

**LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
2022 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Monday April 27, 2022 via Zoom**

Commissioners Present: Tyne Hoffman, Bill Pingel, Keith Hoffman, Tom Gerlikovski, & Glen Bersie
Commissioners Absent: None
Guests: Tracy Arnold (Portage County Planning & Zoning),

REGULAR REPORTS:

MINUTES: Tom made a motion to approve April 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Glen Seconded. All in Favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report provided as the Commissioners had a meeting April 13, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting Planning- Bill went over the meeting notice that he will have mailed out to all property owners By May 21, 2022

Budget Proposal- Glen reviewed the budget and budget changes / adjustments; budget will be provided / reviewed at the Annual Meeting. After a few revisions, Tom made a motion to approve the revised budget based upon revisions. Keith Seconded. All in favor.

Meeting Notice & Agenda- Bill reviewed the Meeting Notice and the Annual Meeting Agenda. Tom made a motion to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda. Keith seconded. All in Favor

Cover Letter & Publication- Bill reviewed his cover letter that will be mailed out to all property owners prior to the Annual Meeting giving an update on what the Commissioners have been doing regarding all Lake Events (BGA & EWM); A publication will be sent out in the Rosholt Record making the public aware of what they can do to help us battle Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussels.

2022 PROJECTS:

Culvert & BGA- Keith reviewed what a small group of Commissioners has been working on with the Town of Alban. The culvert on Lake Helen Road has a temporary plug. The wetland waters need to filter through the ground properly to eliminate the bad nutrients. A meeting was set up with a Company called Flowgate out of Wisconsin Rapids. A site visit was done and an estimate was provided to purchase a Flowgate; which is like a dam that will allow water to flow over when it reaches a certain height. The height of the water level is important, as to not wash away the road or cause damage to the road. By installing a Flowgate and slowing down the wetland water coming into Lake Helen, we are hoping that it will help to control Blue Green Algae by stopping / slowing the nutrients that are entering the lake.

EWM Control Plans- Tom reviewed the plans and is receiving bids on having DASH (Divers Assisted Suction Harvesting) performed this summer 2022.

Fishing Committee- Keith reviewed the new 2022 fishing regulations and the 2023 fishing regulation changes. Keith, working with our previous Fish Biologist Tim Parks, wrote up a citizen resolution. This went through a voting process by DNR and Citizens and has passed. In 2022 the regulation for Northern Pike has changed to no minimum size, with a daily limit of 5 fish. In 2023 the Panfish limit

will be changed from 25 daily bag limit to 10 Panfish per day. With these changes we are hoping the fish population of Lake Helen improves.

Boating-

A new 4' x 8' sign portraying boating direction, wake hours, Clean Boats Clean Water will soon be put up at the Lake Helen County Park Boat Landing. Keith is waiting upon revisions of the layout from Bushman Electric, Crane, & Sign.

Swim buoys- Keith made a motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 to purchase swim buoys for the Lake Helen County Park. Tom Seconded. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Keith worked with Tracy Arnold to help Bill update our District Website page regarding the new Fish Sticks and Fishing Regulations.
- Per Tracy, Dave Peterson is our new County Appointed Commissioner. He will be replacing Mildred Neville.
- May 21st Commissioners Keith, Tyne, & Glen Bersie will go door to door passing out the News Letter.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: June 3rd, 2022 Final Annual Meeting Walkthrough at the Lake Helen County Park Shelter. Time to be determined.

June 4, 2022 8:30am Annual Meeting at the Lake Helen County Park Shelter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Glen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm. Keith Seconded. All in Favor.

Minutes submitted by Tyne Hoffman