

Ordinance Regulating Motorboat Prohibition on Ebert Lake

The Board of the Town of Amherst does ordain as follows:

Purpose – The purpose of this ordinance is to create an ordinance to be included in the Town of Amherst Book of Codes pertaining to gas engine prohibition for Ebert Lake.

Section 1 - Applicability and Enforcement: The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Ebert Lake. This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the Town of Amherst.

Section 2 - Intent: The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests and the capability of the water resources.

Section 3 – State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted: State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71, Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference here.

Section 4 – Penalties: Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in s. 30.80, Wis. Stats., and deposits established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conferences, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment are deleted.

Section 5 – Severability: The provision of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 6 – Motorboat Prohibition Area: No person shall operate a motorboat, as defined in s. 30.50(6), Wis. Stats. that is propelled by internal combustion engine or engines on the waters of Ebert Lake. Electric motors only are permitted on said waters. Exception to the prohibition of motorboats is Law Enforcement, Rescue, DNR survey crews and weed harvesting equipment.)

Section 7 – Posting Requirements: The Town of Amherst shall place and maintain a synopsis of this ordinance at public access points within the jurisdiction of the Township pursuant to the requirements of NR 5.15, Wis. Adm. Code.

Section– 8 Effective Date: This ordinance will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed this 14 day of DEC 2017

Adopted X

Don Spierings CHAIR
Don Spierings-Town of Amherst Chair

Approved X

Published X

Shawn Lea
Shawn Lea-Town of Amherst Clerk

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MOTORBOAT PROHIBITION ON EBERT LAKE IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST, WI. IN PORTAGE COUNTY.

CONDITION REPORT

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit gas engines on Ebert Lake.

The reasons for this are as follows:

Ebert Lake has no public access with minimal shoreline development, which creates a sense of solitude for lake users and many of the animals living in/near the lake.

Lake Ebert is a clear, relatively deep, drainage lake of 11.6 acres. It is spring fed with only a few species of submersed aquatic plants. The wetland, which nearly surrounds the lake, comprises a fen that extends downstream to Bear Creek. This fen is probably the largest and best example of a fen in Portage County. This fen is the only known location in the County for the fen orchid and for the native shrubby cinquefoil and one of two known sites for stiff cowbane, grass of Parnassus, and sage-leaved willow. These species are typical fen plants and are relatively rare throughout Wisconsin.

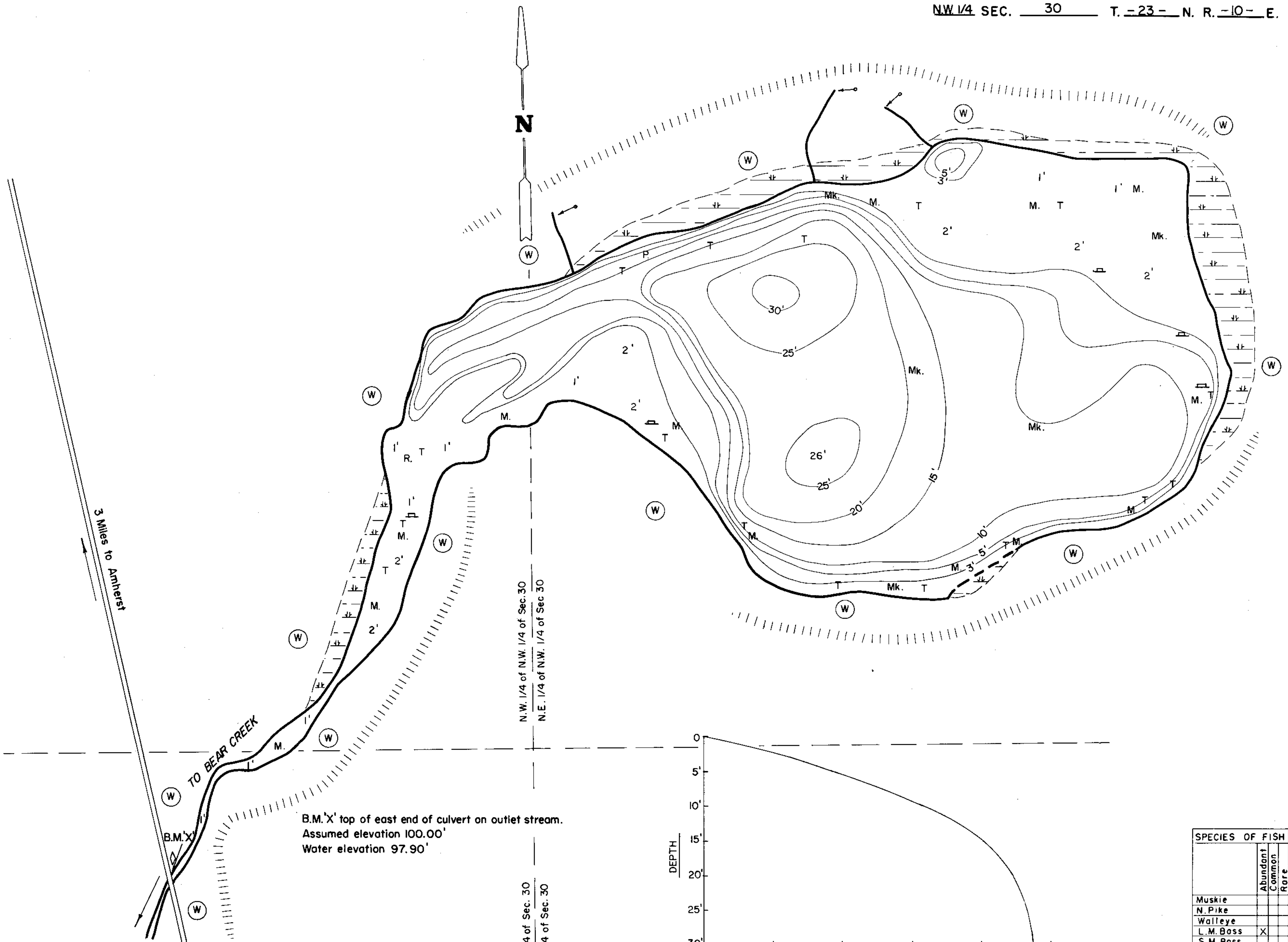
Currently most boaters use canoes or other water craft which must be carried on the lake due to no boat landing. This ordinance seeks to protect the lake with not much change to those using it.

