

HALF MOON LAKE

COMMUNITY USE

MAIL-OUT SURVEY



**City of Eau Claire
May, 2000**



CITY OF EAU CLAIRE

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TO: Half Moon Lake Community Task Force
FROM: Patrick Ivory, Associate Planner
SUBJECT: Half Moon Lake Community Use Mail-Out Survey

Attached is a copy of the tabulated results from the community use mail-out survey for Half Moon Lake. The survey was distributed by mail at the beginning of May, 2000. The surveys were sent out to one thousand randomly selected households within the City of Eau Claire. 446 useable surveys were returned. Our goal was to receive around 350 to 400 returned surveys, therefore, we are quite pleased with the community's response to the survey.

If you have any questions regarding this summary for the Half Moon Lake community use survey, please feel free to call me at 839-4914.

Patrick Ivory, AICP
Associate Planner
Department of Community Development

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QUESTIONNAIRE

May 1, 2000

Dear Resident:

You have been randomly selected to participate in a survey to obtain your opinions concerning Half Moon Lake. For those of you not familiar with the lake, Half Moon Lake is a 132 acre oxbow lake of the Chippewa River that surrounds Carson Park on the City's lower west side. A map of the City showing the location of the lake can be found on the last page of the survey.

Approximately one year ago the Eau Claire City Council authorized to have two studies be completed concerning Half Moon Lake. One study which is currently being undertaken is a technical study of the water quality issues involving the lake. The study is being completed by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. The second study is a study of community use of the lake and is being completed by a citizen's task force that has been appointed by the City. This survey is one of the methods being used by the Task Force to obtain this community input.

The purpose of the survey is to help provide background information for the Eau Claire City Council concerning the community's perceptions and feelings about the current state of the lake. The City hopes to use information gained from the survey along with information gained from the technical study to help make decisions on issues concerning the lake, including: future uses allowed on the lake, desired water quality, maintenance standards desired by the community, improvements that should be considered, etc.

Therefore, here is your chance to let us know if you use the lake for any activities and what your thoughts are concerning the lake. Also, should more be done to improve the quality of the water in the lake? Should more recreational facilities or activities be provided at the lake? Are some uses not appropriate for the lake?

Remember, since only a limited number of households received copies of this survey, it is very important that you take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 839-5032.

Thank you for your assistance. Your input is very important!

Sincerely,



Ken Van Es, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

HALF MOON LAKE COMMUNITY USE SURVEY

At the request of the Eau Claire City Council, the City Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a survey about the use of Half Moon Lake and people's perceptions about the lake. For those of you not familiar with Half Moon Lake, it is located on Eau Claire's west side and surrounds Carson Park. Information obtained from this survey will be used by the Waterways and Parks Commission and Eau Claire City Council to help determine future use of the lake and improvements that should be undertaken. In addition, the City Council is also having the Army Corps of Engineers conduct a technical study of the lake to determine current environmental issues facing the lake.

Therefore, you can help us a great deal by filling out this questionnaire. All information will be confidential and none of the participants will be identified by name. Thanks!

Q-1. Have you or any member of your household visited Half Moon Lake or the park areas immediately adjacent to the lake within the past two years? (circle the number of your answer)

1. Yes If **YES**, go to Question #2.

2. No If **NO**, when was your last visit? _____

If **NO**, please indicate why not below; **then skip to Question # 5**
(circle the number of as many that apply)

1. Don't know about Half Moon Lake or what's available there

2. It is too far away

3. Too busy

4. Not interested in going there

5. My health makes it difficult to go there

6. It is too crowded

7. Like other lakes better

8. Other (please list) _____

Q-2. What are your feelings about the current utilization of Half Moon Lake? (circle the number of your answer)

1. The lake is currently used at about the right level

2. The lake is underutilized at the current time

3. The lake is over-utilized at the current time

4. I don't know

Q-3. In the past twelve months, please indicate how many times you or any member of your household participated in any of the following activities while either using Half Moon Lake or the park areas immediately adjacent to Half Moon Lake. (circle the appropriate response for each item)

	NEVER	ONCE OR TWICE	THREE TO SIX TIMES	MORE THAN SIX TIMES
1. Picnicking	1	2	3	4
2. Swimming	1	2	3	4
3. Walking/jogging	1	2	3	4
4. Canoeing	1	2	3	4
5. Summer fishing along shore	1	2	3	4
6. Summer fishing in boat	1	2	3	4
7. Winter fishing	1	2	3	4
8. Watching the Ski Sprites	1	2	3	4
9. Relaxing/enjoying scenery	1	2	3	4
10. Snowmobiling	1	2	3	4
11. Cross country skiing	1	2	3	4
12. Other (please list and indicate how often) _____				

Q-4. Please indicate your feelings about the following statements concerning Half Moon Lake. (circle one response for each item)

A. Half Moon Lake is an important resource for the community.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

B. I have noticed quite a bit of litter around the shoreline of the lake.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

C. I would like to see a canoe and boat rental service operated at Half Moon Lake.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

D. The City does a good job in maintaining the park areas that surround the lake.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

E. I feel that the quality or cleanliness of the water in the lake has gotten better in recent years.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

F. Small boat motors of up to 5 horsepower in size should be allowed on Half Moon Lake.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

G. I feel that there has been a reduction in the amount of weeds in the lake.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

H. Half Moon Beach should be re-opened for swimming with lifeguards.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

I. The City currently allows ice fishing shanties to be kept on the lake for the entire ice fishing season. I feel that this policy should be continued.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

J. The City has one boat landing available for the public located by Braun's Bay on the west side of the lake. Another boat landing should be developed on the lake.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

If you agreed or strongly agreed, where should the boat landing be placed? _____

K. Snowmobiles are allowed to drive on the lake in the winter. I feel that this should be continued.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

L. There is one fishing pier on the west side of the lake available for public use. Another fishing pier is needed.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

If you agreed or strongly agreed, where should the fishing pier be placed? _____

Q-5. The City of Eau Claire adopted an ordinance in 1973 that with the exception of the Eau Claire Ski Sprites prohibits the use of internal combustion engines on the lake for safety and environmental reasons. What are your feelings about this ordinance? (circle one answer)

Strongly Support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly Oppose Don't Know

If you oppose or strongly oppose the ordinance, what is your primary reason? (**otherwise skip to Q-6**) (circle the number of the most appropriate response)

1. Small internal combustion engines of up to 5 horsepower should be allowed
 2. Any sized internal combustion engine should be allowed on the lake
 3. The ordinance should include the Ski Sprites; thus not allowing them to use the lake
 4. Other (please explain) _____
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Q-6. Over the years, the City of Eau Claire has undertaken projects to improve the quality of the water in Half Moon Lake. This includes such things as: pumping water from the Chippewa River into the lake, cutting and removing the weeds during the summer, aerating the lake in the winter, eliminating some of the storm sewer outfalls into the lake, etc. Which of the following statements best represents your feelings. (circle the number of your response)

1. The City should continue these efforts at the present level
2. The City should increase its commitment to improving the lake
3. The City should decrease efforts on the lake, but not completely
4. The City should not do anything
5. I don't know

Q-7. Do you or any members of your household belong to any group or organization that used Half Moon Lake in the past twelve months? (circle the number of your response)

1. Yes
2. No

If **YES**, please indicate which group _____

Q-8. The Eau Claire Ski Sprites is a water ski club that is allowed to practice and perform on Half Moon Lake in the vicinity of Half Moon Beach. The club practices Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from approximately 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and has performances on Wednesday and Sunday evenings and on the Fourth of July from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We would like to obtain your input concerning the Eau Claire Ski Sprites use of Half Moon Lake.

