recommended that the entrance road and parking lot be paved and the ice-heave problem with the boat ramp be addressed. The committee recommends that the district work with the WDNR to begin the process of obtaining the required permits and apply for both state and federal grants to offset the cost of the project. The committee is also recommending that the board consider hiring an engineering firm to provide the required stamped engineering plans.

Please note that the committee took the initiative to ask for RFP's from several engineering firms. Proposals were received from two firms but as it turns out we jumped the gun and obtained engineering proposals, it was too early in the process. This should not be a problem going forward, just a bit of extra work for a couple of us committee members and the firms that submitted proposals.

WDNR Grant Specialist, Ann Loechler, has provided the following information and recommendations about the permit and grant application process:

1. There are both State and Federal grants that could be available for improvements. The state grant source is the Recreational Boat Facilities (RBF) program and the federal grant source is the Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) program.
2. Obtaining the grants are not a given. The states RBF grant will be easier to obtain and will pay up to 50% of the project. The federal (SFR) grant has limited funds and the grant process could take up to a year and a half to complete. The (SFR) grant would also pay up to 50% of the total cost. Should we be able to obtain both of these grants, they could cover nearly 100% of the project costs. Ann Loechler stated that if we can wait and our need is not immediate we should attempt to obtain both grants.

3. Permits and grant applications for improvements to the Main Landing will be much more involved than what was needed for the West Side and Isle of the Pines landings.
4. For this project the district will be required to provide approved engineering plans stamped by a licensed PE.
5. The engineering plans will address handicapped accessibility accommodations, management of water runoff from the parking lot/entrance road and the boat ramp construction.
6. Ann feels that we should not pay an engineering firm to complete the Chapter 30 and grant applications. She feels that we should be able to complete these forms with her assistance.
7. The Town of Elcho will be asked to provide a resolution to support the project and authorize the PLP&RD and its representative to act on behalf of the Town of Elcho to seek funding.
8. **IMPORTANT:** Ann recommends that we include a pit toilet into the project versus the portable restrooms. Pit Toilets should help us score higher in the grant evaluation.

SIGN IMPROVEMENTS FOR ALL THREE BOAT LANDINGS.

1. The committee members agreed that the signage for all three boat landings need an upgrade and that the signage should be the same for all three landing.
2. Members agreed to recommend that each boat landing would have the same signage, which will consist of two sign boards. One sign would be a 48" x 48" WDNR Invasive Species Station (see photo below). The other board to be a Lake Rules & Map sign, approximate size to be 48" x 72". The Lake Rules and Map sign (see layout in e-mail attachment) will feature a list of our basic lake rules and a map of the lake showing the location of our designated Slow No Wake areas. It is also recommended that a roof be included over the Rules & Map sign board. These two sign boards would replace the present approach of placing individual signs on numerous posts (see photos below).
3. Existing kiosks to be removed.
4. Andy Joswiak agreed to take the lead on the design and building of the sign board structures and the other committee members agreed to help as needed.
5. The cost of just the signs will be approx. \$500.00 per boat landing. The cost of the structure (posts, hardware & roofing materials) has yet to be determined.

PLEASE SEE PHOTOS BELOW

48" X 48" WDNR INVASIVE SPECIES STATION

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

AIS REMOVAL STATION

BEFORE LEAVING, YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO:

- ▶ **INSPECT** boats, trailers and equipment
- ▶ **REMOVE** all attached aquatic plants, animals and mud
- ▶ **DRAIN** all water from boats, vehicles and equipment including livewells
- ▶ **NEVER MOVE** plants or live fish away from a water body*

*Limited exceptions apply. Visit DNR.WI.GOV and search for "BMT LAWS."

Optional steps include:

- ▶ Pressure wash areas indicated for at least 90 seconds to help remove invasive species that are hard to see and remove by hand
 - Keep the nozzle at a 90° angle to the boat and at least 12 inches away from the boat to prevent removing decals
- ▶ Treat live wells with a mild bleach or salt solution
 - ½ oz bleach/quart of water or ½ cup salt/gallon of water
 - Spray the inside of the live well and rinse before next use

CHECK THESE LOCATIONS FOR INVASIVE SPECIES:



TOOLS

- Use tools to remove vegetation
- Place vegetation in the grass
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash at home



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the spread of invasive species. It's the Law!



These tools help protect our lakes.
Please replace them when finished!

UPPER POST WEST SHORE LANDING



UPPER POST MAIN LANDING



LOWER POST ISLE OF PINE LANDING

