

**Regular City
Council**

March 24, 2020

To: Dave Callister, City Manager**Prepared by:** Ben Scharenbroich, Water Resources Supervisor**Reviewed by:** Michael Thompson, Public Works Director**Item:** **Approve permanent closure of the West Medicine Lake Park boat launch (Res2020-104)**

1. Action Requested:

Adopt attached resolution approving the permanent closure of the West Medicine Lake Park boat launch.

2. Background:

The City has been operating the West Medicine Lake Park boat launch for approximately 25 years. The launch was originally constructed to provide a seasonal deep water access for three weekends in May and three weekends in September for a total of 14 days per year. In 2014, Three Rivers Park District made improvements to their public boat access in the French Regional Park making the City boat launch redundant for deep water access. In addition, invasive species in the lake (including starry stonewort which was first found in 2018) have resulted in additional staff time and funds to help prevent their spread at the City's launch. Reducing the number of public access points can increase the effectiveness of an aquatic invasive species (AIS) inspection program and help prevent the spread of starry stonewort to other local lakes and/or bring additional AIS into Medicine Lake.

The launch has been closed to the public for the 2018 and 2019 open water seasons, but has remained open during winter months and for emergency access for Public Safety staff year round. In 2019, the Medicine Lake Homeowners Association (AMLAC) supported closing the launch and has requested the launch be closed permanently to help manage AIS. This proposal was reviewed by staff and is recommended for Council approval as it will reduce staff time, help manage AIS, and reduce long term City costs. See attached letter and petition from AMLAC.

The permanent closure of the launch was discussed at the March 11, 2020 Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) meeting, and notice of the EQC meeting was mailed to property owners adjacent to the lake. The EQC and members of the public provided comments on the proposed closure prior to and at that meeting, and six members of the public attended the meeting. Their comments and concerns related to launch wait times, parking fees, invasive species control, AIS inspection, low water launch concerns, and potential launch improvements at French Regional Park.

The EQC made a recommendation to close the West Medicine Lake Park boat launch and requested staff discuss the following items with Three Rivers Park District staff:

- Allow residents, who live on the lake, access to the launch when launching and not parking in the parking lot;

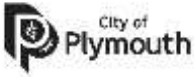
- Explore enhancements to the French Regional Park Boat Launch to address low water launch concerns brought up by residents;- Discuss expanded AIS monitoring in the early morning hours; and
- Leave the option for the City to open the West Medicine Lake Boat Launch should low water conditions prevent residents from utilizing the French Regional Park Boat Launch.

3. Budget Impact:

The City contracts with Three Rivers Park District to have certified inspectors eight hours per day for the six weekends the launch is open, which equates to approximately \$1,200.00 per year that can be saved.

4. Attachments:

- [EQC Staff Report](#)
- [Hennepin County Notification Map](#)
- [Petition to Close Boat Launch](#)
- [Public Comment Received](#)
- [Resolution 2020-104](#)



**ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY COMMITTEE**

March 11, 2020

To: Environmental Quality Committee
Prepared by: Ben Scharenbroich, Interim Water Resources Manager
Reviewed by: Chris LaBounty, City Engineer
Item: **Boat Launch Closure – West Medicine Lake Park**

1. ACTION REQUESTED:

Review, take public input, and make a recommendation on the closure of the boat launch at West Medicine Lake Park.

2. BACKGROUND:

The City has been operating the West Medicine Lake boat launch for approximately 25 years. The launch was originally installed to provide a seasonal deep water access. The launch has traditionally been open for three weekends in May and three weekends in September for a total of fourteen days per year. The launch was closed for the 2018 & 2019 open water seasons and was open during winter months. Emergency access for Public Safety staff is available year round.

Staff recommends closing the launch during the open water season for the following reasons:

- In 2014 Three Rivers Park District made improvements to their public access making the City launch unnecessary for deep water access.
- Starry Stonewort, a fast-growing, non-native algae, was confirmed in Medicine Lake in August of 2018. Reducing the number of public accesses can increase the effectiveness of an aquatic invasive species (AIS) inspection program and help prevent the spread of starry stonewort to other local lakes, and/or bringing additional AIS into Medicine Lake.
- The Medicine Lake Homeowners Association (AMLAC) supported closing the launch in 2019, and has requested the launch be closed permanently to help manage AIS

Staff recommends taking public comment on the closure of the West Medicine Lake Boat Launch during open water seasons.

3. BUDGET IMPACT:

The City contracts with Three Rivers Park District to have certified inspectors 8 hours per day for the six weekends the launch is open, which equates to approximately \$1,200 per year. The City opens and closes the launch two times per week during this process and also resets the concrete planks.

4. ATTACHMENTS:

Letter mailed to area residents



February 28, 2020

SUBJECT: PUBLIC INPUT MEETING
BOAT LAUNCH CLOSURE - WEST MEDICINE LAKE PARK

Dear Resident:

The City of Plymouth has been operating the West Medicine Lake boat launch for approximately 25 years. The launch was originally installed to provide a seasonal deep water access to Medicine Lake however improvements to the Three Rivers Park District launch in 2014 made the City launch unnecessary.

Traditionally the launch has been operated as a limited access launch that was open for three weekends in May and September for a total of 14 days per year. In 2018 & 2019 the City closed the launch during the open water season to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in the lake.

The Plymouth Environmental Quality Committee will be discussing the permanent closure of the boat launch during the open water season at their March 11, 2020 meeting at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Medicine Lake Room at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd., Plymouth, MN, 55447.

If you cannot make this meeting but would like to provide input please feel free to contact me directly at 763-509-5527 or via email at bscharenbroich@plymouthmn.gov

Sincerely,

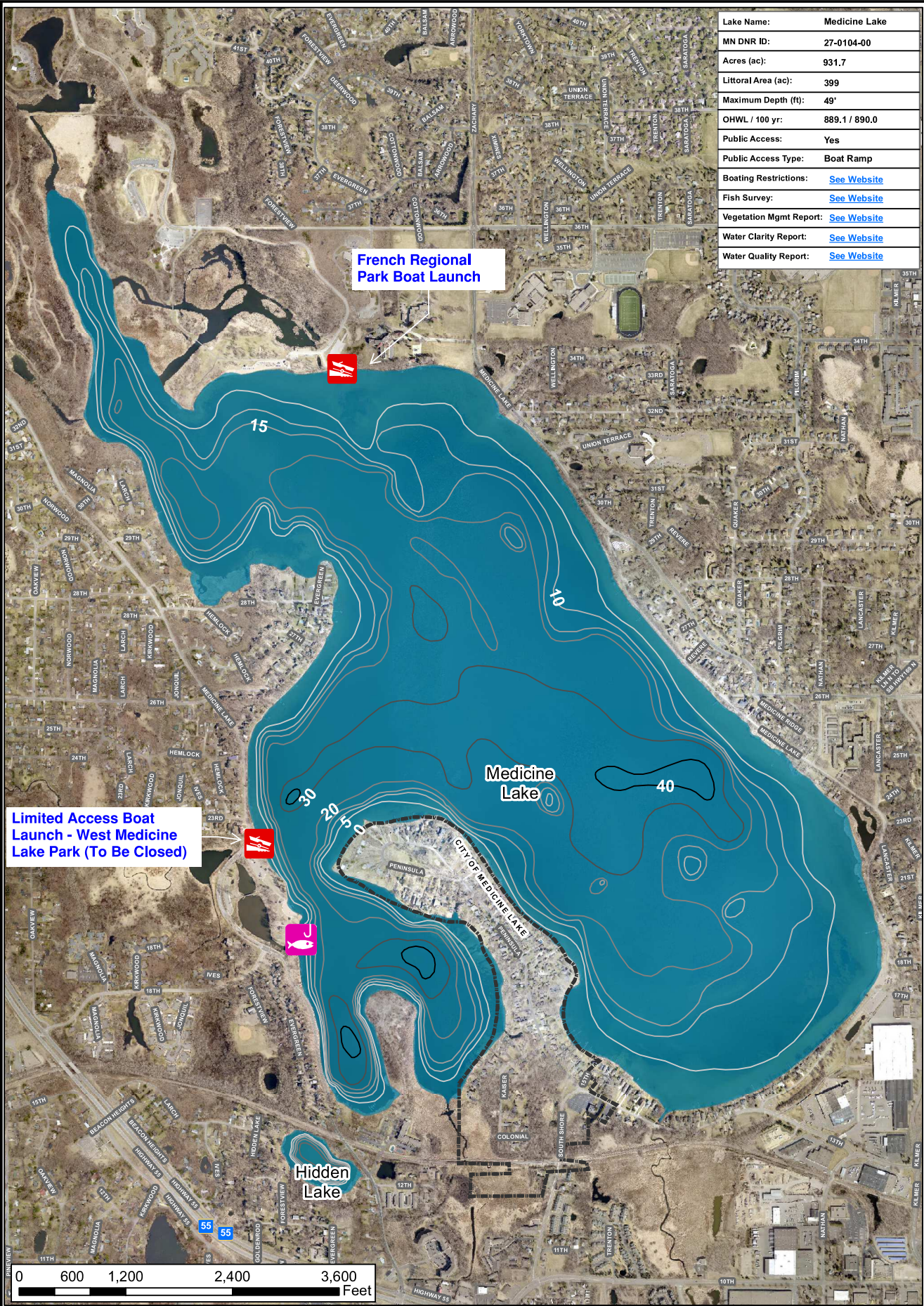
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Ben Scharenbroich
Interim Water Resources Manager

Cc: CIM
Chris LaBounty, City Engineer
Barb Northway, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation



Lake Name:	Medicine Lake
MN DNR ID:	27-0104-00
Acres (ac):	931.7
Littoral Area (ac):	399
Maximum Depth (ft):	49'
OHWL / 100 yr:	889.1 / 890.0
Public Access:	Yes
Public Access Type:	Boat Ramp
Boating Restrictions:	See Website
Fish Survey:	See Website
Vegetation Mgmt Report:	See Website
Water Clarity Report:	See Website
Water Quality Report:	See Website



Limited Access Boat Launch - West Medicine Lake Park (To Be Closed)

