

Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2022

Colon Township Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman Borgert called meeting to order at 10:03 AM
Approval of agenda: Tenney/Bell, all yes
2. Roll Call Board Members Present: Borgert, Bell, Crawford, Tenney. Absent: Pangle, Wenzel
3. Roll Call Advisory Committee Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Camper, Charles, Costello, Crawford, LeRouge, Taylor, Tenney. Absent: Gentz, Newman, Schneider,
4. Motion to approve minutes of June 11, 2022 meeting. Tenney/Crawford, all yes
5. Financial Report.

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
05/31/2022	Beginning Balance			\$ 380,817.77
05/22/2022	City Three Rivers water sample	\$ 350.00		\$ 380,467.77
06/01/2022	PLM weed control Long Lake	\$ 1,083.75		\$ 379,384.02
06/01/2022	PLM weed control Palmer Lake	\$ 10,340.00		\$ 369,044.02
06/17/2022	PLM (Phoslock Treatment)	\$ 19,775.00		\$ 349,269.02
06/30/2022	interest		\$ 77.15	\$ 349,346.17
06/30/2022	Ending Balance			\$ 349,346.17

BILLS SUBMITTED TO PAID

07/09/2022	Progressive A/E		\$ 3,000.00
BILLS TO BE PAID:			\$ 3,000.00

Borgert stated the City of Three Rivers bill came in the day after our last meeting. Borgert paid the bill since the water quality tests were already approved and he did not want Three Rivers to have to wait another month for payment since we are doing more testing with them.

Borgert also noted the bill to PLM for \$19,775.00 was paid by the township without approval. The bill was delivered to the township by the post office and paid with other bills received. Borgert spoke to township and told them no bills should be paid for the lake board without approval.

Motion to approve the 6/30/22 financials with payments made before approval to Three Rivers and PLM. Tenney/Bell, all yes

6. New Business

- A. Taylor presented discussion from the advisory committee. A reserve policy was introduced by Crawford and will be emailed out to all members for review in the coming month. Zimmerman from the health department was present to discuss the watershed and high E-Coli readings in Little Swan Creek.

- B. E-Coli testing was done on 7/6 after a rainfall of more than 4 inches. E-Coli numbers were significantly elevated, and it is believed the runoff after the rainfall caused the increased values. Six testing sites were identical. Borgert to investigate the reason. Lemke from Matteson Lake Association said he has had similar issues in the past and it was related to testing limitations at the lab. It is possible the E-Coli numbers are higher than reported. Lerouge stated he believes there may be one or two point sources for the elevated numbers and does not believe wild life alone could be responsible for such high numbers. Costello suggested adding a caffeine test to the elevated samples. This added test could reveal if the E-Coli is human based. Borgert stated phosphorous is tested in Little Swan & Swan Creeks three times per year. All test results are posted on the lake board website. At the advisory committee meeting, Zimmerman stated that the health department does not deal with ground water. Zimmerman believes EGLE may have help available for surface water and said he would do some research and provide the board with further information. Tenney stated he believes wildlife and animal farming are responsible for the high E-Coli numbers. Tenney also asked who is responsible for notifying the public about the E-Coli risk. Bell asked what would happen if the lake board stopped testing. Would anyone else test or notify the public. Resident Stocklose stated his townhouse board experience says the board has a fiduciary responsibility outlined in its policies. It was discussed that no such responsibility is outlined in the lake board policies. Crawford discussed the reason the board is testing and explained it was a public service not a requirement. Borgert asked if there was any reason to test Swan Creek again since other numbers are elevated. No decision was made on this question. Tenney presented minutes from the ad-hoc meeting with Borgert, Bell, Tenney, and Zimmerman (BHSJ Health Dept.) on 6/30. Borgert said Zimmerman would like to see continued testing and believes continued testing could help the lake board get assistance from EGLE.

Motion to allow Borgert to pay City of Three Rivers for E-Coli testing for any bill received before next board meeting. Crawford/Bell, all yes.

- C. First Phoslock treatment was done on Long Lake about three weeks ago. Postings were placed on the shoreline but there are no water restrictions with this treatment. The next scheduled treatment is set for 7/15. 3,400 pounds of Phoslock was used in first treatment and it is expected the next treatment will be about 2,200 pounds. PLM to provide before and after testing results from both treatments before the next meeting. Borgert to ask PLM to send a representative to the August meeting to discuss application and results.
- D. Crawford to email reserve policy to everyone for review before August meeting.
- E. Lake resident Stocklose looking for financial information from the board. Taylor stated financial information for the last two years is posted on the lake board website. Previous financial information is stored at the library and village/township hall.
- F. Lake board meetings for 2022 scheduled for 8/20 and 9/10. All meetings are at the Colon Township Hall at 10:00 AM with the advisory meeting just before at 9:00 AM unless otherwise publicized. It was noted that the August meeting was moved to accommodate the Green Egg Festival on 8/13.
- G. Motion to adjourn at 11:14. Tenney/Bell, all yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Crawford
Colon Lake Board Secretary