At what level of use of Half Moon Lake do you feel is appropriate for the Ski Sprites?
(circle the number or your response)

1. They should continue to use the lake at the present level
2. An increase in their usage should be considered if it is requested
3. Their use of the lake should be reduced, but not stopped completely
4. They should not be allowed to use the lake at all
5. I don't know

Please explain your answer. _____

To what level do you feel the Ski Sprites' use of the lake has an environmental effect on Half Moon Lake? (circle the number or your response)

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. No effect | 4. A moderate effect |
| 2. A very minimal effect | 5. A large effect |
| 3. A small effect | 6. I don't know |
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Q-9. List three things that you like most about Half Moon Lake or the area immediately around the lake.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Q-10. List three things that you like least about Half Moon Lake or the area immediately around the lake.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Q-11. How would you rate the overall appearance of Half Moon Lake. (circle your response)

Excellent Good Fair Poor

Q-12. If you could make one improvement to Half Moon Lake or the area immediately surrounding the lake, what would it be?

Finally, we would like to ask some questions about yourself and your household. These questions will help us interpret the survey results about the current use of Half Moon Lake.

Q-13. How many persons live in your household? (circle the number of your answer)

1. 1 person
2. 2 persons
3. 3 to 4 persons
4. 5 or more persons

Q-14. What is your age? _____ years

Q-15. Looking at the city map located displayed on the back page, what area of the city do you currently live? (circle the number of your answer)

1. North
2. East
3. South
4. West

If you have anything more that you wish to add or comment on, please use the back side of this page for your comments.

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this survey! Please place the survey in the stamped, self-addressed envelope that accompanied the survey form and drop it in the mail. Thanks again!

SURVEY

RESULTS

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Q-1. HAVE YOU OR ANY FAMILY MEMBER USED THE LAKE OR PARK AREAS AROUND THE LAKE WITHIN THE PAST 2 YEARS?

	Number	Percent
YES	380	85.4 %
NO	65	14.6 %
Total	445	100.0 %

Q-1. (continued) IF A PERSON INDICATED NO TO THE ABOVE QUESTION, THESE ARE THE REASONS LISTED FOR NOT VISITING THE LAKE.

	Number	Percent
DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE LAKE OR WHAT'S AVAILABLE	12	18.5 %
IT IS TOO FAR AWAY	0	0.0 %
TOO BUSY	8	12.3 %
NOT INTERESTED IN GOING THERE	16	24.6 %
MY HEALTH MAKES IT DIFFICULT	7	10.8 %
IT IS TOO CROWDED	2	3.0 %
LIKE OTHER LAKES BETTER	8	12.3 %
OTHER	12	18.5 %
Total	65	100.0 %

OTHER REASONS FOR NOT VISITING HALF MOON LAKE WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

- BEING A CAREGIVER TO AN ILL, NOW DECEASED SPOUSE.
- CARSON IS OVER DEVELOPED, THE LAKE IS A MOAT.
- WE ARE SENIOR CITIZENS NOW AND DON'T USE IT.
- FEW PEOPLE THERE MY AGE.
- RETIRED
- MOVED HERE IN JUNE OF 99
- TOO MANY TEENAGERS
- LIVE CLOSER TO LAKE ALTOONA, IN OUR 70'S.
- CAN'T SWIM.
- WE HAVE A COTTAGE UP NORTH
- NO REASON TO GO THERE
- JUST MOVED TO EAU CLAIRE FOUR MONTHS AGO.

Q-2. WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THE CURRENT UTILIZATION OF HALF MOON LAKE?

	Number	Percent
USED AT ABOUT THE RIGHT LEVEL	129	34.5 %
IS UNDERUTILIZED	105	28.1 %
IS OVER-UTILIZED	22	5.9 %
DON'T KNOW	118	31.6 %
Total	374	100.0 %

Q-3. INDICATE HOW MANY TIMES IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WHILE EITHER USING HALF MOON LAKE OR THE PARK AREAS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE LAKE.

PICNICKING

	Number	Percent
NEVER	78	25.2 %
ONCE OR TWICE	165	53.4 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	48	15.5 %
MORE THAN SIX TIMES	18	5.8 %
Total	309	100.0 %

SWIMMING

	Number	Percent
NEVER	232	89.9 %
ONCE OR TWICE	17	6.6 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	4	1.6 %
MORE THAN SIX TIMES	5	1.9 %
Total	258	100.0 %

WALKING OR JOGGING

	Number	Percent
NEVER	66	22.7 %
ONCE OR TWICE	115	39.5 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	53	18.2 %
MORE THAN SIX TIMES	57	19.6 %
Total	291	100.0 %

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CANOEING

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
NEVER	204	80.3 %
ONCE OR TWICE	28	11.0 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	10	3.9 %
<u>MORE THAN SIX TIMES</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4.7 %</u>
Total	254	100.0 %

FISHING ALONG THE SHORE

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
NEVER	155	54.4 %
ONCE OR TWICE	75	26.3 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	26	9.1 %
<u>MORE THAN SIX TIMES</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>10.2 %</u>
Total	285	100.0 %

FISHING FROM A BOAT/CANOE

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
NEVER	206	78.3 %
ONCE OR TWICE	20	7.6 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	18	6.8 %
<u>MORE THAN SIX TIMES</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7.2 %</u>
Total	263	100.0 %

ICE FISHING

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
NEVER	206	75.5 %
ONCE OR TWICE	30	11.0 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	21	7.7 %
<u>MORE THAN SIX TIMES</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5.9 %</u>
Total	273	100.0 %

WATCHING THE SKI SPRITES

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
NEVER	117	39.8 %
ONCE OR TWICE	130	44.2 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	33	11.2 %
<u>MORE THAN SIX TIMES</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4.8 %</u>
Total	294	100.0 %

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RELAXING & ENJOYING THE SCENERY

	Number	Percent
NEVER	41	12.7 %
ONCE OR TWICE	116	35.9 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	71	22.0 %
<u>MORE THAN SIX TIMES</u>	95	29.4 %
Total	323	100.0 %

SNOWMOBILING

	Number	Percent
NEVER	245	98.4 %
ONCE OR TWICE	4	1.6 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	0	0.0 %
<u>MORE THAN SIX TIMES</u>	0	0.0 %
Total	249	100.0 %

CROSS COUNTY SKIING

	Number	Percent
NEVER	220	88.0 %
ONCE OR TWICE	22	8.8 %
THREE TO SIX TIMES	4	1.6 %
<u>MORE THAN SIX TIMES</u>	4	1.6 %
Total	250	100.0 %

Q-3. (continued) WHAT OTHER USES HAVE YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY PARTICIPATED IN AT HALF MOON LAKE?

	Number	Percent
Attend baseball/football games	16	20.5 %
Visit the Museum or Paul Bunyan Center	13	16.7 %
Attend events in the park	10	12.8 %
Use the playground equipment	9	11.5 %
Biking thru the park or on the trails	7	9.0 %
Driving thru the park	6	7.7 %
Watching the fireworks	4	5.1 %
Walking	3	3.8 %
Feeding the ducks	3	3.8 %
Winter speed skating	2	2.6 %
Bird watching	1	1.3 %
Photography	1	1.3 %
Remote control boating	1	1.3 %
Rollerblading	1	1.3 %
Gazing at Luther Hospital	1	1.3 %
Total	78	100.0 %

Q- 4. INDICATE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS CONCERNING HALF MOON LAKE.