French Regional Park Boat Launch

Hidden Lake



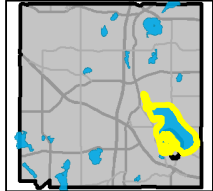
Legend

Boat Ramp

Fishing Pier

City Boundary

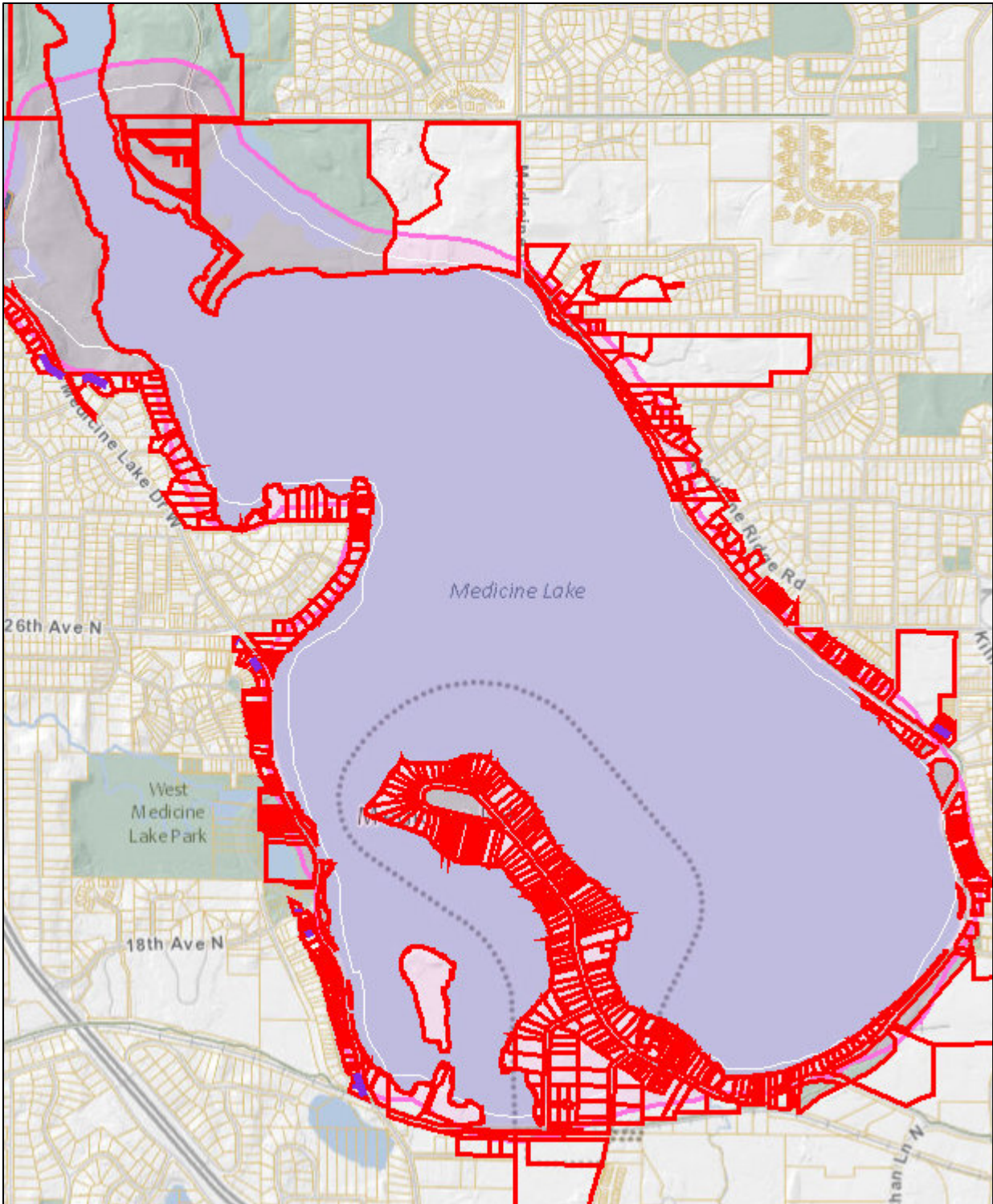
Medicine Lake Information & Access Map





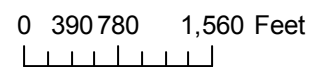
Hennepin County Locate & Notify Map

Date: 2/28/2020



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Map Comments:



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For more information, contact Hennepin County GIS Office
300 6th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55487 / gis.info@hennepin.us

In August 2018, AMLAC had 173 face-to-face conversations with Plymouth property owners who had boat/docking rights on Medicine Lake. 170 out of 173 residences contacted signed the attached petition to close the gates at the west medicine lake boat ramp. Only three residences on the lake wanted to have the boat ramp open.

