

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

May 4, 2021

On-Line Meeting Via Webex

Following the

7:00 p.m. regular City Council Meeting

THE PUBLIC MAY OBSERVE THE ON-LINE MEETING BY CALLING DUSTIN LESLIE, CITY CLERK, PRIOR TO 4pm AT 763-531-1253 FOR LOG-IN INSTRUCTIONS. THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO LISTEN BY CALLING +1-312-535-8110 AND ENTERING ACCESS CODE 133 374 6433. IF PROMPTED, HIT #.

AGENDA

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM
2. ROLL CALL: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
3. REPORT: Police Chief Foley on Emergency Operations Preparedness
4. DISCUSSION: Green Steps City Discussion
5. DISCUSSION: Lake Regulations Discussion (see attached draft notice)
6. MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties (to be distributed at meeting)
7. DISCUSS: Mission Statement; Goals Update
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

Robbinsdale City Council Seeking Public Comment on Lake Regulations

The Robbinsdale City Council is asking the public to submit written comments or provide public comment at the June 1st meeting regarding the current lake regulations and a request to further restrict the use of motorized boats on South Twin Lake. All comments received prior to and during the meeting will be reviewed to determine whether the city should proceed with consideration of any of the existing regulations. Those

Robbinsdale has three lakes that have public access for boats: Crystal Lake, South Twin Lake, and Ryan Lake. In addition to state regulation of docks and watercraft, our city code has general regulations including:

- hours for boat use (see table below)
- restrictions on distances that motorized boats are to stay from shore (150 feet), people fishing (75 feet), swimmers (100 feet) and public swimming beach (200 feet)
- water skiing distance from shore and time of day (see table below)
- dock length (no more than 30 feet or unless shallow water then extended to point where water is at least 2 feet deep)

and no-wake regulation (as slow as possible-no greater than 5mph) on all parts of the lakes when there is high water.

	No gas powered watercraft	No waterskiing	Water skiing allowed
Crystal Lake & Ryan Lake (partially in Bk Ctr)	Sunset to sunrise	within 150 feet from shore	10 am-7:30 pm
South Twin Lake	Sunset to sunrise as well as noon to 6pm unless accessing Middle Twin	Sunset to sunrise as well as noon to 6pm unless accessing Middle Twin Or within 150 feet from shore	

Water Regulations

Robbinsdale:

- **Slow-no wake:** slowest possible speed/no greater than 5 mph
- **Crystal Lake:** no person shall operate at greater than a slow- no wake speed until the level has dropped to at least an elevation of 848 feet above sea level (at least 3 consecutive days)
 - o Mechanical powered boat, motor boat, or watercraft may be operated from sunset to sunrise the following day.
- **South Twin:** no person shall operate at greater than a slow-no wake speed until level has dropped to at least an elevation of 852.25 feet above sea level (at least 3 consecutive days)
 - o Gasoline-powered watercraft may not be operated between the hours of 12:00(noon) and 6pm on any day
 - o Unless watercraft is operated for the limited purpose of traveling on South Twin to or from the Middle or Upper Twin Lake and at a no wake speed or from sunset to sunrise of the following day.
- Speed regulations during high water levels rest with the Hennepin County Sheriff's department

Plymouth:

- **Slow-no wake:** no greater than 5 mph
- **Mooney Lake and Lost Lake:** no person shall operate, place or maintain a watercraft which is propelled by an internal combustion engine having a size and power in excess of 5 horsepower
 - o No person shall operate between the hours of 8 pm to 8 am.
- **Hadley Lake:** It is unlawful for any person to operate any motorized watercraft
- **Pike Lake:** No person shall operate a watercraft at a speed which exceeds 15 mph.
- **Medicine Lake:** no person shall operate a watercraft at greater than slow-no wake speed whenever the water level exceeds 889.4 feet (3 consecutive days). The slow-no wake restriction shall remain in place until the lake level drops to 889.4 or below for at least 3 consecutive days.
- Enforced by Hennepin County Sheriff's Department, including both licensed and special deputies. (can be enforced by other licensed peace officers)

