

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 22, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martin called the special meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 5:35 p.m. on August 22, 2016.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Quigley and Springhorn
Councilmembers Johnson and Wickstrom were absent.

ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY NO WAKE ZONE ON SNAIL LAKE

Presentation by City Engineer Tom Wesolowski

Wesolowski indicated that the City has received phone calls and emails from some residents on Snail Lake requesting that a “slow no wake zone” be established on the lake due to the record high water levels. He noted that the City took a similar action in 2014 on Snail Lake due to high water levels at that time. He checked with the State Department of Natural Resources and determined that the City could take action to establish a temporary, 30-day no wake zone. This no wake zone would be in effect for the thirty day period or until the lake level drops below 884 feet.

Wesolowski stated that he emailed the Snail Lake Improvement District Board and that three of the five members indicated that they support the designation of the slow no wake zone. Two of the five members preferred that the zone not be established. He also contacted Ramsey County Parks staff, who are responsible for operating Snail Lake Beach and owns a significant amount of property around the lake. Ramsey County also indicated its support for a temporary, no wake zone.

Mayor Martin opened the discussion and asked for comments from the people in attendance at the meeting.

Alan Longstreet, 4433 Harbor Place Drive, indicated that he has lived on Snail Lake since 1992 and loves the lake. He indicated that the erosion from the high water levels and waves from boats is taking out the shoreline on the east side of the lake. He supports the creation of a temporary and slow no wake zone.

Max Walsh, 4368 Reiland Lane, indicated that he uses the lake to inner tube and does not support the slow no wake zone. He indicated that buoys have been placed 150 feet from shore,

and he respects those when using the lake to minimize erosion concerns. The high water levels flood his land but cause less erosion of the shoreline at his property.

Andy Stenlund, 4248 Reiland Lane, supports the comments of Mr. Walsh and said that he also uses the lake for recreation purposes and maintains the 150 foot distance from the shore to reduce the waves and erosion.

Stephen Adie, 4320 Lake Point Court, indicated that he is a new resident on the lake and lives on the point, and has lost much of his property due to the high water levels. He is concerned about the potential damage to his property values and would like a long term solution to the high water problem and the impact on his property. Although he also uses the lake for recreational purposes, he supports the temporary no wake zone because of the impact of the high water on his property.

Schwerm noted that the lake is nearly seven feet higher than it was in 2011. The City has a long history of being concerned about lakeshore property values since there is a significant investment by both the City and property owners in a lake augmentation system to maintain lake levels. Wesolowski added that although the City has not needed to pump water into the lake for the past three years, the long term history of the lake is that it needs to be augmented much more frequently than it has high water.

Scott Hood, 4425 Harbor Place Drive, noted that he has lived on the lake for 18 years and also supports the establishment of a slow no wake zone.

Councilmember Quigley indicated that he is very familiar with the lake having lived near it for many years. He recognizes that the lake level has varied tremendously over the years and believes the City Council needs to respond appropriately to resident concerns when they are raised.

Mayor Martin noted that lake levels were high throughout Shoreview last week. She had an opportunity to view some of the property damage caused by the high water levels on Snail Lake. She noted that any sort of long term solution to this issue is not easily accomplished. It will involve discussions with the Ramsey Washington Watershed District, the County, the City, and possibly other agencies. The lake level is tied into the drainage patterns in the area. Water from Snail Lake ultimately ends up near Gramsie Road, as does water from Lakes Owasso, Wabasso, and Grass Lake. Gramsie Road is currently closed due to flooding over the street. Any consideration of lowering the outlet level for Snail Lake would need to be studied in the larger context of drainage patterns in the area. She believes it will be beneficial to discuss these issues with the Watershed District and other governmental entities.

After further discussion by the Council, Quigley moved, seconded by Springhorn, to adopt Resolution 16-78 establishing temporary, emergency, slow no wake restrictions on Snail Lake.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Quigley, Springhorn, Martin
 Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Springhorn, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes – 3 Nays

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

Terry Schwerm
City Manager