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Wayne LeBlanc
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Dear Wayne,

Thank you for setting up the meeting with the Peltier Lake Association April 27. The turnout was exceptional. Everyone's comments were heard and they provided valuable background on the use of the lake and the history behind the development of the lakeshore. There is obvious passion for the lake and a strong desire to keep a sense of community.

Anoka County Parks and Recreation appreciates being a part of the meeting. As everyone is aware, Anoka County is a major landowner along Peltier Lake. We would also be glad to be a part of any future meetings. The St. Paul Waterworks is also a landowner on the lake. Everyone connected to the lake has an interest in issues that apply.

This note is meant to provide a review of the decisions made at the April 27 meeting. The consensus was to try the following options:

1. Voluntarily keep any water skiing to the main body of the lake south of the island. There was agreement to avoid skiing in the area north of the island. The request is to keep fast moving boats at least 500 feet from the island.
2. Anoka County Parks and Recreation will work with the water skiing sub-committee to educate the general public in regards to the valuable natural resource the northern third of the lake provides and the importance of limiting any fast-moving water activity in that area. Initially, signs will be placed at the public access to inform and educate. Signs will also be placed on the island shoreline declaring the area as a bird sanctuary.
3. Mayor Kim Sullivan, of Lino Lakes, will approach the sea plane operation in order to educate the business about the heron rookery and the need to avoid the area from a safety perspective for both the planes and the birds.

4. The Department of Natural Resources will monitor the rookery and the behavior of the variety of nesting birds. Lakeshore owners will also monitor lake use and rookery activity. Perhaps this fall or winter all parties can reconvene to discuss their findings.

The residents gathered that evening seem very genuine about working together to allow everyone the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the natural resources in and around Peltier Lake. Hopefully, they have a better understanding of the rookery and the importance of preserving the habitat needed to support the wildlife. Thank you again for organizing this meeting and for guiding the discussion. Please feel free to contact us with any further information about the water ski sub-committee. Let's hope for a wonderful summer season.

Sincerely,

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Park Operations Manager

cc: Kim Sullivan, Mayor, City of Lino Lakes
Jim March, City Administrator, City of Centerville
Bruce Andersohn, Anoka County Sheriff
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