

**NORWAY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
LOCAL WATERCRAFT CONTROL AT ROCK LAKE**

1. Hearing was called to order 10:00 a.m. by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Roll call: Present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Dave Solda, Trustee, and Brian Pellegrini, Trustee. Absent: Jeff Edwards, Treasurer.
3. Discussion of permanent local watercraft control at Rock Lake:
  - a. Letters were sent out to the 17 property owners at Rock Lake. 5 responses from property owners were received via phone/email. 10 people attended the meeting in person, representing another 4 property owners. Of these 9 property owners, 5 were in favor of the no wake designation for the lake and 4 were against it. Reasons given:
    - Pros: 1) protect loon nesting areas  
2) reduce shoreline erosion  
3) prevent accidents to high speed watercraft due to large boulders in lake  
4) preserve the natural atmosphere for property owners and wildlife
    - Cons: 1) property values are lowered when no-wake lake rules apply  
2) limits recreational use of the lake  
3) no-wake lake rules limit size of motor on watercraft to 5 hp or less  
4) difficult to enforce
4. Board action: board members will review and research the request. A resolution to forward this request to the DNR will be presented at the September 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting. (Presentation of the resolution does not guarantee its passage.)
5. Adjournment: motion made by Pellegrini, second by Giuliani, to adjourn the hearing. All ayes. Hearing adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Joyce Giuliani  
Clerk