Jim Lauer
AMLAC Board Member
jimlauer@aol.com

* Copy of Petition submitted to City Council in 2018

Submitted at EQC meeting 3/11/2020

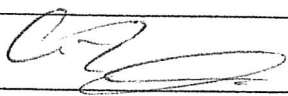
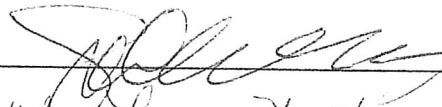
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Karla Burke	2660 E Med. Lk Blvd	Karla Burke	8-26-18
Pam Dorn	2690 E Med Lk Blvd	Pam Dorn	8/26/18
Mark Berger	2700 E Med Lk Blvd	[Signature]	8-26-18
JEFF SKELTON	10510 77 th Ave N	[Signature]	8-26-18
Sharon Lindau	2825 Med. Ridge Rd.	Sharon Lindau	8-26-18
Ann Harty	2900 E Medicine Lk Blvd	[Signature]	8/26/18
Jamie Sanchez	3190 E medicine lake Blvd	[Signature]	8/26/18
Ken Biggs	10720 32 nd Ave N	[Signature]	8/26/18
Jeff Blake	10820 32 nd Ave N	Jeff Blake	8/26/18
Nancy Welter	10724 32 nd Ave N.	Nancy Welter	8/26/18
Patricia Lobbe	10710 - 32 nd Ave. N.	Patricia A. Lobbe	8/26/18
Steve Louell	10704 32 nd AVE N	[Signature]	8-26-18
GEORGE JENVRIFT	10610 32 A. N. PLYMOUTH	[Signature]	8-26-18
Mark & Tara McKenzie	10604 32 nd Ave N.	[Signature]	8-26-18
Mike Watters	10523 32 nd Ave N. Plymouth	[Signature]	8/26/18
JAMES K. MARTIN	10603 - 32 nd AVE N. PLYMOUTH, MN	[Signature]	8-26-18

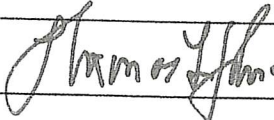
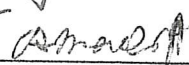
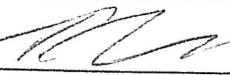
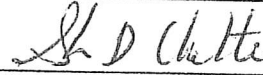



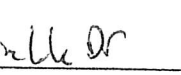
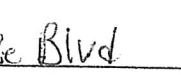
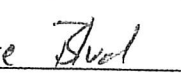
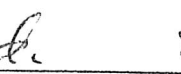
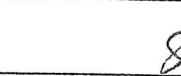

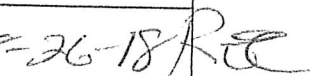
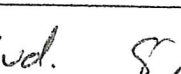
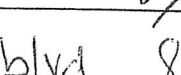
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Name	Address	Signature	Date
Brian Davis			8-23-18
	2425 W. MEDICINE LK. DR		
Mark Nazarevich			
	2205 W. Medicine Lake		
	Plymouth, MN 55441		
Leila Grambart	2301 W medicine LK DR Plymouth MN 55441		
Jim Underhill	2313 W. MED		
Aug & Laurie Newton	2325 W. Medicine Lake Dr	Laurie Newton	
Ann M. Hanson	2337 W. Medicine Lake Dr, Plymouth, MN 55441		
Mitzi Heath	2365 W Medicine Lake Dr, Plymouth 55441		
John Heinen	2375 W " " " " "		
Mary Bellay	2385 W MED. LK DR, Plymouth 55441		
Bob Kool	1751 W MEDICINE LAKE DR, PLYMOUTH 55441		
Marjorie Demeules	1749 W Medicine LK Dr Plymouth 55441		
Mint Abys	1737 W MEDICINE LK DR PLYMOUTH 55441		
KENN KROGAN	1731 W. MED. LK DR		

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Tim Johnson	2345 W. Med Lk. Dr.		8/29/18
AL [unclear]	2345 W Med Lake Dr		8/24/18
BRUCE PALM	1605 W. MED LK DR.		8/24/18
Steve Chelts	1401 W. medicine Lk		8/24/18
Brian Swanson	2950 Larch Lane N. Bismarck		8/24/2018
KERT CHRISTENSEN	1461 W MEDICINE LAKE		8/25/18
Bill Haberman	12030 25th Ave. N		8/25/18
Ryan Miller	1455 west medicine lake dr		8/25/18
Shelley Conn	1824 E Medicine Lake Blvd		8-26-18
Susan Dailly	1910 E Medicine Lake Blvd		8-26-18
Paul Sullivan	2030 E. Med Ct. Blvd.		8-26-18
Judy Hartka	2040 E. Medicine Lk Bl		8-26-18
Alan Wichman	2050 East Medicine Lake Blvd		8-26-18
ROSS E. CARLYON	2060 E MED LK BLVD		8-26-18
Charlie [unclear]	2120 E Medicine Lake Blvd.		8/26/18
Jan Kershaw	2355 E. Medicine lake blvd		8/26/18

