WINNEBAGO PARK ASSOCIATION

Winnebago Park Association was established in on April 11, 1889. The Association purchased 20 acres of land, including a half mile of lake frontage on the eastern shore of Lake Winnebago, where members built their cottages. Additional land (to the north of the creek) was added in 1922. The Association built a Clubhouse and Recreation Hall. All meals were served at the Clubhouse, since no cottages had a kitchen, and dancing took place most evenings at the Recreation Hall after dinner. The Recreation Hall still stands today and is now our historic and beloved Clubhouse. There are 48 lots in Winnebago Park, including the Clubhouse. Original cottages still stand on some of these lots (with improvements like kitchens). Many have been renovated, and still others have been replaced with newer homes. But even with the evolution of modern conveniences, the essence of Winnebago Park remains - it is a place for connecting with family and neighbors, building relationships that last generations. Plus, you can't find a much better sunset!

Governance:
WPA has four officers — President, Vice President (who serves as Chair of Building & Grounds), Secretary, and Treasurer. There are also seven board members-at-large. These officers and board members are elected to two-year terms in alternating years at the annual meeting, which takes place the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend. The budget and assessments are voted on at this meeting as well. The Association's fiscal year begins in September. The Association also holds a regular meeting on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

Assessments:
There are two assessments that are voted on by the Association: the Operating Assessment and the Capital Reserve Fund Assessment. At least half of the total assessment is due in December and the balance is due in June.

The Operating Assessment is based on the operating budget for the upcoming year. This assessment covers snowplowing and maintenance of the road, lawnmowing and maintenance of Park property, utilities, insurance, waste management for all cottages, etc.

The board established a Capital Reserve Fund a number of years ago. This fund is reserved for improvements, repairs, and replacements of the Association's capital assets, which includes the road to the highway and along the cottages, the clubhouse and grounds, the grounds around the creek, the park (tennis/pickleball court, baseball diamond, swingset, playset, etc.), the nature path, the gates at the highway, and all areas east of the road. The Capital Reserve Fund Assessment is based on the upcoming needs of the Capital Reserve Fund, which is determined by the useful life and expected costs of the capital assets as they become due for improvement or replacement.

East of the Road Property:
The Association owns the property east of the road and is responsible for the trees on this property. Members may not build anything on this side of the road. Members are expected to mow and maintain the property opposite their lot and can use the area for parking. Members may store trailers, boats, etc. on this property during the summer. However, during the winter, the only thing allowed to be stored on the east side of the road is ice shanties.

Rentals:
Rentals of homes are restricted to long-term rentals only.

Construction Rules:
Construction that changes the footprint of your home must be approved by the Board. The Board generally follows the rules of the county, township, and shoreland zoning.

Clubhouse:
The Clubhouse serves as the location for our meetings. It also serves as the venue for our annual 4th of July and Labor Day parties. Members have the ability to rent the clubhouse for private events for a very nominal fee. There has been yoga classes, baby showers, family reunions, and weddings at the Clubhouse. The Association has a set of rules for the Clubhouse to ensure this historic gem lasts another hundred years.

Fun Traditions:
There is over 135 years of tradition at Winnebago Park! Some of the families that are here have been here from the beginning! However, most people over the years have found their way to Winnebago Park to get their place on the water…and soon discovered that Winnebago Park is much more than that! The community is tight-knit and such a fun place to be throughout the year, whether your biking down the road to the park, checking out the library in the Clubhouse, joining your neighbors for a float or paddle on the lake, playing a game of pickleball, taking your dog for walk, clearing the snow for an ice rink, or heading out on the ice for sturgeon spearing, there is always a neighbor nearby to lend a helping hand or to have a chat.

Here are some of the fun traditions that make Winnebago Park such a special place…

4th of July and Labor Day Parties - Cottages take turns organizing a party at the clubhouse. Sometimes there's a meal, and sometimes it's a dessert potluck or simply a BYOB. Maybe there are games for the little ones or even the adults, too. Often times, the evening ends with music and dancing. And, on the 4th, there usually are plenty of fireworks to watch. We have gotten quite the crowds in our clubhouse. Sometimes we even set up a tent outside to give us more room.

Children's Day - LAWP (Ladies of Winnebago Park) was organized in the early 1890s with the main objective of facilitating sociability among the families of Winnebago Park. One fantastic tradition that LAWP hosts is Children's Day, which started in 1932. Children arrive in costume for a parade around the clubhouse grounds, followed by fun activities, prizes, lunch, and games. It is a day that many families look forward to each year.

The Winnebago Wahoo - First published in 1939, the Winnebago Wahoo serves as a newsletter for Parkites where fun tidbits, upcoming events, local attractions and reviews, park history, and more are shared with the cottages. Any cottage can share their own news as well. What started as a weekly typed 4-page newsletter has developed into an updated version that is delivered via email to subscribers. It is a great way to stay apprised of the happenings in the Park and what's going on with your neighbors.

WP5K/10K - Over the past number of years, Winnebago Park has hosted a 5K/10K for its members. After the national anthem, participants take off either running or walking and all are rewarded with a Spotted Cow or a soda upon completion in front of the clubhouse.

Softball Games - Winnebago Park has a softball team, the Winnebago Park Wonders. Every year the Wonders take on the Lake Deneveu Hooligans in a matchup to see who will win the best of three games. One game is usually played 4th of July weekend. The second game (and third, if needed) is played Labor Day weekend. The coveted prize is bragging rights and the historic "barrels", which are decorative wooden beer barrels with each year's winner etched on

the side. When Winnebago Park wins the barrels, they are proudly displayed in the Clubhouse for all to see. This rivalry has been going on since 1934.

Hump Day Happy Hour - A recent tradition that is going strong is BYOB Happy Hour every other Wednesday. In the summer, neighbors gather on the screen porch of the clubhouse to catch up, tell some fishing tales, and share upcoming adventures. The tradition continues into the winter with various members hosting in their homes.

WP Book Club - Members take turns hosting the book club. It's a casual get together, usually with some food involved, to talk about the chosen book and anything else that may come up! This is a great way to stay connected with neighbors year round.