The Town of Amherst envisions having recreational opportunities on the lake that allow all people to enjoy the lake while still respecting it and ensuring a sense of tranquility, peacefulness and maintenance of its unique flora.

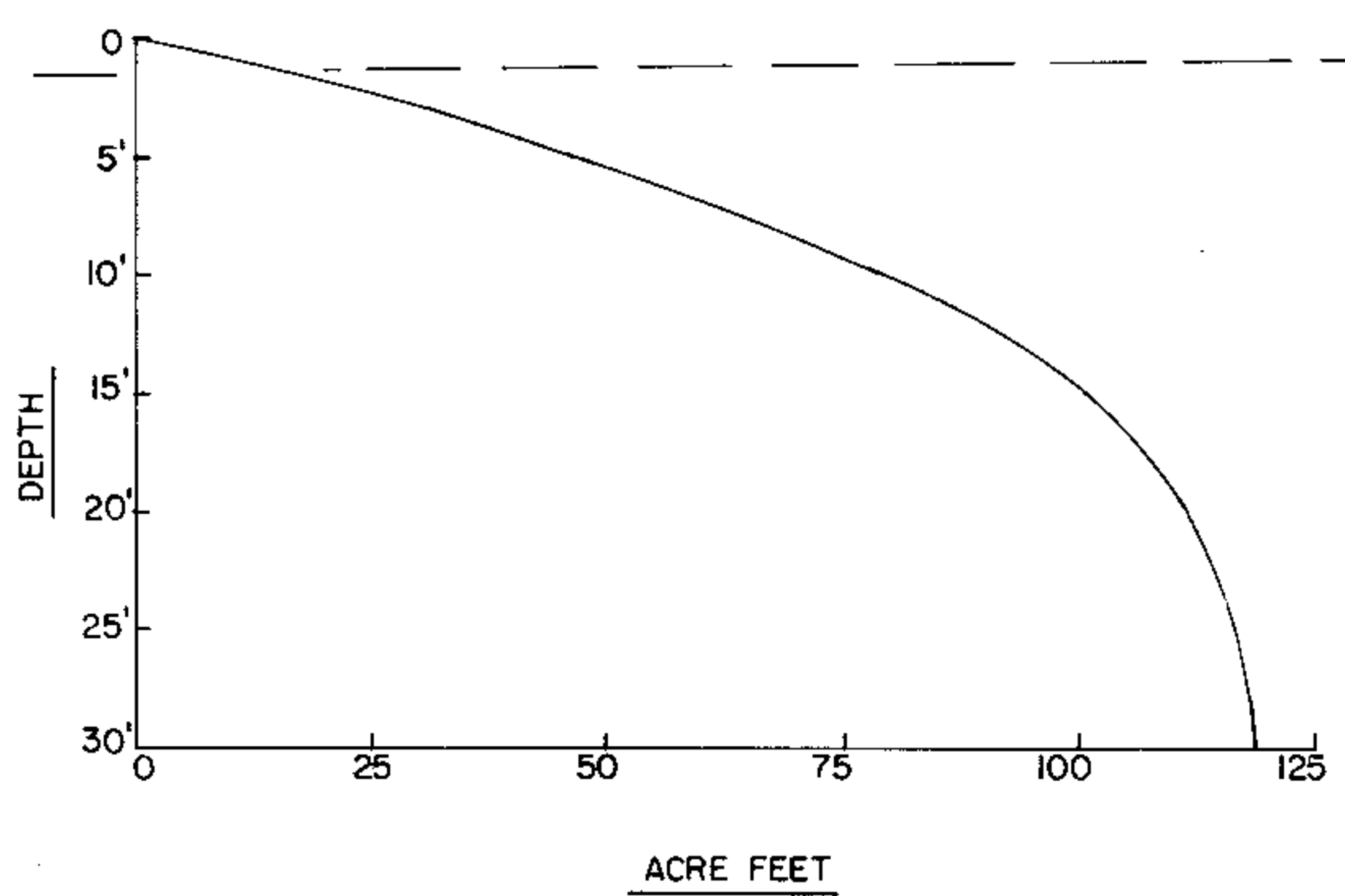
Several Plan Commission Meetings and Town Boards meetings were held in which the current land owners surrounding Ebert Lake voiced their desires to have no gas motors on the lake. No arguments in opposition were noted.

This ordinance follows the recommendations set forth in the 2010 Ebert and Lime Lakes Management Plan which was created by the Ebert Lake Management Planning Committee, Lime Lake Management Planning Committee, Wisconsin DNR, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Portage County. Goals in part were to maintain the diversity and quality of native aquatic plants in Ebert Lake, Prevent any aquatic invasive species from becoming established and provide opportunities for recreational uses that are quiet, no-wake, and maintain the serene and natural beauty of Ebert Lake.

Should this ordinance not be approved, the uniqueness and clarity of this lake may be impacted.



B.M. 'X' top of east end of culvert on outlet stream.
Assumed elevation 100.00'
Water elevation 97.90'

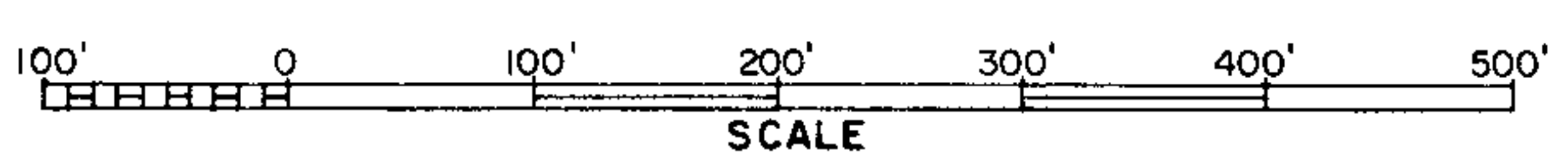


EQUIPMENT SONAR MAPPED JUNE 1965
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- TOPOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS
- (B) Brush
 - (PW) Partially wooded
 - (W) Wooded
 - (C) Cleared
 - (P) Pastured
 - (A) Agricultural
 - B.M. Bench Mark
 - Dwelling
 - Resort
 - ||||| Steep slope
 - - - Indefinite shoreline
 - Marsh
 - Spring
 - Intermittent stream
 - Permanent inlet
 - Permanent outlet
 - Dam

- LAKE BOTTOM SYMBOLS
- P. Peat
 - Mk. Muck
 - C. Clay
 - M. Marl
 - Sd. Sand
 - St. Silt
 - Gr. Gravel
 - R. Rubble
 - Br. Bedrock
 - T Submergent vegetation
 - ↓ Emergent vegetation
 - ⊕ Floating vegetation
 - ⊙ Stumps & Snags

S.W. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 30
S.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 30



◇ Access ◇ Access with Parking ◇ Boat Livery
Field work by: H. Schumde, T. Corbett Drawn by: J. Roth

SPECIES OF FISH		
	Abundant	Rare
Muskie		
N. Pike		
Walleye		
L. M. Bass	X	
S. M. Bass		
Panfish	X	
Trout		

AREA 12.1 ACRES
UNDER 3 FT. 32 %
OVER 20 FT. 11 %
VOLUME 118.7 ACRE FT.
TOTAL ALK. 200 P.P.M.
SHORELINE 0.9 MILES
MAX. DEPTH 30 FEET

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 608-266-2621
Eberts Lake – Portage County, Wisconsin DNR Lake Map
Date – Jun 1965 - Historical Lake Map - Not for Navigation
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