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Mike Aoly	2365 E. Medicine Lake Rd		8/25
Bill Wixon	2375 Medicine Lake Rd		8/26/18
BRUCE BELMANN	2434 E MED LK BLVD		8/26/18
Ken Norkey	2440 E. Med. Lk Blvd.		
Bonnie Anderson	2460 E Med Lk Blvd.		
Richard Goldschmidt	2500 E. Med Lk Blvd.		8/26
Behrnt (Benny)	E side 2535 Medicine Ridge Rd		8/26/18
Cynthia Williams	2585 Medicine Ridge Rd		
Scott Blum	2530 Medicine Lake Blvd		8/26/18
Raynech Losinski	2550 E Medicine Lk Blvd		8/26/18
Mark Thompson	2560 E Medicine Lake Blvd		8/26/18
Mark Schoenfelder	2580 E Medicine Lake Blvd		8-26-18
Bill Merz	2600 E Medicine Lake Blvd		8/26/18
Chris Axel	2630 E Medicine Lake Blvd		8/26/18
Anna Zevonka	2640 E Med. Lk Blvd.		8/26/18
Chuck & Sue Holsher	2650 E Med Lk Blvd		8/26/18

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Stephan Schaller	1701 W medicine lake Dr	<i>Stephan Schaller</i>	8/23/18
Larry Goldman	1631 W med. LK Dr.	<i>Larry Goldman</i>	8/23/18
Robert Newton	1615 W. Medicine L.P.	<i>Robert Newton</i>	8/23/18
Connie Ryan	1601 W. Med Lake Dr.	<i>Connie Ryan</i>	8/23/18
Jeanne Foster	1535 W. Med LK Dr	<i>Jeanne Foster</i>	8/23/18
Ryan Mengelkoch	1525 W. Med LK Dr.	<i>Ryan Mengelkoch</i>	8/23/18
Don Johnson	1514 W Med LK Dr	<i>Don Johnson</i>	8/23/18
MIKE PHILLIPS KEABA	1513 W. MEDICINE LAKE DR	<i>Mike Phillips</i>	8/23/18
Paul Robbie	1465 W. medicine Lake Rd	<i>Paul Robbie</i>	8/23/18
Morgan Hammers	1400 W medicine Lake Dr	<i>Morgan Hammers</i>	8/24/18
Kauline Blaschko	1429 W. Medicine LK Dr	<i>Kauline Blaschko</i>	8/23/18
MARKUS and SABINA GABANY	1441 W. MEDICINE LK DR	<i>Markus and Sabina Gabany</i>	
Vattana + Soutjai Pegelakon	1469 W. Medicine LK Dr	<i>Vattana + Soutjai Pegelakon</i>	
Amelia DeWit	1507 W. Medicine Lake Dr.	<i>Amelia DeWit</i>	
Steph Ansdorf	1719 W Medicine Lake Dr	<i>Steph Ansdorf</i>	
Don DeWitt	2319 W Medicine Lake Dr Plymouth	<i>Don DeWitt</i>	

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Lindsay Weyelt	3040 Larch Lane		8/16/18
Ryan Hovey	12220 29 th Ave N.		8/16/18
Lynn Tibbets	12200 29 th Ave N		8/16/18
JONATHAN Hickman	12110 29 th Ave N		8/16/18
Richard J Paulist	12105 29 th Ave N		8-16-18 RP
Ally Shank	3110 Larch Lane N		8-16-18
Elizabeth Provost	3020 Larch Ln N		8/16/18
Ed Keesler	3030 Larch Ln N		8/16/18
Brandon McHire	3050 Larch Ln		8/16/18
John	3070 Larch Lane		8/16/18
Cathy	11830 28 th Ave N.		8/17/18
Ramona Wolf	10610 S Shore Dr ^{RP}		8/17/18
David Hayes	10550 S Shore Dr		8/17/18
Ally Hogan	10520 S Shore Dr		8/17/18
Russ Andrews	10508 S. Shore Dr		8/17/18
Faith Kappel	10406 South Shore Dr 12207 Wisconsin Ave		8/17/18

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JENNIFER EKERSTROM	2800 EVERGREEN	[Signature]	8-11-18
Jim Lauer	2810 Evergreen Ln, Plymouth	[Signature]	8-11-18
JARA RAZA	2870 Evergreen Ln N Plymouth	[Signature]	8/11/18
Tim Stivland	11605 25 th Ave N	[Signature]	8/11/2018
Kelly Road	2750 Evergreen Ln N Plymouth, MN	[Signature]	8/11/18
ROSS DEKRAAY	2800 Evergreen Ln Plymouth MN	[Signature]	8/12/2018
Ann Hanan	11625 28 th Ave N Plymouth MN	[Signature]	
Quenna Corozalla	" "	[Signature]	
Mary Patka	2800 Evergreen Ln. N. Plymouth	[Signature]	
Eric Daugherty	2860 evergreen Ln. west Plymouth	[Signature]	8-11-18
Laurie Scheitlin	2625 Evergreen Ln Plymouth, MN	[Signature]	8-12-18
PAT GORMAN/KARA	2740 Evergreen Ln N, Plymouth MN	[Signature]	8-12-18
GARY SCHIRMER	11605 26 th AVE N, PLYMOUTH, MN	[Signature]	8-12-18
Robert S. White	11625 26 th Ave N, Plymouth, MN	[Signature]	8-12-18
Paula Parke	11645 26 th Ave N Plymouth MN	[Signature]	8-12-18
David Aired	11925 26 th Ave N Plymouth	[Signature]	8/12/18

