

# CITY OF WHITEFISH

## LAKESHORE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023

**Place:** City Council Conference Room

**Recorded By:** Nelson Loring

**Members Present:**

Toby Scott  
Peggy Brammer  
Nancy Schuber  
Daniel Woodd

**Members Absent:**

Vacant position  
Don Harring  
Roger Rowles

**Staff Present:**

Nelson Loring

**Public Present:**

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Summary:** Toby Scott, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. AGENDA CHANGES

**Summary:** None.

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8, 2022 MINUTES

**Summary:** Members reviewed the minutes of February 8th, 2022.

**ACTION:** Schuber made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8th, 2022. Brammer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

**Summary:** None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS & ACTION

A. WLP 23-W07 2303 Houston Point Drive

**Summary:** Widen and rebuild existing hiking trail. Rocks and vegetation along trail would be removed through the rebuild process, with vegetation replanted to mitigate erosion

Nelson Loring summarized the staff report for members, noting a couple of key points:

- Hiking trails do not increase impervious surface, are exempt from floodplain requirements
- Excavated material would be conditioned to be removed from the lakeshore zone as the application stated that they intended to place excavated rocks back into the beach.

**Recommendation:** Staff is recommending approval of WLP 23-07 with the 26 conditions listed in the report.

Members discussed the application with Nelson, clarifying the following items:

- Nancy asked if the whole outlined section of trail was located in the lakeshore protection zone. Loring confirmed it was.
- Peggy asked if there was a condition to ensure that excavated material would not be placed back in the lakeshore protection zone. Loring confirmed condition 23 would ensure this.

**ACTION:** Scott made a motion to approve WLP 23-W07. Brammer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The application will go before City Council on June 5.

B. WLP 23-W12 115 Bay Point Drive

**Summary:** Excavate a concrete block hazard approximately 10' from the lakeshore. There is an old concrete anchor/ object that is near the shore that the applicant would like to remove for safety reasons.

Nelson Loring summarized the staff report for members, noting a couple of key points:

- The project meets all Lakeshore Regulations as proposed and the conditions of approval would ensure the lake is protected from contamination and sedimentation.
- The project will need to meet the Lakeshore protection standards for heavy machinery in the lakeshore zone, notably not coming in contact with the lake.

**Recommendation:** Staff is recommending approval of WLP 23-W12 with the 13 conditions listed in the report.

Members discussed the application with Nelson, clarifying the following items:

- Scott asked how the object would be removed. Loring stated that since there is no way to determine how heavy the object is that the applicant did not specify, and the conditions would ensure that heavy machinery would not come in contact with the lake.

Lynette Donaldson, the applicant, commented that the anchor maybe up to 4000 lbs. and that the exact removal method would be explored after approval.

**ACTION:** Peggy made a motion to approve WLP 23-W12. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The application will go before City Council on June 5.

8. STAFF COMMENTS / GOOD AND WELFARE

**Summary:** There is a need to fill the vacancies on the Lakeshore Protection Committee. Legislation such as Senate Bill 301 and may change lakeshore protection regulations.

9. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

**Summary:** None

10. ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION:** The meeting is adjourned at 6:33 pm.