

**Minutes**  
**Dunkirk Dam Lake District (DDLD)**  
**January 17, 2024 quarterly meeting**  
 Location: Dunkirk Town Hall

**In Attendance:**

DDLD Commissioners	Attendees	Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Davis*, Chair</li> <li>• Becky Dakin*, Secretary</li> <li>• Jenks, Dunkirk Appointee</li> <li>• Michael Engelberger, Dane Cnty Appointee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ted Christman*</li> <li>• Jack Lyon*</li> <li>• Doug MacKenzie*</li> <li>• Mary Ellen Mackey*</li> </ul>	

\* DDLD property owner/resident

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<b>DDLD Quarterly Meeting DRAFT Minutes – 01.17.24</b>	
<b>Call to Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.</li> </ul>	None
<b>Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Becky summarized the October minutes which were approved with no changes</li> </ul>	Becky, repost the approved minutes to the website
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lauri Hodge, DDLD Treasurer was not in attendance.</li> <li>• Laura Davis met with Lauri yesterday. Laura reviewed current assets and reviewed the current budget that was approved at the October meeting.</li> <li>• Discussion later on in the meeting included clarification that DDLD property taxes being collected right now (½ due in Jan, ½ due in June) are being collected in arrears for calendar year 2024. That's why none of our taxes changed even though the DDLD approved budget for 2025 has been significantly reduced. Dan Jenks said that he would verify this with Bonnie, the Dunkirk Treasurer.</li> <li>• Laura stated that we will consider amending the 2024 budget at our April quarterly meeting to build an emergency/repair fund so we don't have to take out a large loan for future repairs.</li> </ul>	Becky, add Budget Amend to the April agenda.
<b>Dunkirk Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Jenks reported that Township is considering updating the 20-year Comprehensive Plan. He pointed out that there are many things that are no longer current/relevant since the current plan was developed so long ago. Dan said they were putting together a committee</li> </ul>	Dan will add Becky to the Dunkirk Comprehensive Plan Committee

	<p>to work on this and asked for a representative from DDLD. Laura and Becky both volunteered. Becky will join this committee with Laura as a back-up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan pointed out that the current budget for Dunkirk includes \$12k specifically for the development of South Lyons Park (Hansen/Adler property below the dam).</li> <li>• Dan also mentioned that Dan Glenn was replaced by Tony King as the Supervisor for Stoughton Parks &amp; Rec Dept. We will stay in contact with him as the developments along the river progress.</li> <li>• The Dunkirk Roads Crew consists of 2FT and 1PT. They are currently 40hrs overtime right now that will be compensated through comp time this Spring.</li> <li>• Dan stated that the road crew has mowed Lyons Park South and removed the old fencing. He encouraged us all to go take a look as it has greatly opened up the property and the access to the river.</li> </ul>	<p>DDLD members expressed many thanks to the Dunkirk Road Crew</p>
<b>Dane County Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Engelberger representing District 35 reported that he was deeply involved in the budget process and approval for Dane County. They approved \$2mil for Habitat for Humanity to build homes for the underserved. Mike sits on several Land and Water Resources committees that include the “Suck the Muck” project on the Yahara River. They are also involved in purchasing land located near waterways to protect our lakes and rivers.</li> <li>• Mike discussed that the debate continues to fund the rebuild for the Dane County jail. The only bid is \$27mil over budget. They have been talking about this for 20 years. It will come to a vote tomorrow night. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike mentioned that he posts all of the updates on his blog two to three times each year. You can sign up for updates so you receive a notification when something is posted. <a href="https://board.countyofdane.com/supervisors/detail/35">https://board.countyofdane.com/supervisors/detail/35</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Becky will include info regarding Mike’s Blog when she lets members know that the minutes are posted to the website.</p>
<b>Safety Committee Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ted Christman, Safety Committee Member, reported the conversation to update the signage around the dam is ongoing. The costs for this will be covered by DDLD.</li> <li>• Laura mentioned that she has t-posts she can donate as the goal is to hang signs on t-posts inside the fence rather than hang signs on the fencing.</li> <li>• Ted reported that the Safety Committee obtained three bids and reviewed them with Tom Reiss. They chose to move forward with Lemke Fencing. The Lemke bid was several hundred dollars more than the lowest bid but they justified their choice in pointing out discrepancies with the lowest bid, i.e. the lowest bid listed a 12’ gate where Lemke’s listed a 16’ gate. The lowest bid also listed a very shallow depth of concrete for the corner posts while Lemke’s listed very deep installation of corner posts.</li> <li>• Ted restated that the DDLD will pay \$5k toward this project and Tom Reiss has agreed to</li> </ul>	<p>Safety Committee will continue to work with Tom Reiss and Lemke to get this project underway in the Spring.</p>

	<p>donate the funds for the \$13k balance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Becky mentioned that the committee is working with Tom Reiss to finalize the paperwork stating the details of the project and providing documentation for the donation.</li> <li>• Laura said that she would be happy to talk with Tom if it will help finalize the paperwork.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business: South Lyon's Park Expansion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura stated that the two grants we submitted to fund the “development plan” of the park were both not funded. The Township of Dunkirk has budgeted \$12k that can be used for the development of the plan by Parkitecture. The contract for this work will now be conducted between the township and Parkitecture. DDLD will continue to be involved on the committee level.</li> <li>• Laura is hoping that with the warmer weather coming this week, perhaps Parkitecture can do a property walk-through next week.</li> <li>• Laura said that we are hoping the “Plan” and budget can be developed this Spring to provide the needed information for the Recreational Boating grant through the DNR that is due June 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>• Laura reiterated that the DDLD needs to keep ahead of the Stoughton Water Park and have a safe put-in/take-out in North Lyon's Park as a first step.</li> </ul>	
<b>Items from Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura asked if the members had items they wished to discuss.</li> </ul>	None
<b>Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm</li> </ul>	