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Name	Address	Signature	Date
JT DAUMAUE	2770 EVERGREEN LN N	<i>[Signature]</i>	2018.08.14
JH KRUEGER	11805 26 th AVE N	<i>[Signature]</i>	08/14/2018
M. STOELZLE	2524 W MEDICINE LK RD	<i>[Signature]</i>	08/14/2018
Brian Burns	Retiree Kacey 2520 W. Medicine Lk Rd.	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/14/2018
Loren Anderson	2500 W Medicine Lk	<i>[Signature]</i>	8-14-18
PAULA PURSLEY	2790 Evergreen Ln N	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/14/18
Kathy & Yi Zhang	11920 28 th Ave. N. Plymouth, MA 05041	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/14/18
Jon Marley	12020 28 th Ave N	<i>[Signature]</i>	Plymouth MA 05041 8/14/18
William McClaren	2530 W. MEDICINE LAKE RD.	<i>[Signature]</i>	PLYMOUTH MA 05041 8/14/18
Dianna Juelich	2890 W Medicine Lk Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>	Plymouth 8/14/18
Catherine Lesnik	11825 26 th Ave N	<i>[Signature]</i>	15 Aug, 2018
Shannon Billington	11745 26 th Ave N	<i>[Signature]</i>	8-15-18
Att. [Signature]	10320 S. Shore Dr.	<i>[Signature]</i>	8-15-18
Robert [Signature]	11725 26 th Ave N	<i>[Signature]</i>	8-15-18
Massi [Signature]	12020 27 th Ave. N	<i>[Signature]</i>	8-16-18
JC Weigelt	12210 29 th Ave N	<i>[Signature]</i>	8-16-18

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Robert McClement	1402 W. Medicine Lk. Dr., Plymouth	R. McClement	18 Aug 2018
Catherine Popenhagen	80720 15th Ave Plymouth	Catherine Popenhagen	18 Aug 2018
Mary Krause	10710 15th Ave Plymouth	Mary Krause	18 August 2018
Ken Adams	10713 15th Ave Plymouth	Ken Adams	18 August 2018
Tom Lauer	10600 S. Shore Dr., Plymouth	Tom Lauer	Aug 18, 2018
Tom Gallagher	10520 S. Shore Dr. Plymouth	Tom Gallagher	8-18-18
Buccan Hasting Dring	10410 S. Shore Dr. Plymouth	Buccan Hasting Dring	8-18-18
John Base	10118 S. Shore Dr. Plymouth	John Base	8/18/18
Ron Merline	10106 S. Shore Dr.	Ron Merline	8/18/18
Edi Fero	10018 S. Shore Drive Plymouth	Edi Fero	8/18/18
Mark Sommerfeld	9950 S. Shore Dr. Plymouth	Mark Sommerfeld	8/18/18
Tervie Christian	9910 S. Shore Dr. Plymouth	Tervie Christian	8/18/18 K.M.C.
John Meyer	10310 S. Shore Dr.	John Meyer	8-18-2018
Mark Danyluk	10620 S. Shore Dr.	Mark Danyluk	8/19/18 MMA
Rebecca Holschuh	10708 S. Shore Dr.	Rebecca Holschuh	8/19/18
Joe Kenyon	10218 S. Shore Dr.	Joe Kenyon	8/19/18

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Name	Address	Signature	Date
Eric Mae	10340 S. Shore Dr.		8-17-2018
Michael Fay	10332 S Shore Dr		2018-08-17
IMARK HILLSTREAM	10314 S SHORE DR		8/17/18
Ruth Johnson	10222 S Shore Dr		8/17/18
Don B. B...	10222 South Shore Dr		8/17/2018
Christa Dwyer	10220 S. Shore Drive		8/17/18
NICK BLACK	10124 S. SHORE DR.		8/17/18
Bridget + Pick Emery	10100 S. Shore Dr.		8/17/18
Karin Burge	10030 South Shore Dr.		8-17-18
Dan Obendorf	10000 South Shore Dr.		8/17/18
Steve Halligan	9920 South Shore Dr		8/17/18
Tom Becker	10210 - S. Shore Drive		8/17/18
Nancy Allen	10300 S. Shore Dr		8/17/18
Reid Larson	11800 28th N Ply. Mass		8/17/18
Bradley Yfe	12100 25th Ave N P		8/18/18
John B...	12120 29th Ave N Ply.		8/18/18

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Name	Address	Signature	Date
Linda Cahill	10625 35 th Ave N	Linda Cahill	8/26/18
Janice Foster	10625 32nd Ave N	Janice Foster	8/26/18
Sheila M Nightingale	10707 3rd Ave N	Sheila M Nightingale	8/26/18
Nancy Lee	10727 32nd Ave N	Nancy Lee	8/26/18
Carol Meller	10805 32nd Ave N	Carol Meller	8/26/18
Michael Nomanich	7070 E Medicine Lake Blvd	Michael Nomanich	8/26/18
Lexy Wikenheiser	1940 E MEDICINE LAKE BLVD, PLYMOUTH	Lexy Wikenheiser	8/26/18
Pat Alagner	1529 W. medicine Lake Dr Plymouth	Pat Alagner	
Sybilie Redmond	1304 W. medicine Lake Dr #104 Plymouth	Sybilie Redmond	

Ben Scharenbroich

From: Neary, Timothy C <timothy.neary@nhcc.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Ben Scharenbroich; Tim Neary
Subject: West Medicine Lake boat launch

Ben,

Thanks for your letter of February 28th informing us about the closure of the West Medicine Lake boat launch. Unfortunately, I'm not able to go to the March 11th meeting because I'll be out of the country.

