

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD – WIGGINS LAKE
Held at Sage Township Hall
May 21, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mike Rajt at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Rajt

Present: Mike Rajt, Rick Dvorak, Ron Taylor, Terry Walters and Lucy Zeestraten.

Also Present: Rick Buteyn Progressive, Jacob DeBoer Progressive, Mike Prohla PLM.

Absent: Renee Zelt

Additions to the agenda: None

Correspondence: None

Motion to approve August 15, 2023, minutes by Terry Walters, Seconded by Ron Taylor. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Received and file account ledger.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to nominate Mike Rjat as Chairman by Terry Walters. Seconded by Ron Taylor. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Motion to nominate Lucy Zeestraten as Secretary/Treasurer by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Rjat. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was some discussion on the ledger. Motion to receive and file by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Rick Dvorak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Invoice# 114 Administration Fee for \$200.00 by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Rick Dvorak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Invoice# 600402 PLM for \$1,050.00 and Invoice# 6000410 PLM for \$10,395.00 by Terry Walters. Seconded by Rick Dvorak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the drain office to pay incoming bills by Terry Walters. Seconded by Rick Dvorak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rick Buteyn gives the condition of the lake. Mike Rjat talked about how we had a warm winter. Rick stated that the lake has more plant growth than has been seen in years and years. The growth at the surface that has canopied out is Curly Leaf Pond Weed. This is easily controlled with herbicides. The next primary plant that is growing is Asian Milfoil. It will be targeted with systemic herbicides and will kill it for the whole season. Curly Leaf Pond treated with contact herbicide. If you kill it know to doesn't come back to next spring. Most of the shoreline is getting treated and a lot of off shore points. Treatment

is scheduled for Thursday. That included about half the area that's marked for treatment including the shoreline algae treatment. The reason we are splitting the treatment is because of the concerns with fishery. The fishery are out doing surveys this week. When you kill a lot of plants all at once you end up with a lot of oxygen demand for decomposition. Now the fish don't have oxygen to breath, and you have a massive fish kill. Splitting the treatment, we are hoping to avoid that. You might see an increase of algae growth. First treatment is scheduled for Thursday and about 50 areas will treated next week after the holiday. It will take about a week before the plants are impacted. The algae will be impacted in a couple of days. Selection of the areas was determined by which areas were the worst and received the most boating. The lake looks rough and will use all the budget this year. Water temperature is 82 to 83 degrees. The lake is a full month ahead of schedule. One question asked was about racking Milfoil and Pond Weed. Milfoil fragments will float somewhere else and regrow. Also saw Elodea. Can it be racked/removed by the property owners? Rick stated yes and Curly Leaf Pond Weed. There were more discussions and questions by the property owners. There was concern about the Lilly Pads. They can only be removed for navigation.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Dvorak, supported by Terry Walters.
All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28p.m.



Respectfully submitted.

Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary,