

Wisconsin Geographic Names Council
Wednesday April 28, 1993 Meeting Agenda
DOT Hill Farms Room 201 B

Proposed Name: **Wazee Lake** T21N R3W S14,15,22,23

Location: Jackson County Size: 146 Acres Ownership: Jackson County

Current Name: Unnamed

Background: This site is a former open pit mine that has filled with ground water. The property surrounding the lake will be part of a new 3200 acre county park. A local advisory committee solicited public participation in choosing the name Wazee which has some historical significance. The Jackson County Forestry and Parks committee has passed a resolution in support of this name.

Action: Approved

Proposed Name: **Osprey Lake** T38N R10W S14 (Lake 142b)

Location: Washburn County Size: 12.1 Acres Ownership: Most adjacent property is County Forest, small portions are in private ownership.

Current Name: Unnamed

Background: This request is from a riparian private landowner interested in a name for this lake. The landowner is interested in naming this lake for an active Osprey nest on the Lake. There are no known local names in use for this lake. The County Forest Administrator, County Zoning Administrator, and the Town Chairman have been contacted and they have no knowledge of previous names. They are all in support of naming this lake. Public access is available to this lake.

Action: Approved

Proposed Name: **Loew's Lake**

T9N R18E S25

Location: Washington County Size: 23 Acres Ownership: DNR

Current Name: Lows, Lowes

Background: There is confusion over the proper name for this lake. It has at least two different spellings depending which map is referred to. The U.S.G.S. topographic map lists the name as Lows Lake. The lake was apparently named after Jacob Loew who was the original settler of the land surrounding the lake. The DNR recently purchased the property surrounding the lake and the property manager requested that the lake name be changed to the correct spelling of the original landowner so the spelling is consistent. Using only "Loew Lake" is easily confused with "Low Lake", relating to a possible physical attribute, rather than the settlers name. This change may require an exception to the Geographic Names Council Policy that states lakes shall not be designated with an "s" indicating possession. The policy specifically states this applies to newly acquired names so it appears that modifying an existing name to possessive may be acceptable.

Action: Approved as **Loew Lake** to be consistent with U.S.G.S. topographic maps and Geographic Names Council policy.

Proposed Name: **Wind Pudding Lake**

Location: Oneida County Size: 196 Acres Ownership: Public and Private.

Current Name: Wind Pudding Lake (East lobe) West lobe is unnamed?

Background: This is a small body of water connected to the main portion of Wind Pudding Lake by a narrow channel. There has been confusion as to whether or not this small body of water is actually considered as a portion of Wind Pudding Lake. The DNR Surface Water Inventory lists this as unnamed lake 29-6. Adjacent property owners appealed to the Town Board requesting this portion of the lake be officially named. The Town Board has passed a resolution to name this body of water as part of Wind Pudding Lake.

Action: Pending additional field review and background investigation needed to determine the character of the channel that connects the two bodies of water. (Not approved, no action locally)

Proposed Name: **Timberwolf Lake or Wilcox Lake** T18N R10E S14

Location: Waushara County Size: 44 Acres Ownership:
Currently private

Current Name: No commonly accepted name

Background: This lake has been recently restored to original condition by creating an impoundment. Previously this area had been drained. In the late 1800's this lake had a couple local names. The current property owners have restored the lake and requested this lake be named either after their family name of Wilcox or after the Timberwolf. Apparently their father shot one of the last Timberwolves in Wisconsin in this area. The Wilcox family were early settlers and long time residents in this area. There is no public access to this lake however, the current landowners plan to sell this property for public use in the near future.

Action: **Approved as Wilcox Lake**

Proposed Name: **Two Dutchmen Lake** T40N R12E S22

Location: Forest County Size: 7.3 Acres Ownership: U.S.
Forest Service

Current Name: Unnamed

Background: This lake is located entirely within the Nicolet National Forest. The request to name this lake has come from the Forest Service. They have recently constructed a trail that circles the lake and would like to name this as part of their trail system. This name was arrived at through cooperation with the nearby Butternut-Franklin Lake Association. The name does have an interesting local history. This lake is smaller than the 10 acre minimum in Council Policy however, the significant public use this property receives may warrant an exception.

Action: **Approved**

Discussion Item

Proposed Name: Reflection Lake

T38N R10W S4,5

Location: Washburn County Size: 22 Acres Ownership: A large portion is on private land, with the remaining portion in County Forest Land.

Current Name: Unnamed

Background: The request has come from the Washburn County Forest Administrator. There had been no known local names in use until the owner of the adjacent large block of private land put up a sign naming the lake after himself "Lac Du Bois". Since this is not an appropriate name according to the Council Policy the County Forest Administrator has requested the lake be named officially. This lake has substantial public access through the County Forest.

Action: Pending further information needed to determine if there is another name that reflects local history or that local landowners support this name.

Proposed Names: Dick and Don Lake, Lake John

T38N S22 R10E

Current Name: Cook Lake, Hutchinson Lake

Location: Oneida County Size: Both lakes are about 40 acres
Ownership: Privately owned

Background: This request has come from the current landowners of this property. They wish to name these lakes after the sons of the original landowner of this property. One son is deceased and the other two are elderly gentleman. Cook Lake has apparently been locally referred to as Dick and Don Lake for quite some time. This property has been owned by the O,Melia family since the 1920's.

Action: Pending further information needed to determine the historical significance of the existing names.