A.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Half Moon Lake is an important resource for the community.	221 58.0%	135 35.4%	19 5.0%	3 0.8%	0 0.0%	3 0.8%	381 100.0%
B.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
I have noticed quite a bit of litter around the shoreline of the lake.	29 7.6%	116 30.5%	89 23.4%	60 15.8%	7 1.8%	79 20.8%	380 100.0%
C.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
I would like to see a boat rental service operated at Half Moon Lake.	79 20.7%	161 42.3%	78 20.5%	35 9.2%	12 3.1%	16 4.2%	381 100.0%
D.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
The City does a good job in maintaining the park areas that surround the lake.	82 21.5%	236 61.9%	36 9.4%	12 3.1%	1 0.3%	14 3.7%	381 100.0%
E.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
I feel that the quality or cleanliness of the water in the lake has gotten better in recent years.	7 1.8%	91 23.9%	97 25.5%	66 17.3%	13 3.4%	107 28.1%	381 100.0%
F.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Small boat motors of up to 5 horsepower in size should be allowed on Half Moon Lake.	24 6.3%	66 17.3%	48 12.6%	98 25.7%	115 30.2%	30 7.9%	381 100.0%

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G.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
I feel that there has been a reduction in the amount of weeds in the lake.	7 1.8%	81 21.1%	94 24.5%	52 13.6%	15 3.9%	134 35.0%	383 100.0%

H.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Half Moon Beach should be re-opened for swimming with lifeguards.	53 13.8%	176 46.0%	81 21.1%	38 9.9%	10 2.6%	25 6.5%	383 100.0%

I.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
The City should continue to allow ice shanties on the lake for the entire season.	49 12.8%	198 51.7%	86 22.5%	27 7.0%	4 1.0%	19 5.0%	383 100.0%

J.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
The City has one boat landing available for public use located by Braun's Bay on the west side of the lake. Another boat landing should be developed.	30 7.8%	93 24.2%	88 22.9%	101 26.3%	35 9.1%	37 9.6%	384 100.0%

Q-4J. (continued) IF YOU AGREED OR STRONGLY AGREED ABOUT NEEDING ANOTHER BOAT LANDING, WHERE SHOULD IT BE PLACED?

	Number	Percent
Lake Street causeway area	21	28.0 %
on the east side of the lake	17	22.7 %
at Half Moon Beach	10	13.3 %
by the new playground and school	10	13.3 %
anywhere that has good access	5	6.7 %
near Carson Park	3	4.0 %
on the west side of the lake	3	4.0 %
not sure	3	4.0 %
on the north side of the lake	1	1.3 %
at least two more with handicap access	1	1.3 %
<u>near the same area</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1.3 %</u>
Total	75	100.0 %

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K.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Snowmobiles are allowed to drive on the lake in the winter.	11	122	103	77	42	28	383
I feel that this should be continued.	2.9%	31.9%	26.9%	20.1%	11.0%	7.3%	100.0%

L.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
There is one fishing pier on the west side of the lake available for public use. Another fishing pier is needed.	51	162	94	28	4	44	383
	13.3%	42.3%	24.5%	7.3%	1.0%	11.5%	100.0%

Q-4L. (continued) IF YOU AGREED OR STRONGLY AGREED ABOUT THE NEED FOR ANOTHER FISHING PIER, WHERE SHOULD IT BE PLACED?

	Number	Percent
east side of the lake	43	34.4 %
near the Lake Street causeway by the pavilion	22	17.6 %
southeast side of the lake	20	16.0 %
in the vicinity of Half Moon Beach	12	9.6 %
at Rod and Gun Park	11	8.8 %
anywhere is OK	5	4.0 %
not sure	5	4.0 %
north end of the lake	2	1.6 %
south of Lake Street on the park side	1	0.8 %
wherever has the least impact on the lake ecology	1	0.8 %
near the best fishing	1	0.8 %
near fishing cribs	1	0.8 %
at a handicapped accessible location	1	0.8 %
Total	125	100.0 %

Q-5. THE CITY ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE IN 1973 THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SKI SPRITES PROHIBITS THE USE OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES ON THE LAKE FOR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS. WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE?

	Number	Percent
STRONGLY SUPPORT	144	32.7 %
SUPPORT	144	32.7 %
NEUTRAL	42	9.5 %
OPPOSE	59	13.4 %
STRONGLY OPPOSE	27	6.1 %
DON'T KNOW	25	5.6 %
Total	441	100.0 %

Q-5. (continued) IF YOU OPPOSE OR STRONGLY OPPOSE THE ORDINANCE, WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY REASON?

	Number	Percent
ENGINES UP 5 HORSEPOWER SHOULD BE ALLOWED	35	40.7 %
ANY SIZED ENGINE SHOULD BE ALLOWED	5	5.8 %
THE ORDINANCE SHOULD INCLUDE THE SKI SPRITES	33	38.4 %
OTHER	13	15.1 %
Total	86	100.0 %

WHAT OTHER REASONS DO YOU HAVE FOR OPPOSING THE ORDINANCE?

- NO MOTORS EXCEPT SKI SPRITES.
- SMALL MOTORS OK. SKI SPRITES DO SHORELINE DAMAGE & AGITATE THE SEDIMENT.
- AN ORDINANCE IS FOR EVERYONE, NOT SOME OF THE PEOPLE.
- IT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SPORTSMAN/FISHING BOATS.
- NOT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL, NOISE POLLUTION
- FISHING BOATS AT LOW SPEEDS WOULD NOT HARM LAKE AS MUCH AS SKI SPRITES
- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, WE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AS THE SKI SPRITES
- THE SKI SPRITES SHOULD PRACTICE SOMEWHERE ELSE. THEY ABUSE THEIR USAGE.
- NOT EVEN SKI SPRITES SHOULD BE ALLOWED.
- POST SPEED LIMIT, ANY SIZE MOTOR COULD BE USED AT A SAFE SPEED.
- DISCRIMINATION.
- WOULD LIKE TO SEE MOTORS UP TO 25 HORSEPOWER BE USED ON THE LAKE.
- ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS

Q-6. OVER THE YEARS, THE CITY HAS UNDERTAKEN PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE WATER IN THE LAKE. THIS INCLUDES SUCH THINGS AS: PUMPING WATER FROM THE RIVER INTO THE LAKE, CUTTING AND REMOVING THE WEEDS IN THE SUMMER, AERATING THE LAKE IN THE WINTER, ELIMINATING SOME OF THE STORM SEWER OUTFALLS INTO THE LAKE, ETC. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BEST REPRESENTS YOUR FEELINGS?

	Number	Percent
CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS AT THE PRESENT LEVEL	161	36.6 %
INCREASE COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LAKE	239	54.3 %
DECREASE EFFORTS, BUT NOT COMPLETELY	3	0.7 %
THE CITY SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING	1	0.2 %
I DONT KNOW	36	8.2 %
Total	440	100.0 %

Q-7. DO YOU OR ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD BELONG TO ANY GROUP OR ORGANIZATION THAT USED THE LAKE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS?

	Number	Percent
YES	29	6.6 %
NO	412	93.4 %
Total	441	100.0 %

Q-7. (continued) IF YOU BELONG TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT USED HALF MOON LAKE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, WHAT IS THE GROUP'S NAME?

	Number	Percent
Delong Middle School	5	18.5 %
Special Olympics	3	11.1 %
Cub Scouts	2	7.4 %
UWEC Health Service Picnic	1	3.7 %
Friends of the Trail	1	3.7 %
Phi Beta Lamoda Picnic	1	3.7 %
UCP Picnic	1	3.7 %
Nordmann's Association	1	3.7 %
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Picnic	1	3.7 %
Buck Shot Run	1	3.7 %
School Group Picnic	1	3.7 %
Nurses Walk	1	3.7 %
UWEC	1	3.7 %
Memorial High School	1	3.7 %
RCU volunteer picnic	1	3.7 %
Letter Carriers Aux.	1	3.7 %

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Indianhead Bassmasters	1	3.7 %
Triniteam Caregivers	1	3.7 %
Reading Partner Picnic	1	3.7 %
Shopko Picnic	1	3.7 %
Total	27	100.0 %

Q-8. AT WHAT LEVEL OF USE OF THE LAKE DO YOU FEEL IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE EAU CLAIRE SKI SPRITES?

	Number	Percent
CONTINUE TO USE IT AT THE PRESENT LEVEL	242	54.8 %
AN INCREASE IN THEIR USE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IF IT IS REQUESTED	54	12.2 %
THEIR USE OF THE LAKE SHOULD BE REDUCED, BUT NOT STOPPED COMPLETELY	52	11.8 %
SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE LAKE AT ALL	45	10.2 %
I DON'T KNOW	49	11.1 %
Total	442	100.0 %

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS THAT IN QUESTION #8 FELT THAT THE SKI SPRITES SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE THE LAKE AT THE PRESENT LEVEL

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- I FEEL THE PRESENT LEVEL OF USE IS ADEQUATE.
 - IF GIVEN MORE TIME, IT WOULD TAKE AWAY FROM OTHERS; IF GIVEN LESS, IT WOULD HURT THE CLUB.
 - KEEP IT THE SAME.
 - THEY PROVIDE THE CITIZENS OF E.C. VERY GOOD ENTERTAINMENT.
 - THEY ARE A GREAT ATTRACTION.
 - LET THE SKI SPRITES HAVE FULL USE OF LAKE AND BEACH AS NEEDED.
 - GREAT FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT. THEY ARE A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANYONE CAN BE A PART OF.
 - I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS LEVEL OF USE BY THE SKI SPRITES WILL DAMAGE THE LAKE.
 - THE LAKE IS TOO SMALL FOR ANYTHING BUT VERY LIMITED SKIING.
 - IT IS A WONDERFUL PROGRAM FOR KIDS AND SPECTATORS AND BEEN PART OF EAU CLAIRE FOR A LONG TIME.
 - PRESENT IS OK, ANY MORE WOULD BE DAMAGING, IF THEY EXPAND, THEY SHOULD TRY LAKE ALTOONA.
 - I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITIES
 - THEY ARE GOOD PUBIC ENTERTAINMENT.
 - IT BRINGS PEOPLE TO THE LAKE TO ENJOY ITS BEAUTY.
 - PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.
 - THEY DON'T USE THE LAKE OVERLY MUCH AND THEY DRAW PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT VISIT THE LAKE.
 - THEY ARE A FANTASTIC PROGRAM.
 - THEY ARE A GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITY, THE COMMUNITY SHOULD SUPPORT THEM AS MUCH AS WE CAN.
 - THE CURRENT LEVEL IS OK, THOSE THAT WANT TO FISH CAN DO SO WITHOUT THE MOTORBOATS ON CERTAIN DAYS.
 - ENJOY THEIR ENTERTAINMENT, A GOOD FAMILY TRADITION
 - ASSET TO THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE

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- IT'S ENJOYABLE, LET IT CONTINUE.
- THE SKI SPRITES ARE A VALUABLE RESOURCE.
- SKI SPRITES IS A GREAT CLUB & A GOOD DRAW FOR E.C. THIS IS ENOUGH TIME FOR THEM TO PRACTICE.
- THE TIME THEY HAVE NOW IS ENOUGH & ALLOWS AMPLE TIME FOR PUBLIC USE.
- THEY DON'T ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE. SINCE IT'S ONLY A FEW BOATS, NOT MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE.
- THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THEY PRESENTLY USE THE LAKE IS NOT GOING TO HURT THE LAKE.
- STAY THE SAME
- WE LOVE TO SEE THE SKI SPRITES & THINK ITS A GREAT CENTRAL LOCATION & WONDERFUL FOR THE KIDS IN IT.
- ITS PART OF TRADITION. IT'S A GREAT PLACE FOR THE YOUNG TO SPEND THEIR ENERGY.
- THEY ARE A PLEASANT ASSET TO THE LAKE AND COMMUNITY.
- I FEEL THE SKI SPRITES ARE AN UNDERAPPRECIATED GROUP DOING A FINE JOB REPRESENTING OUR CITY.
- GOOD FOR PARTICIPANTS
- A LOT OF SENIORS WATCH THEM. IT'S A GOOD PASS TIME THAT DOESN'T COST ANY MONEY.
- EVERYONE ENJOYS THE SKI SPRITES.
- I HAVE NOT SEEN THEM PRACTICE OR PERFORM, BUT THE AMOUNT SOUNDS REASONABLE.
- YOUTH HAVE VERY LIMITED ACTIVITIES & THE SPRITES HAS BEEN A E.C. TRADITION.
- AT THAT RATE THEIR USE SHOULD NOT HURT THE LAKE ANYMORE THAN IT IS.
- THE LAKE HAS PLENTY OF STRESS ON IT, SO NO MORE SHOULD BE ADDED.
- TWO HOURS A DAY SHOULD NO CREATE PROBLEMS WITH THE SHORELINE.
- WHERE ELSE WOULD THEY PRACTICE?
- VERY ENTERTAINING, ADD TO THE COMMUNITY
- MORE MOTOR USAGE COULD DECREASE QUALITY OF WATER AND SHORELINE
- AS LONG AS THEY PERFORM FOR FREE THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE IT
- GOOD FOR KIDS, COMMUNITY AND VISITORS
- GOOD FOR EAU CLAIRE
- GOOD ORGINAZTION
- THE COMMUNITY SEEMS TO ENJOY THEIR PERFORMANCES
- PROMOTES YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT
- WE ENJOY SEEING THEIR SHOW AND WOULD HATE TO SEE IT ELIMINATED
- AS LONG AS THEY RESPECT THE LAKE AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, THEY ATTRACT TOURISTS
- GOOD COMMUNITY ASSET, BUT UNAWARE OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS
- NO ONE ELSE CAN USE MOTORS ON THE LAKE SO THEY MIGHT AS WELL GET SOME USE OUT OF IT
- GOOD PAST TIME FOR US TO WATCH
- ARE AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY, WHERE WOULD THEY GO IF NOT FOR HALF MON LAKE
- THIS IS BENIFICIAL TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
- UNLESS IT DISRUPTS THE COMMUNITY DUE TO NOISE
- WHY NOT
- IMPORTANT ACTIVITY FOR THE YOUTH OF EC AND WORKS WELL AT THE PRESENT LEVEL
- CLOSER USE TO ROD & GUN, AWAY FROM BEACH AREA
- IMPORTANT FOR EC YOUTH
- 5 NIGHTS A WEEK SHOULD BE ENOUGH
- THEY ARE AN ATTRACTION FOR RESIDENTS/TOURISTS. IT'S AN ACTIVITY THAT BUILDS PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY.
- I'VE HEARD NOTHING BUT GOOD ABOUT THE SKI SPRITES.
- LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS.
- PRESENT LEVEL IS QUITE ENOUGH.
- THEY ARE A GREAT ENTERTAINMENT FOR MANY PEOPLE.
- THE SKI SPRITES ARE TRADITION.
- THEY PROVIDE GOOD ENTERTAINMENT FOR CITY AND SURROUNDING AREA.
- ANY MORE USAGE COULD PROMOTE TOO MUCH POLLUTION.
- THEY ARE AN ASSET TO THE CITY AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.
- HELPS MOVE THE WATER AROUND. THERE'S NO CIRCULATION.

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- THEY ARE THERE 5 DAYS A WEEK, BUT FOR ONLY TWO HOURS, SO ITS OK.
- IT IS IMPORTANT FOR KIDS TO HAVE STRUCTURED, SUPERVISED FUN AND THE SKI SPRITES PROVIDES SUCH.
- THEY NEED THAT AMOUNT OF PRACTICE TO MAINTAIN THEIR PERFORMANCE, INCREASED USE COULD DESTROY LAKE.
- THERE IS NO NEED TO INCREASE THEIR PRACTICE AMOUNTS DUE TO THEIR HIGH CALIBER PERFORMANCES.
- PRESENT USE IS ADEQUATE.
- THEIR USE SHOULD BE CLOSELY STUDIED TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T HURT THE WATER QUALITY.
- SKI SPRITE USE OF THE LAKE IS OK, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO OTHER GROUPS ALSO.