Maple Grove:

- **Slow-no wake:** no greater than 5 mph
- **Edward Lake and Pike Lake:** 15 mph
- **Fish Lake:** no greater than 5 mph, sunset to 9am
 - o Whenever the waters shall reach or exceed 892.00 feet above sea level will impose a slow-no wake speed
- **Rice Lake:** no greater than 5 mph
- **All lakes in the city, sunrise to sunset unless otherwise specified**

DNR:

- Sunset to sunrise schedule
- Slow-no wake speed 5 mph or less

Water Patrol:

- The city creates the specific ordinances and declares high water. They often get direction on high water from the watershed district, but the city has to call it.
- **No/Limited wake:** white rolling wake from bow to stern- which typically occurs for 99% of boats at about 5 mph.
- we typically will use/write with a state statute if one is available, unless a city ordinance seems to better define the offense or behavior (seems most appropriate)

DOCKS

Robbinsdale:

- According to Pat Connolly, Richard McCoy and my own research, we follow DNR rules.

Plymouth:

- Need to obtain a permit for a dock for special situation on Medicine lake where road is between house and lake
 - o Must maintain in force liability insurance while having the permit
 - o The dock shall have two signs, posted at each end, no less than 1 foot by 2 feet that states in legible letters "Private dock- Keep off."
 - o The dock shall be equal in size, length, shape and construction to the dock the permit holder had in place. Shall also be maintained during term of permit

Maple Grove:

- No dock shall exceed 6 feet in width, 75 feet in length as measured from the water's edge
- The crossbars of any such shall not measure in excess of 25 feet in length
- The end segment of a dock may be of a square design up to 8 feet wide
- No more than two crossbars shall be allowed on each dock
- No more than 1 dock shall be permitted on any lakeshore site

DNR:

- Single, temporary platform up to 120 square feet measured separately from the access dock, or 170 square feet including the area of the adjacent access dock will need a permit
- If no area of the dock is wider than 8 feet, you do not need a permit

Water Patrol:

- In general the city can be more restrictive than the State, but I believe the city has to ok with the DNR to changes with no or limited wakes rules and with docks, especially if a city doesn't have the full lake in their jurisdiction
- Contact city attorney to reach out to DNR before instituting new water/dock regulations

Properties with Chronic Code Enforcement Issues – May, 2021.

Owner occupied or non-rental property

3800 Vera Cruz

Property maintenance issues brought into compliance with (sometimes multiple) warnings. Loose dog complaints.

3415 Zenith Ave. N.

No current property maintenance issues other than the retaining wall along the alley.

3947 Zenith Ave. N.

Loose dogs.

4154 Beard Ave. N.

Staff is waiting to see if the administrative search warrant prepared by the City Attorney has been approved by the judge.

3826 Noble Ave. N.

Citations have been issued about unleashed dogs. No current property maintenance code issues.

4100 West Broadway (Walgreen's)

Staff continues to monitor the property several times a week and remind the local management of litter issues. Citations continue to escalate.

Unlicensed/Presumed rental

Several properties are being investigated as time allows. “Knock & talks” with the occupants continue to be the most productive method of investigation. One two-family property is alleged to have been converted to a four-plex.

Licensed Rental properties

<u>Strategic Direction – established 2017</u> • Investing for the Future • Innovating for Quality Services and Efficiencies • Promoting & Connecting • Revitalizing the Community	 MISSION STATEMENT Robbinsdale... Our Hometown ❖ Our community of citizens and businesses – dedicated, proud and involved ❖ Our government – accessible, accountable, open and compassionate ❖ Our resources – prudently allocated and equitably provided
“What People? What Good? What Cost?”	

Investing for the Future – AA+ Bond Rating Confirmed

- Environmental Sustainability
 - Energy Usage Review Analysis - **progress report**
 - Green Step Cities – Step 2; **Step 3 – Scheduled 5-4-21**
 - Advocacy for Monarchs – pollinator areas
- Creative finance
- Live up to ‘what people-what good-what cost’ **(added mission and motto above)**
- Park Facilities – Meeting spaces- **Add to budget consideration?**
 - Sanborn Park Building/Park Redevelopment
 - Lower Level Public Safety
 - Historic Meeting Room
- Park Facilities – Playgrounds & Fields
 - Triangle Park master plan; Graeser acquisition; North Lee Park expansion
 - Community Garden at “Bunny Store Site” -3606 Lake Drive **Add to budget consideration**
- Asset Replacement & Maintenance – Support the CIP
 - Master Plan Schedule for All Parks – 10 year CIP
 - Public Buildings- 10 year CIP *council chambers AV update & wall shift-* **security update**
 - Street Projects – 10 year CIP
 - Water infrastructure- 10 year CIP
- Partnerships – Funding/Advocacy
 - Hennepin/State -Infrastructure Grants/Funding
 - BlueLine Connect Now! – LRT **progress report**
 - Metro Cities/LMC/NLC – legislative priorities/policies & advocacy
 - Communicate about Fiscal Disparities
 - BYR Quad Communities – Active military family support
 - Three Rivers Parks – Sochacki JPA, regional trails & trail head at South Twin Lake
 - Youth Sports Associations (fundraising)
 - NWCT-CCX
 - Shingle Creek/Basset Creek WMO – lake/stream quality and projects Ryan-South Twin cattails
 - DNR/Shingle Creek/State-Fed/Mpls – Crystal Lake water table

Innovating for Quality Services and Efficiencies

- Employer of Choice – retention, attraction, tools-software-resources
 - Inclusive hiring practices/focus on hiring diverse staff – **progress report/data practices issue**
 - Explore Affinity Groups
 - Educational contract for recruitment/retention

- Enhanced Services
 - technology enhancements –(meters/ BS&A-on line permits/payments/**permit look up**)
 - Drinking water softening, water pressure improvement
 - Solid waste – *organics- yardwaste cart options (March newsletter)* **progress report**
 - Special Needs – Shared Mental Health Worker
- Staff-Council Relations – Staff introductions at Council meetings

Promoting & Connecting

- Communication to Inform Residents – discuss 2020 website design update - *Add to budget consideration*
 - Social media/Energy use awareness/tip411/pedestrian safety/COVID19/
 - New Resident welcome letter **May 11 to finalize and sign**
- Engage/Involve Residents
 - Expand Community Involvement
 - public health i.e. tobacco, Special events, movie in park/gym, on-line surveys, open houses
 - Increase Creative Equity for Parks/Recreation Programs
- PR Campaigns/Outreach
 - Consider PT Public Relations Position – *Add to budget consideration*
 - Enhanced public communication – share information success
 - Community Outreach Position – Coordinator and police liaison positions filled

Revitalizing the Community

- Redevelopment Downtown
 - 2022-23 WB streetscape/sidewalks
 - Developer roundtables RE open development sites- **progress report**
- Redevelopment Outside of Downtown
 - 4600 Lake Road **5/11-REDA architecture update**
 - Point of Sale
 - LRT? **progress report** –CAC working on listening session; **May 26 Lunde FB Live Panel**
- Support/Promote Local Businesses
 - Expanded outdoor service during COVID
- Engage the Chamber of Commerce in promotion efforts
 - **Promotion of City-County- technical and grant assistance- Elevate HC, Comcast RISE; Robbinsdale is open site; Chamber site; Business identification as BIPOC, Latinx, Military, women-owned**
- Promote opportunities to Developers. Define what we want
 - Developer roundtable
- Update REDA signage - **no properties for sale at this time**