

LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
2019 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2019 3 PM
AT THE PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING

The Lake Helen P&R District Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 3PM
Commissioners Present: Tyne Hoffman, Robin Novak-Nelson, Glen Bersie, and Bill Pingel
Commissioners Absent: Tom Gerlikovski via phone conference
Guests: Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands), Tracy Arnold (Portage County Conservation), and Scott Provost (DNR Representative)

❖ **AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Chris Hamerla of Golden Sands reviewed the revised Aquatic Plant Management Plan. He went over some "suggested" added revisions from our last meeting.
- Boat wash stations was a topic discussed; bleach mixture, hose, and a brush are key items needed

❖ **EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL**

- The whole lake treatment was recommended as a spot treatment would be a waste of money and too much chemical would be needed.
- How the EWM Chemicals affect boaters and swimmers; It is recommended to wait a few days after treatment before swimming even though the chemicals break down pretty quickly. It was suggested that a sign be hung at the boat landing cautioning of the Chemical Treatment and keeping boats at a NO WAKE SPEED for at least 48 hours. The best time to treat the lake would be early in the week, not as much boat traffic.
- The LHPRD could save \$300 by providing our own signage / notices
- Scott will supervise the whole lake treatment
- Post treatment follow-up
 - Scott stressed the importance of manual removal of EWM and that everyone living around the lake needs to be involved.
 - Chris suggested that a EWM Committee be set up to hand-pull
 - Local divers could be brought in to dive and air would be reimbursed
 - Suggested to have a map made to pinpoint EWM to help everyone know where someone else has hand pulled and worked
- Tom made a motion to contract with Schmidt's Aquatic for the chemical treatment. Glen Seconded. All in favor.

❖ **GRANT APPLICATION**

- The Grant covers a percentage of treatment; 75% reimbursement and the remaining 25% is cash or IN KIND DONATION
 - IN KIND WORK: \$10 per hour for use of a pontoon for the EWM
 - \$17.36 a day for use of a kayak or non-motorized boat
 - \$12 per hour per person; maximum of two people on a boat
 - \$20 per air tank per scuba diver (In Kind if diver donates air); maximum 3 dives per year
 - In the spring apply for a Non-Chemical permit for DASH and Manual hand pulling of EWM; Scott will assist in the application process

❖ **REGULAR REPORTS.** (Scott, Tracy, and Chris were not present)

○ **MEETING MINUTES**

- Robin made a motion to approve meeting minutes from the last two meetings. Glen seconded. All in favor

- **TREASURER’S REPORT**

- Checking \$1,735.83, Savings \$9,207.22
 - Town of Alban sent Lottery & Tax Refund at the wrong time, we received this in February; check was deposited into our account and then a check needed to be returned to the Town of Alban
 - May – December spending versus budget approved at Annual Meeting was reviewed; Budget looks fine
- Tyne made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Tom Seconded motion. All in favor
- EWM
 - The costs of EWM will be discussed at our next budget review

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2020 Newsletter topics; Zebra Mussels, Hand-pulling and recruiting for the EWM. Volunteers will be need to help with the management of EWM. Include the overlay / density map of EWM
- Tracking volunteer hours

- **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Round up the dollar amount for the electric bill; extra can be “earmarked” for the Lake goals such as Fish Restocking
- Aerators will be turned on the day after the fisheree; January 12, 2020; Cory will coordinate
- Annual Fisheree January 11, 2020
- Tyne would like to start an Annual Lake Helen Polar Plunge and Coordinate it;

- ❖ **NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5pm place T.B.D.
- Tom and Bill will have to call in

Meeting was adjourned at 5pm with Glen making the motion. Robin and Tyne seconded. All in favor.