

Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2022
Colon Township Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman Borgert called meeting to order at 10:22 AM
Approval of agenda: Bell/Crawford, 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, Costello, Crawford, Gentz, LeRouge, Taylor, Tenney. Absent: Charles, Justin, Newman, Schneiter,
4. Motion to approve minutes of August 20, 2022 meeting by Tenney/Bell, all yes.
5. Financial Report.

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
07/31/2022	Beginning Balance			\$ 346,170.34
07/15/2022	PLM Phoslock Treatment 7/15	\$ 11,865.00		\$ 334,305.34
08/04/2022	PLM Phoslock Treatment 8/4	\$ 12,430.00		\$ 321,875.34
08/15/2022	PLM E. Milfoil & S. Stonewort	\$ 8,767.50		\$ 313,107.84
08/15/2022	PLM E. Milfoil & S. Stonewort	\$ 4,152.50		\$ 308,955.34
08/20/2022	Three Rivers 23 Water Samples	\$ 805.00		\$ 308,150.34
08/31/2022	Interest		\$ 76.71	\$ 308,227.05
06/30/2022	Ending Balance			\$ 308,227.05

BILLS SUBMITTED TO BE PAID

08/19/2022	PLM Phoslock Treatment 8/19		\$ 12,430.00
08/15/2022	P.O. Box Rental		\$ 52.00
08/15/2022	Laggis Fish Farm (250 walleye fingerlings)		\$ 912.50
BILLS TO BE PAID:			\$ 13,394.50

Motion to approve the 8/31/22 financials. Bell/Crawford, all yes.

6. New Business
 - A. Advisory committee report not given. No new attendees present at the board meeting so report was not given. See advisory committee minutes.
 - B. A report was presented by LeRouge regarding the Zooplankton make up of our lakes and research he had done on the topic at the advisory committee meeting. No new attendees present at the board meeting so report was not given again. See advisory committee minutes.
 - C. Discussion was had about continuing with the E-Coli since the numbers are below the previously established threshold. Crawford noted the lake has never had a high reading. All

high readings were in the channel and Little Swan Creek. Discussion was had that the board will continue with testing at all sites on Little Swan Creek and at the Little Swan Creek inlet on the channel as well as at Lake Street on the channel once per month through October. It was consensus that the extra data may be valuable to the Matteson Lake groups effort to get assistance with the watershed management plan.

Motion to continue E-Coli testing in Little Swan Creek and two places in the channel as discussed by Crawford/Tenney, all yes.

- D. Andy from PLM stated the permits for Palmer Lake and connecting channel had been revised to allow a Lilly Pad treatment as discussed last month. There was a motion from the advisory committee to proceed with the proposed treatment.

Motion to approve Lilly Pad treatment of the channel for access from west side to the main channel as well as the area North & South of long dock on Walters Trail, North of Decker bridge for access by Crawford/Bell, all yes.

- E. & F. combined. Andy from PLM and Paul from Progressive A/E presented their reports at the advisory committee meeting. No new attendees present at the board meeting so report was not given again. Full details are available in the advisory committee minutes. Both agreed the Phoslock treatment did not achieve the desired results and questioned continuing with the treatments in the future. EutroSORB is being studied, but not approved yet and may not prove to be any less expensive than Phoslock. Early analysis seems to indicate the algae present in the lakes may be nitrogen driven. Borgert asked Andy and Paul to do some research on next steps and recommendations for how to proceed next year. Paul presented information that showed Phosphorus & Chlorophyll-a appear to be slightly elevated this year compared to previous years. Overall weed density seems to be lower but is somewhat subjective and was done by a different person this year. E. Milfoil levels appear to be lower, but the increased presence of Starry Stonewort is a concern. Discussion was had about testing the zooplankton/algae present in the lakes to try to find the best way to treat them. Paul to do research to provide information about the cost and possible benefits of testing.

- G. Discussion was had about anticipated bills to be paid before our April 2023 meeting. Members of the board felt the bills might be slightly more this year than they were last year.

Motion to allow Borgert to pay bills received before the April 2023 up to \$15,000.00 by Bell/Tenney, all yes.

- H. Borgert asked if the board wanted to start E-Coli testing in late March or early April 2023, Discussion was had and the board believes the data received from testing could be valuable to any watershed management plan.

Motion to begin E-Coli testing at end of March or first part of April 2023, prior to the next board meeting by Crawford/Bell, all yes.

- I. Scheduled meeting dates for 2023 are April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, and September 9. Discussion had about the proposed April meeting because that is Easter weekend.

Motion to change April meeting date to April 15 by Tenney/Bell, all yes.

- J. Motion to adjourn at 10:50 by Tenney/Bell, all yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Crawford
Colon Lake Board Secretary