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS THAT IN QUESTION #8 FELT THAT AN INCREASE IN THE SKI SPRITES' USE OF THE LAKE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IF IT WAS REQUESTED.

- IF ADDITIONAL PRACTICE TIME IS NEEDED FOR AN EVENT, THE TIME SHOULD BE GRANTED.
- THEY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO GIVE KIDS ANOTHER OUTLET/ACTIVITY.
- I THINK THE LAKE IS UNDERUSED.
- THEY PROVIDE GOOD ENTERTAINMENT & SHOULD USE THE LAKE AS NEEDED. THEY ARE AN ASSET TO EAU CLAIRE.
- IT'S GREAT TO HAVE THEM. MORE SHOWS, MORE PEOPLE MAY COME.
- I ENJOY THE SKI SPRITES, IT IS A NICE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT.
- THEY WORK HARD AND REPRESENT THIS CITY AND AREA IN A POSITIVE WAY.
- THEY ARE GREAT FOR THE KIDS AND SHOULD CONTINUE ON THE LAKE.
- EAU CLAIRE IS IN DIRE NEED OF ENTERTAINMENT. THEY SHOULD BE PROMOTED MORE.
- VERY ENJOYABLE
- THE SKI SPRITES ARE A WORLD CLASS SHOW. THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.
- WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE IN GOOD ACTIVITIES.
- WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM.
- THE SKI SPRITES ARE AN ENJOYABLE FREE SUMMER RECREATION AVAILABLE TO ALL.
- THIS GIVES OUR AREA FREE ENTERTAINMENT OF HIGH QUALITY.
- THEY MAY NEED RAIN DAYS OR MORE PRACTICE
- IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED
- PEOPLE ENJOY WATCHING THEM
- KEEP SKI SPRITES ACTIVE
- THEIR USE IS A TRADITION, IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH OTHER USE
- GOOD FOR OUR YOUTH AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR US
- THEY ARE AN ASSET TO THE CITY. IF THEY INCREASE IN NUMBER, THEY MAY NEED MORE TIME TO PRACTICE.
- IF MORE FAMILIES WANT TO SEE THEM, THAT'S GOOD. MAYBE A SMALL CHARGE TO HELP THE LAKE.
- THEY ARE A WONDERFUL GROUP AND AN ASSET TO THE CITY.
- WE SHOULD PROMOTE YOUTH ACTIVITIES.
- THEY ARE FINE, BUT MOVE THE SUNDAY PERFORMANCE TO MID-DAY.
- SHOULD BE ONGOING TO GIVE THE KIDS A CHANCE TO FULFILL THEIR GOALS. SOME GO ONTO MAJOR COMPETITION.
- THEY HAVE AN ENTERTAINMENT & TOURISM BENEFIT TO THE CITY, LET THEM INCREASE THEIR USE IF THEY WISH.
- LET USE OUR BEAUTIFUL RESOURCES. WE NEED TO PROMOTE EAU CLAIRE THROUGH OUR LANDMARKS.

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS THAT IN QUESTION #8 FELT THAT THE SKI SPRITES' USE OF THE LAKE SHOULD BE REDUCED, BUT NOT STOPPED COMPLETELY.

- THEY GET IN THE WAY.
- THE NOISE AND IT INTERFERES WITH OTHER USES.
- NOISE LEVEL IS DIFFICULT FOR SOME, BUT IT IS A GREAT ACTIVITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.
- WOULD ALL INCREASED USE OF BEACH AND REDUCE POLLUTION.
- THEY ARE THERE 5 NIGHTS A WEEK. MAYBE THEY COULD PRACTICE AT LAKE WISSOTA OR LAKE ALTOONA.
- ONLY FOR SHOWS. THEY CAN PRACTICE AT DIFFERENT LAKES THAT ARE BIGGER AND HAVE MORE BOAT TRAFFIC
- THEY CHURN UP TOO MANY CHOPPED UP WEEDS.
- WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS CLEANLINESS OF THE WATER - KIDS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SWIM & NOT WORRY ABOUT BOATS
- IT'S NOISY 5 OUT OF 7 EVENINGS.
- INTERFERES TOO MUCH WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S WISHES. THEY THINK THEY OWN THE LAKE.
- THE LESS POLLUTION, THE BETTER; HOWEVER, I REALIZE PEOPLE DO ENJOY THE SKI SPRITES.
- ALL THE KIDS AND SPECTATORS HANG AROUND TOTALLY INCONSIDERATE TO RESIDENTS ON UP TO 11-12 P.M.
- NO OPEN EVENING TIME
- THEY SHOULD PRACTICE AT ANOTHER SITE
- NOISE AND POLLUTION OF SHORELINE
- CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT THEY HAVE ON THE LAKE
- IT'S TOO NOISY, MOTORS USED ARE TOO BIG FOR SIZE OF LAKE
- ONLY USE ON 4TH OF JULY AND OTHER SPECIFIED OCATIONS
- TAKE UP TOO MUCH TIME DURING EVENING HOURS
- ANY REDUCTION IN USAGE WILL BENEFIT THE LAKE, REDUCING EROSION
- A COUPLE NIGHTS A WEEK IS PLENTY
- LESS PRACTICE
- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
- THEY ARE VERY DISTRACTING TO PEACE AND TRANQUILITY WHEN PRESENT.
- THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO ON LAKE ON WEEKENDS.
- IF THE BEACH IS REOPENED, THEY SHOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NIGHTS PRACTICING IN THAT AREA.
- IF SMALL BOATS ARE ALLOWED, THERE COULD BE A PROBLEM DUE TO THE LARGE WAKE CREATED BY THEIR BOATS.
- OTHER PEOPLE USE THE LAKE AND DO NOT LIKE THE NOISE & THE WAVES THEY PRODUCE.
- HAVE THEM PRACTICE SOMEWHERE ELSE AND PERFORM HERE.
- THEY SHOULD PRACTICE ELSEWHERE.
- EC NEEDS ACTIVITIES LIKE THE SKI SPRITES BUT THIS LAKE IS TOO SMALL, IT COULD BE MOVED TO DELLS POND
- 4TH OF JULY AND THAT'S IT.
- ROOM FOR SMALL FISHING BOAT WITH MOTOR OF 5 HP.
- THEY SHOULD NOT USE THE LAKE SO MUCH TO KEEP THE WATER CLEANER.

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS THAT IN QUESTION #8 FELT THAT THE SKI SPRITES SHOULD NOT USE THE LAKE AT ALL.

- I FULLY SUPPORT THE SKI SPRITES, BUT FEEL THEY SHOULD BE AT RIVERVIEW PARK.
- THEY SHOULD GO TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION. LAKE IS TOO SHALLOW AND SMALL FOR LARGE MOTORS.
- I ENJOY THE SKI SPRITES, BUT THE LAKE IS MORE IMPORTANT.
- KEEP THE AREA PEACEFUL & QUIET. I DON'T LIKE TO SEE PETROLEUM EVIDENCE ON THE WATER.
- GOOD ENTERTAINMENT BUT DON'T BELONG ON LAKE DUE TO BIG ENGINES AND BACKWASH, WHAT ABOUT OTHER LAKES?
- WAVES CAUSE SHORELINE EROSION, ENGINES ADD TO ALGAE AND DEGRADATION OF THE WATER QUALITY.
- THEY SHOULD NOT USE THE LAKE AS THERE ARE ALREADY ENOUGH POLLUTANTS GOING IN THE LAKE.
- THEY SHOULD GO TO A BIG LAKE, THEIR MOTORS DO HARM THE LAKE.
- THEY SHOULD BE MADE TO GO TO A BIGGER LAKE.
- ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT
- IF THEIR USE IS DESTRUCTIVE, THEY SHOULD NOT USE IT. IF IT IS NOT, THEN IT'S OKAY TO USE IT.
- I DON'T LIKE THE NOISE & EFFECT ON LAKE FROM MOTORIZED BOATS. LAKE ISN'T BIG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT USE.
- IF THE SKI SPRITES CAN USE THEIR BOATS, I FEEL I CAN USE MINE. THIS ORDINANCE IS FOR EVERYONE.
- THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE LAKE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, WITHOUT MOTORS.
- TOO NOISY, TAKES UP TOO MUCH SPACE
- IF ITS IMPORTANT TO RESTRICT ME, THEN RESTRICT THEM
- LAKE IS TOO SMALL, THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES POLLUTING THE WATER
- LAKE IS TOO SMALL TO HANDLE ADDED POLLUTION
- IF THEY ARE ALLOWED, SO SHOULD OTHERS
- I DON'T LIKE THEM POLLUTTING THE WATER
- THEY SHOULD NOT GET PRIORITY, IF WE CAN'T THEN THEY CAN'T EITHER
- NOT GOOD FOR THE LAKE
- AFFECT THE WATER QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENT
- NOISE POLLUTION, DISTURBING BOTTOM OF LAKE, SAFETY CONCERNS WITH FISHERMAN, NOT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
- NOT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, SKI SPRITES SHOULD NOT GET PRIVILEGES
- TYPICALLY LARGE HORSEPOWER MOTORS ARE BANNED ON ALL SMALL LAKES IN WISCONSIN
- RUINS SHORELINE, ATTRACTS TOO MANY BODIES WHO DON'T GIVE A DAM.
- THE LAKE IS TOO SMALL FOR POWER BOAT ACTIVITY. WHY ARE THEY ALLOWED THIS EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITY?
- THEIR USE INTERFERES WITH THE ENJOYMENT OF THE LAKE BY OTHERS.
- THEY SHOULD USE A LAKE BETTER EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THEM.
- IT IS HARD ON THE LAKE-POLLUTION FROM ENGINES, WAVE REACTION FROM WAKES.
- WHY CONTINUE TO CONTAMINATE THE WATER WITH THE ALLOWANCE OF ANY ENGINES.
- SAFETY.
- WHY ARE THE SKI SPRITES SO SPECIAL? ALL PEOPLE SHOULD FOLLOW THE RULES.
- IF OTHERS CAN'T USE BIG MOTORS ON THE LAKE, THEN THE SKI SPRITES SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED ON IT EITHER.
- NO MOTORS SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR ANY GROUP.
- ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS
- USE BY SKI SPRITES 6 DAYS/WEEK MAKES IT 1/4 UNUSABLE BY OTHER SMALL BOATS. SHOULD USE DELLS POND.
- RESERVE THE LAKE FOR NO MOTORS, HELPING TO IMPROVE THE USE BY OTHERS.

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS THAT IN QUESTION #8 ANSWERED "I DON'T KNOW" CONCERNING THE SKI SPRITES USE OF THE LAKE.

- I DO NOT CARE, IT IS NOT OF IMPORTANCE TO ME AT THIS TIME
- I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH TIME IS SPENT USING THE LAKE FOR PRACTICE & SHOWS.
- IF IT'S OKAY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THEN IT'S FINE; IF NOT, IT SHOULD BE DECREASED.
- SHOULD STAY THE SAME IF CURRENT USE DOESN'T NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE LAKE
- LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE, WHATEVER HAPPENS
- IF THEIR USE IS AFFECTING THE LAKE IN ANYWAY THEY NEED TO BE STOPPED
- NOISE HEARD FROM LOCAL RESIDENCE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FIRST
- I AM SYMPATHETIC TO SKIERS, BUT UNAWARE OF RESULTS OF LARGE MOTORS
- I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM PERFORM.
- SKI SPRITES CAN PRACTICE ANYWHERE, BUT HALF MOON LAKE. THEY ARE TEARING IT UP.
- DECISION SHOULD BE BASED ON WHAT SURROUNDING HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES SUGGEST.
- IT'S NICE THEY CAN HAVE SHOWS WITHOUT MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S FAIR TO OTHERS.

Q-8. (continued) TO WHAT LEVEL DO YOU FEEL THE SKI SPRITES USE OF THE LAKE HAS AN ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT ON THE LAKE?

	Number	Percent
NO EFFECT	36	8.1 %
A VERY MINIMAL EFFECT	122	27.5 %
A SMALL EFFECT	76	17.1 %
A MODERATE EFFECT	74	16.7 %
A LARGE EFFECT	40	9.0 %
I DON'T KNOW	96	21.6 %
Total	444	100.0 %

Q-9. WHAT THINGS DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE LAKE OR THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE LAKE?

	Number	Percent
beautiful and scenic surroundings	146	15.1 %
picnic and playground areas around the lake	89	9.2 %
the good fishing	83	8.6 %
Carson Park and the nice parks around the lake	80	8.2 %
the natural setting right in the City	78	8.0 %
convenient location within the City, easy to get to	78	8.0 %
variety of activities and facilities at Carson Park	75	7.7 %
the quiet and peaceful environment	75	7.7 %
nice area to bike/walk along the lake	72	7.4 %
wildlife and birds	30	3.1 %
park and open spaces are well maintained	27	2.8 %
Ski Sprite shows	27	2.8 %
Half Moon Beach/swimming	26	2.7 %
ducks	19	2.0 %
good family area	18	1.9 %
an asset and attraction for the community	11	1.1 %

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canoeing and kayaking	7	0.7 %
not allowing motorized boats on the lake	5	0.5 %
history of the area	5	0.5 %
good parking	4	0.4 %
not overused or overcrowded	4	0.4 %
fishing pier	3	0.3 %
feeling a safety and security	3	0.3 %
shallow water for swimming	2	0.2 %
winter skiing/cross country skiing	2	0.2 %
allows pets	1	0.1 %
Total	970	100.0 %

Q-10. WHAT THINGS DO YOU LIKE LEAST ABOUT THE LAKE OR THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE LAKE?

	Number	Percent
the poor water quality	83	18.1 %
too many weeds	56	12.2 %
a lot of litter and debris along the shoreline	44	9.6 %
the lake is very green from the algae	29	6.3 %
allowing motorized boats of the Ski Sprites on the lake	18	3.9 %
water is too bad for swimming	17	3.7 %
beach is closed/not supervised	16	3.5 %
poor access to the water	13	2.8 %
the mess left by the ducks	12	2.6 %
more trails & open space needed/less development	11	2.4 %
beach facilities are deteriorated	10	2.2 %
no boat or canoe rental	9	2.0 %
not enough parking	9	2.0 %
insufficient parking & facilities at Brauns Bay	8	1.7 %
poor fishing/needs to be stocked	7	1.5 %
the area is too crowded at times/heavy traffic	7	1.5 %
poor condition of neighborhood east of the lake	7	1.5 %
too many insects	6	1.3 %
need for another boat landing	6	1.3 %
motorized boats should be allowed	6	1.3 %
poor access to beach area	5	1.1 %
better restrooms needed	5	1.1 %
loud music/parties in the park areas	5	1.1 %
need more picnic shelters	4	0.9 %
concerns with pedestrian safety at east entry to park	4	0.9 %
the school is too close to the shoreline	4	0.9 %
need for another fishing pier	4	0.9 %
cars driving too fast	4	0.9 %
poor appearance of Menomonie St entry to park	4	0.9 %
poor boat launch at Brauns Bay	3	0.7 %

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poor condition of Rod & Gun Park	3	0.7 %
the lake is very shallow	3	0.7 %
no restrooms by beach	3	0.7 %
storm sewer run-off into the lake	2	0.4 %
lack of garbage cans outside of picnic areas	2	0.4 %
fishing regulations not enforced	2	0.4 %
noise from the Ski Sprites	2	0.4 %
beach is too small	2	0.4 %
allowing snowmobiling on the lake	2	0.4 %
too many dead fish	2	0.4 %
poor and deteriorated appearance of east entrance to park	2	0.4 %
no volleyball courts in picnic areas	2	0.4 %
the trail needs to extend to the north of downtown	1	0.2 %
no camping facilities	1	0.2 %
the noise from Mayo's helicopter	1	0.2 %
no restrooms available in the winter	1	0.2 %
no flow of water from the river	1	0.2 %
Ski Sprites make fishing difficult	1	0.2 %
high pavilion rental fees	1	0.2 %
pet droppings not cleaned up by pet owners	1	0.2 %
not enough ducks	1	0.2 %
restrict Ski Sprites to a certain section of the lake	1	0.2 %
too much police surveillance	1	0.2 %
more police surveillance needed	1	0.2 %
lighting needed on trail along lake	1	0.2 %
no winter ice skating	1	0.2 %
open up views to the lake more	1	0.2 %
<u>no concession stands or vending machines</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.2 %</u>
Total	459	100.0 %

Q-11. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE OVERALL APPEARANCE OF THE LAKE?

	Number	Percent
EXCELLENT	56	13.9 %
GOOD	260	64.4 %
FAIR	77	19.1 %
POOR	11	2.7 %
Total	404	100.0 %

Q-12. IF YOU COULD MAKE ONE IMPROVEMENT TO THE LAKE OR THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE LAKE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

	Number	Percent
improve the water quality/clarity	79	24.8 %
reopen/improve the swimming beach	38	11.9 %
remove more weeds from the lake	29	9.1 %
continue the trail and parks around the lake	18	5.6 %
add a boat or canoe rental	16	5.0 %
keep the area as natural, no more development on lake	11	3.4 %
clean up the litter around the shoreline	11	3.4 %
eliminate all gas motors on the lake	10	3.1 %
construct more fishing piers	10	3.1 %
reopen to the river	9	2.8 %
stock with more fish/get rid of rough fish	9	2.8 %
promote the lake and area more	6	1.9 %
increase access to the lake	6	1.9 %
dredge to lake to make it deeper	5	1.6 %
improve the facilities at Brauns Bay	5	1.6 %
add another boat landing	4	1.3 %
plant more flowers	4	1.3 %
eliminate Ski Sprites use of the lake	4	1.3 %
plant more trees on the north and east sides	3	0.9 %
eliminate storm drainage into the lake	3	0.9 %
add more picnic shelters/grills to the parks on the lake	3	0.9 %
make better use of the lake in the winter	2	0.6 %
improve lake access at Rod and Gun Park	2	0.6 %
eliminate or reduce the number of ducks	2	0.6 %
provide more restroom facilities	2	0.6 %
add benches along the lakefront	2	0.6 %
improve appearance from Menomonie Street	2	0.6 %
make more user friendly and inviting	2	0.6 %
improve east entrance to Carson Park	2	0.6 %
use 4- cycle engines only	1	0.3 %
provide for mosquito and bug control	1	0.3 %
bring back Sawdust City Days	1	0.3 %
install speed bumps in park	1	0.3 %
improve handicapped accessibility for Ski Sprites	1	0.3 %
trim trees for better views	1	0.3 %
increase fish limits	1	0.3 %
put gravel/rock/sand at bottom to remove muck	1	0.3 %
provide lake access for canoes & ski sprites only	1	0.3 %
limit ski sprite use to east half of lake	1	0.3 %
more police surveillance of Carson Park Drive	1	0.3 %
improve pedestrian safety along causeway	1	0.3 %

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reduce loud music in picnic areas	1	0.3 %
clean up neighborhood east of the lake	1	0.3 %
provide wider roads in and out of the park	1	0.3 %
provide more parking	1	0.3 %
add a concession stand	1	0.3 %
eliminate Ski Sprite practices on the lake	1	0.3 %
provide volleyball courts at picnic areas	1	0.3 %
improve walker & biker safety within park	1	0.3 %
Total	319	100.0 %

Q-13. HOW MANY PERSONS LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
ONE PERSON	92	21.0 %
TWO PERSONS	173	39.4 %
THREE TO FOUR PERSONS	143	32.6 %
FIVE OR MORE PERSONS	31	7.1 %
Total	439	100.0 %

Q-13. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
40 to 49	116	26.8 %
30 to 39	74	17.1 %
50 to 59	72	16.6 %
20 to 29	55	12.7 %
70 to 79	51	11.8 %
60 to 69	45	10.4 %
80 and older	20	4.6 %
Total	433	100.0 %

Q-15. WHAT SECTOR OF THE CITY TO CURRENTLY LIVE IN?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
NORTH	107	24.5 %
EAST	96	22.0 %
SOUTH	141	32.3 %
WEST	93	21.3 %
Total	437	100.0 %

THIS IS A LISTING OF ANY FINAL COMMENTS PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE SURVEY.

