

Bass Lake Planning Grant Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 30th, 6-8 p.m.
St. Joseph Town Hall

Attendees: Aleisha Miller - LWCD, Paul Sickman – DNR, Marty Engle – DNR, Buzz Sorge – DNR, Chuck Strumke – Water Patrol, Mike Reiter – Sportsmen’s Alliance, Regina Ripple, Connie Counter, Bill Lawson, Tom Spaniol,

1. The Recreation Goal: *Provide safe and multifaceted recreational opportunities* was reviewed and discussed. (The following objectives are in no particular order.)

Objective 1: **provide appropriate public lake access** will be changed to **provide appropriate and safe public lake access**. The following will be added to achieve this objective, 1. BLRD will continue working with the Somerset Township to address excess parking on the road. 2. County and BLRD will research funding options for boat landing maintenance.

Objective 2: **Continue slow/no-wake for the protection of water quality, habitat and public safety** will be changed to **Continue the 8p.m.-8a.m. slow/no-wake ordinance for the protection of public safety**.

Objective 3: **Restore the walleye fishery...** will remain the same. The last paragraph on purchasing a donation box will be deleted and replaced with posting a sign on the ordinance board to contact the BLRD to make donations for walleye stocking.

Additional objectives were discussed and will be added to this goal:

1. Educate Lake Residents on the number/configuration of slips (docks) allowed by state statute.
 2. Continue bouy placement according to the ordinance to public safety.
 3. Educate Lake users on boating regulations.
2. Aleisha asked for additional comments on the previous goals. Some general formatting, wording and objective order comments were made and noted. The next draft will reflect these changes. It was also noted that some objectives are not specific enough to reach the stated goal. Buzz will work with Aleisha on setting specific objectives and time frames.
3. Additional items to work into the goals include:
 - a. An annual review of the plan by the BLRD
 - b. Adding incentives to get people to implement the plan objectives.
 - c. An annual shoreline photo survey.

4. No comments were made to change any of the background information. Everyone found the historical air photos interesting and useful. Aleisha will contact the Farm Service Agency to see if they have more photos she can use, specifically 1997.

5. The Final Meeting will be **Thursday, May 28th, 6-8 p.m. at St. Joseph Town Hall.**

We will review the final draft of the Bass Lake Plan. I will e-mail the Plan to you in early May. Please read through it and bring any comments to our last meeting.