

**LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
2022 UPDATE ON SPECIAL PROJECTS MEETING
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
Via Microsoft Teams Virtual**

The Lake Helen P&R District Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM
Commissioners Present: Glen Bersie, Tyne Hoffman, Keith Hoffman, Kara Boghossian
Commissioners Absent: Scott Nyman
Guests: Bill Pingel & Scott Provost (DNR Biologist)

➤ **OLD BUSINESS**

- Blue Green Algae Bloom
 - DNR Testing Update / Results: No results to review as of this meeting but will review at the next meeting.
 - Lake Profiles: Keith updated that he hadn't done lake profiles in awhile.
 - Flowgate Purchase / Installation: Keith stated that we will move forward with the purchase and the installation date to be determined.
 - Native Plantings: Tracy Arnold updated that all Native Plantings are complete, most properties have been reimbursed, she's waiting on grant reimbursement papers from a few. Native Planting Grants are still available.
 - Aerators: Glen updated that the aerators are running on a setback & they shut down for a few hours during peak times. Scott Provost stated that a few hours shouldn't cause an issue but 4-5 hours + would be.

- INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL
 - CBCW Grant Progress: Per Bill Pingel, Scott Nyman is working with AmyThorstenson. Process is simple and non-competitive. Grant deadline is November 15, 2022. Bill Pingel will work with Scott Nyman to bring him up to speed.
 - EWM DNR Grant Progress: Bill Pingel, Tom Gerlikovski, and Scott Provost met with Scott Nyman to bring him up to speed.
 - EWM Mapping / Removal: DNR granted approval to utilize grant money to hire "Onterra" for mapping; Plan to map in the fall when the water clarity has improved.
 - Japanese Knotweed / Wild Parsnip: Glen ordered more chemical and will need to treat a few more plants, only at one location. The wild parsnip has been fenced off, treated, and dug the roots up, caught what seeds possible to keep from spreading. Glen also dug up the plant located near Highway 49.

- LAKE MANAGEMENT / AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLANS
 - Update: Kara will work with Tracy Arnold after Tracy returns from vacation. Bill Pingel can assist

- FISHING COMMITTEE
 - Next Steps / Recommendations: Keith will reach out and work with Lucas Koenig, DNR Fish Biologist; Lucas can help with permitting and where to get fish to stock and what species. A comprehensive fish survey is needed; Per Bill Pingel he believes the last fish survey was in 2010.
 - Estimated \$2,800.00 in the fish stocking fund
 - Six fishsticks were permitted last year, one new property owner signed up with a few potential properties.

- NEW PROPERTY OWNERS
 - Tracy Arnold will work with Tyne Hoffman to assemble “Welcome Binders” for new property owners. Binders were donated by Tyne’s employee Bushman Electric, Crane, & Sign

ADJOURNEMENT: Motion made by Glen to adjourn meeting at 5:14pm. Kara Seconded. All in Favor