- HALF MOON LAKE IS A PRECIOUS ASSET TO EAU CLAIRE AND SHOULD BE A HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE CITY'S PARK SYSTEM. I DO BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE A SILENT SPORT LAKE (NOT MOTORS AT ALL).
- WE ARE NEW TO THE AREA AND HAVE NOT BEEN TO HALF MOON LAKE. BUT I FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING WATER QUALITY IN EAU CLAIRE AND OUR NATION.
- WHEN MY FAMILY WAS YOUNG, WE USED THE AREA ALOT AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SAME FEATURES AVAILABLE FOR THE PRESENT YOUNG PEOPLE.
- CITY HAS DONE A REMARKABLE JOB REDUCING WEEDS/CLEANING WATER; TRAFFIC FLOW HAS GOTTEN BETTER AFTER LARGE EVENTS; CITY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO CLEAN UP AFTER BLUGOLD HOMECOMING.
- TOO MUCH OF EAU CLAIRE'S GREEN SPACE IS BEING USED FOR HOUSING/INDUSTRY. PRESERVE THE AREA AND KEEP IT IN ITS NATURAL STATE. NO MOTOR BOATS-CARS ARE ENOUGH TO CONTEND WITH.
- LOVELY PARK. KEEP MAINTENANCE AS IS. KEEP COMBUSTION ENGINES OFF LAKE (WITH EXCEPTION OF SKI SPRITES), KEEP JET SKIS OFF LAKE.
- CARSON PARK HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED, BUT THE LAKE HAS NOT. I REALIZE IT IS EXPENSIVE, BUT THE LAKE QUALITY & BEAUTY SHOULD BE IMPROVED.
- I THINK NO MOTORS SHOULD BE THE RULE FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING SKI SPRITES. EVERYTHING FISHERMEN ACCOMPLISH BY NOT USING MOTORS, IS THROWN OUT THE WINDOW BY THE SKI SPRITES.
- KEEP AS MUCH OF THE GREEN SPACE AS POSSIBLE. WE USED THE LAKE AND THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE LAKE A GREAT DEAL WHEN OUR CHILDREN WERE YOUNG.
- THE SURVEY APPEARS POINTED (GOOD OR BAD) AT THE SKI SPRITES, IF SO, SHAME ON YOU.
- CONSIDER SMALL FEES FOR PUBLIC USE TO EASE FUNDING CONCERNS, FORM HALF MOON LAKE SOCIETY OF NEIGH. RESIDENTS & SUPPORTERS.
- CONSIDER GETTING BACK TO THE BASICS, THE LAKE MANY YEARS AGO WAS CLEANER & THE KIDS COULD SWIM IN THE LAKE.
- THERE SHOULD BE A SPECIAL FISHING PIER FOR CHILDREN TO FISH.
- EVERY TOWN WOULD LIKE A LAKE LIKE HALF MOON, LET'S CLEAN IT UP AND USE IT.
- WE LOVE THE AREA, JUST WISH THE WATER COULD BE CLEANER, THE SKI SPRITES ARE A GOOD ACTIVITY, BUT NEED A BIGGER LAKE.
- HALF MOON LAKE IS THE ONLY LAKE IN THE CITY AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF IT WELL ENOUGH SO WE CAN USE IT FOR PERSONAL RECREATIONAL USES, BESIDES SKI SPRITES AND FISHING.
- I HAD VERY GOOD FISHING IN HALF MOON LAKE WHEN I WAS A KID. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOOD FISHING AGAIN FOR MY GRAND KIDS.
- THE LAKE IS OK AS IS, MAYBE ADD A FISHING PIER.
- ENTIRE HALF MOON LAKE IS A GREAT ASSET TO OUR CITY. PARKS & REC DOES A GREAT JOB. THE MUSEUM IS GREAT. LOTS OF FAMILY ACTIVITIES. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
- IS IT POSSIBLE TO LET THE CHIPPEWA RIVER RUN THRU HALF MOON LAKE, AND IF SO WOULD THAT MAKE IT CLEANER AND LESS WEEDS.
- WE LOVE TO TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO THE BEACH.
- WHILE THE CITY POOL IS WONDERFUL, IT LACKS SOMETHINGS - SAND, NATURE, PEACEFULNESS. WE'VE GOT A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH, BUT IT'S HARD TO SELL WHEN WE CAN'T GET IN THE WATER.
- THE CITY SHOULD LOOK AT THE RIVER, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING IT. THEN LOOK AT WHICH PLACE WOULD BE BEST TO IMPROVE.
- KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND KEEP IT CLEANER.
- HALF MOON LAKE IS AN ASSET TO THE CITY. THE CITY SHOULD MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO PROTECT AND NURTURE THIS TREASURE.
- I'D LOVE TO SEE THE BEACH USABLE. IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AREA.
- THANKS FOR ASKING FOR CITY INVOLVEMENT. MOST OF THE TIME IT FEELS LIKE COUNCIL, SCHOOL, CITY, ETC. DO WHATEVER THEY WANT WITHOUT ANY INPUT.
- CONTINUE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE LAKE, IT CAN BE AN IMPORTANT ASSET TO EAU CLAIRE
- PUMP IN RIVER WATER, EITHER ALLOW OR BAN MOTORS
- GREAT PARK, VISITORS ALWAYS COMMENT ON HOW WELL THE PARK LOOKS
- WOULD HATE TO SEE OVERUSE CROWD THE PARK AND LAKE
- WATER ACCESS IS IMPORTANT

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- BOAT RENTALS WOULD BE NICE, BEACH HOUSE WITH CHANGING ROOMS
 - BRING BACK BEACH
 - BEACH NEEDS TO BE REVIVED
 - KEEPING THE WATER CLEAN AND OPENING A BEACH SHOULD BE A PRIORITY
 - RCU SENT ME A QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE SAME DAY I RECEIVED THIS ONE ONLY THEY INCLUDED A DOLLAR, THANK YOU LETTER AND A RETURN ENVELOPE!
 - THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO EXPRESS MY OPINION
 - HAVE NOT LIVED IN EAU CLAIRE VERY LONG, CANNOT MAKE A FAIR ASSESSMENT
 - JUST MOVED TO THE AREA DEC. 99
 - THE GROUNDS ARE WELL KEPT BUT THE WATER QUALITY AND SHORELINE ARE NOT
 - HALF MOON LAKE WAS A RECREATIONAL LAKE BEFORE THE ORDINANCE IN 1973, NOW IT IS JUST A BODY OF WATER FILLED WITH ALGAE. THE RIVER NEEDS TO BE CHANNELLED BACK THROUGH
 - OBTAINING FLOWAGE THROUGH THE LAKE WILL SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS – WEEDS, ALGAE AND RESULT IN HIGHER USE – SWIMMING, BOATING, FISHING
 - LAKE SHOULD BE CLEANED UP AND MADE MORE ACCESSABLE
 - I ENJOY WALKS THROUGH PARK, THE SCENERY AND WILDLIFE AND SOLITUDE
 - HALF MOON LAKE IS AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY AND NEEDS TO BE KEPT AS PRISTINE AS POSSIBLE BUT STILL USABLE
 - A BALANCE NEEDS TO BE SOUGHT BETWEEN PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS
 - EAU CLAIRE WOULD BENEFIT FROM A LARGE PUBLIC GARDEN
 - IT IS A NICE PART OF E.C.
 - RUN SHERMAN CREEK INTO THE WEST END OF LAKE AND MAKE CREEK OUTLET FROM THE OTHER END
 - LAKE QUALITY NEEDS IMPROVEMENT, BUT GEOGRAPHICALLY IS DIFFICULT
 - I AM A LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF E. C. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LAKE IMPROVED
 - DO 3 THINGS, REDUCE WEEDS, REDUCE POLLUTION AND LIMIT LAKE TO UNDER 5 HORSEPOWER ENGINES
 - VERY IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THE LAKE AS AN AREA OF BEAUTY AND SANCTUARY. A VITAL NATURAL RESOURCE IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY. SHOULD BE STRONGLY PROTECTED.
 - THIS OXBOW LAKE & THE SURROUNDING AREA ARE SIGNATURE LANDMARKS THAT MOST DISTINGUISHES THE CITY OF EAU CLARE. PARKS & REC IS DOING AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB & WE SHOULD DO WHATEVER IS NEEDED TO PRESERVE IT.
 - WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HALF MOON LAKE IN THE CITY. I THINK THE CITY DOES A VERY GOOD JOB MANAGING THE AREA. I WOULD ALWAYS SUPPORT SPENDING MORE \$ IF THERE IS A NEED.
 - HALF MOON IS A VERY NICE PLACE TO TAKE VISITORS. JUST TAKING THE ROAD THROUGH THE PARK IS PRETTY. GOOD JOB!
 - I FEEL THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO IMPLEMENT AN ONGOING WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM.
 - WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BETTER BOAT LANDING (DEEPER).
 - IF A BOAT RENTAL IS ADDED, HAVE IT CONTRACTED TO A PRIVATE VENDOR. KEEP COMMERCIAL ASPECTS TOWARDS THE STADIUM END TO KEEP WILDERNESS FEEL OF THE LAKE.
 - THE LAKE IS A GREAT PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO RELAX AND APPRECIATE NATURE.
 - IMPROVE THE BOAT RAMP TO INCREASE USEAGE, IMPROVE THE BEACH TO ATTRACT FAMILIES, POSSIBLY ADD A WATER SLIDE.
 - THE LAKE IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE, ITS A SHAME THE APARTMENTS GOT BUILT ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE LAKE WITH THE LOW, ACCESSIBLE SHORELINE.
 - DEVELOP A BROCHURE TO ADVERTISE FISHING LOCATIONS AND PUBLIC ACCESS POINTS.
 - WE NEED TO DEVELOP THE LAKE INTO SOMETHING SPECIAL. WE NEED TO MAKE PEOPLE PROUD OF OUR WATERWAYS.
 - THE CITY DOES A GOOD JOB OF KEEPING UP THE LAKE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE PLACES LIKE THIS IN EAU CLAIRE.
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