

# The Quiet Lakes



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Sawyer County Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee  
Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department  
10610 Main Street  
Hayward, WI 54843

Dear Committee Members:

It is our understanding that your committee will be meeting on July 11, 2018, in part to consider a proposed ordinance to establish a motorboat wake prohibition area on all waters of Sawyer County, which would protect our lakes and their users by restricting the operation of boats specially designed to create large wakes from doing so within 700 feet of shorelines, docks, piers, rafts, or other restricted areas.

The Quiet Lakes (Teal, Lost Land, and Ghost) have a 10 mph speed limit which makes the operation of “wake boats” somewhat moot because the desired speed for towing wake boarders by these specially designed watercraft exceeds 10 mph and would be in violation of an existing ordinance (12) of the Township of Spider Lake. Nevertheless, as a show of solidarity, the Quiet Lakes Improvement Association wants to go on record as supporting the county-wide ordinance your committee will consider on July 11. Please approve the draft ordinance and forward it to the Sawyer County Board.

Operation of such vessels in the usual manner would pose a threat to public safety, wildlife, and shoreland property values, and will not be tolerated on the Quiet Lakes even if done more than 700 feet from shorelines if operating speed exceeds 10 mph. We will be watching this closely. Recreationists who desire a water park experience can find it at the Wisconsin Dells.

Sincerely,

David J. Neuswanger  
President, Teal, Lost Land, and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association, Inc.

