

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Spider Lake
Health, Safety and Environment Committee
August 21, 2025, at 4:30pm
10896 W Town Hall Road (and by Zoom)

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Chair Johnson. In attendance were members Mickelson, Lawton, Conroy and Amery.
2. Agenda approval. Amery moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Conroy. Motion carried.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approve minutes from July 17th meeting. Motion by Mickelson for approval, second by Lawton. Motion carried.
5. DNR Advisory Letter on Enhanced Wake Activities Ordinance.

Johnson reported on receipt of a DNR advisory letter that confirms that the proposed enhanced wake activities ordinance is consistent with the state statute. This approval initiates a 60-day period for public review, that will end on or about October 8, 2025. Although it is not required, Johnson noted that a public hearing on this matter will be scheduled during the review period.

6. Application to WI DNR for buoy permit and placement on waterway connecting Teal and Lost Land Lakes (MOTION)

Conroy reported on her findings from the DNR about better management of boat traffic through the waterway connecting Lost Land and Teal Lakes. Issues regarding the current threat to the environment and safety this situation presents were noted and affirmed. Enforcement options to address the situation were considered. The process of applying to the DNR for a buoy permit, and the DNR enforcement authority this will convey, was discussed.

Motion: Recommend to Town Board that a DNR permit for two additional buoys to be placed in the waterway between Teal and Lost Land Lakes be submitted by the Town. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Website form for reporting lake ordinance violations (MOTION)

Johnson provided an overview of a website-based data collection tool for monitoring and assessing compliance with the boating ordinance(s). This will facilitate community reporting and provide an alternative to calling the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department when an infraction occurs. Aspects of anonymity, confidentiality, data management/quality and community reporting were discussed.

Motion: Refer this concept to the Town Board for approval. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.

8. Radar speed monitors for lakes

A sign posted at the Heinemann Road boat landing indicates watercraft speeds are radar monitored. The Town does not actively monitor speeds with radar at this time. Options for resolving this discrepancy were briefly discussed.

9. Spider Lake Dam operations.

The Town will continue to monitor and address concerns regarding lake water levels and the operation of Spider Lake Dam, including enforcement of zoning ordinances that apply.

As there was no other business coming before the Committee for discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Amery, seconded by Conroy. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 6:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Amery, Vice Chair

AGENDA 1. Call to Order 2. Approve agenda for Aug 21, 2025 3. Pledge of Allegiance 4. Approve minutes from July 17th, 2025 meeting 5.) a. DNR Advisory Letter b. Timeline 6.) 78. Radar speed monitors for lakes 9. Monitor of Spider Lake Dam Operations - Public Comment 10. Adjourn (MOTION)

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