I do want to register my concern with closing West Medicine Lake launch. I have lake front property and we need access to put our boats in and out. Using French Regional Park for the past two seasons has proven to be very difficult. French Lake Regional Park would not let me launch our boat without waiting, for over 1 1/2 hours, until a trailer parking spot was available, before I could launch my boat. I pled with them explaining that I did not need to park the boat trailer because I lived on the lake, and it would be docked at my home for the whole season, but they were concerned other people in line would be upset if I was allowed to launch my boat even though I was not parking a boat trailer. This happened on more than one occasion.

Will you please consider opening the West Medicine Lake launch for a two or three-days for us lake residents to get our boats on/off the lake. There is no risk of invasive species being spread since the resident's boats reside on this lake. If someone did take their boat off the lake mid season they would be required to be inspected at the Park when they relaunched their boat. You could change the sign to indicate use of the West Medicine Lake Launch is only for lake front residences. Alternatively, you could consider restricting access to the trailer parking area to eliminate day use of the launch during the short time the launch would be open for us lake front residents.

Thanks for your consideration,

Tim Neary
162 Peninsula Road
Medicine Lake, MN 55441

Cell #: 763-400-0823

3 March 2020

City of Plymouth

Regarding closure of West Medicine Lake boat ramp to prevent spread of starry stonewort invasive species



Dear Plymouth City Council and Environmental Quality Commission,

On behalf of AMLAC and 167 lakeshore property owners, we affirm again our recommendation that the City of Plymouth permanently close the West Medicine Lake boat ramp. We believe this is an important act of stewardship to protect other area lakes from being impacted by the aquatic invasive species (AIS) now in Medicine Lake. The closure will direct all boat traffic to French Park where monitoring can detect AIS and run boats through the decontamination process.

This recommendation has been affirmed numerous times by impacted property owners most notably:

- February 19, 2020 the AMLAC board affirmed again the recommendation
- At the members annual meeting on May 15, 2019 there was strong support
- Over 167 petition signers in August 2018 supported the recommendation. Of all the property owners contacted on 2 refused to sign, demonstrating the broad support for this act of stewardship.

Closure to public use for the three scheduled weekends does not impact emergency access for first responders, access for public agencies doing lake management services (ex. monitoring or treatment of the lake), or winter access once the ice is in.

We encourage the City to permanently close the spring and fall public access at the ramp.


Thank you,

Joel Spoonheim
President, AMLAC

*To contact AMLAC, leave a comment on our Facebook page:
Medicine Lake (Association of Medicine Lake Area Citizens)*

Ben Scharenbroich

From: Teri Mathison Haberman <terimathison@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Ben Scharenbroich
Subject: Boat Launch Closure

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Ben,

We are completely in favor of a permanent closure of the Boat Launch at West Medicine Lake Park. There is definitely not enough regulation at the launch, and we need to do everything we can to protect our lakes, and the residents who live on the lake.

Thank you for all you do.

Bill and Teri Haberman

Ben Scharenbroich

From: Elaine Hove <ehove@blakeschool.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Ben Scharenbroich
Subject: Boat Launch Closure

Ben,

I live on the south side of Medicine Lake (9930 South Shore Drive). I support the closure of the West Medicine Lake boat launch for the open water season.

Thanks,
Elaine

Ben Scharenbroich

From: Weigelt, J.C. <JC.Weigelt@nVent.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 8:21 AM
To: Ben Scharenbroich
Subject: Boat Launch Closure: West Medicine Park

Hi Ben,

Good morning Ben, I hope all is well. Not sure if you remember, but you gave us some great ideas regarding lake access from our house on Larch Lane. Thanks again for that.

Regarding the decision to close the Boat launch at West Medicine Lake Park during the Open Water Season. I will not be able to make the meeting due to travel plans however I wanted to provide my opinion on the topic. I am in favor of this decision to close the access point during the open water season. I would rather see the city pool those resources to staff and equip French Park with the appropriate resources and tools to effectively battle aquatic invasive species. I know they do a lot now, which is great. I have used both launches and have no issue with the West Medicine Lake launch. From what I can see, being a resident on and heavy user on Medicine Lake, French Park seems to be able to handle the demand of boaters. I discussed this with my neighbors on Larch lane and 29th Ave this weekend and we are all in favor of the closure (5 neighbors: Jerry Provost, Brian Swanson, Brandan McGuire, Andrew Willing, Kyle Singer).

One question for you: Does the word “permanent” mean anything different than keeping the gate closed and locked as it is during the majority of the open water season?

Please let me know if you have any follow-up questions.

Thanks, JC

J.C. Weigelt
3040 Larch Lane
Plymouth, MN 55441

We have updated our Privacy Statement. Click [here](#) for details.

Ben Scharenbroich

From: Mark Sommerfeld <msommerfeld@rymarkit.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Ben Scharenbroich
Subject: Boat Launch Closure - West Medicine Lake Park

Mr. Scharenbroich,

This email is to is to confirm my support of the permeant closure of the boat launch located at West Medicine Lake Park.

Regards,

Mark Sommerfeld
9930 South Shore Drive
Plymouth, MN 55441
(612) 875-3712

Mary Jo, a resident on Medicine Lake left a voicemail message for Ben Scharenbroich on March 5, 2020. She had a question on the boat launch on French Regional Park and how the boat trailer parking fees are handled. She wanted to know if the parking fee is still charged if someone launches the boat and someone else in the vehicle takes the car and trailer away. Wanted this mentioned and discussed at the meeting since she is not able to attend.

Pat Coyle, resident of Medicine Lake, left a voicemail message for Ben Scharenbroich on March 2, 2020. He stated that he is not able to attend the public meeting but is in favor of closing the landing. He feels closing it is best for everyone involved.



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 3000 Xenium Lane North
 Plymouth, MN 55441
 763-559-6715

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INVOICE DATE: 12/31/2019
CUSTOMER # 00027
AMOUNT DUE: 1,120.00

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
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THANK YOU

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this invoice. We appreciate your patronage.

-Three Rivers Park District-

Phone conversation with anonymous resident

Resident is concerned about the amount of trash left behind by people ice fishing on the lake. Would like to know more information on how that can be remediated and potentially closing the launch completely.

Response to Mary Jo's question regarding boat trailer parking fees:

Jill Castle from Three Rivers Park District left a voicemail for Ben Scharenbroich regarding drop off and pick up of boats during the spring and fall for lakeshore property owners. If residents drop off boats and do not park their vehicle, they will not be charged a fee to park. If they park a vehicle, they will be charged the parking fee of \$6.00.

Ben Scharenbroich

From: tgboat5056@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Ben Scharenbroich
Cc: tgboat5056@gmail.com
Subject: boat launch closure

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Ben

My name is Thomas Gallagher, I am a Plymouth resident residing at 10500 South Shore Drive. I fully support the closure of the West Medicine Lake Boat Launch.

It would aid in keeping out zebra mussels and other invasive species.

People still launch canoes and other small water craft at the site. It would be very beneficial for signage and police presence to stop the launching of small craft so that we can reduce the possibility of zebra mussel infestation. Please present this idea at your meeting on March 11, 2020.

I am currently out of the state and will not be able to attend the meeting.

I would gratefully appreciate an email disclosing the outcome of the meeting.

Thank you for your hard work.


Tom Gallagher

TGBOAT5056@gmail.com

Steve Gunn, resident of Medicine Lake, left a voicemail message for Ben Scharenbroich on March 11, 2020. He had questions regarding whether or not the launch will be open during the winter for ice fishing access. Ben Scharenbroich called him back to let him know that the access is proposed to remain open during winter months.

Ben Scharenbroich

From: Howard Gilbert <gilbe026@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Ben Scharenbroich
Subject: West Medicine Lake boat launch

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I do not think it is important to keep this open. Maintaining good public access which can be monitored at French park is sufficient. I used to use the W Medicine Lake access for a sailboat, but did not find it inconvenient to go a little farther to French Park.

Additional note: keeping sufficient depth of channel to the boat launch at French Park is REALLY important, and to have that deeper water channel well marked with buoys is also very important.

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Howard D Gilbert
Medicine Lake

Ben Scharenbroich

From: Catherine Cesnik <cesnik@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 9:48 PM
To: Ben Scharenbroich
Subject: Support for closure of boat ramp at west medicine lake park

Ben, writing in my role as a Plymouth resident, I support the closure of the public boat ramp at West Medicine Lake Park to prevent the spread of existing AIS from the lake, including starry stonewort, as well as prevent arrival of new AIS to the already impaired lake.

Thank you,
Catherine Cesnik

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

RESOLUTION No. 2020-104

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF THE WEST MEDICINE LAKE BOAT LAUNCH

WHEREAS, the Three Rivers Park District made improvements to their public access in 2014 making the West Medicine Lake boat launch unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of public access may improve the effectiveness of starry stonewort identification and response on Medicine Lake, reduce introduction of additional AIS to Medicine Lake, and reduce the spread to other local lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Medicine Lake Homeowners Association (AMLAC) supports the closing of the West Medicine Lake boat launch;

WHEREAS, the closure of the launch was discussed at the March 11, 2020 Environmental Quality Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Quality Committee received public input and recommends the closure of the West Medicine Lake boat launch during open water conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA that:

1. The closure of the West Medicine Lake boat launch is approved and staff is directed to work with Three Rivers Park District staff on the following items:
 - a. Allow residents, who live on the lake, access to the launch when launching and not parking in the parking lot;
 - b. Explore enhancements to the French Regional Park boat launch to address low water launch concerns;
 - c. Discuss expanded aquatic invasive species monitoring in the early morning hours; and
 - d. Discuss the feasibility of the City opening the West Medicine Lake Boat Launch should low water conditions prevent residents from utilizing the French Regional Park boat launch.

APPROVED by the City Council on this 24th day of March, 2020.