

Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2020

Colon Township Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman Borgert called meeting to order at 10:03 AM

Approval of agenda: Correction to the agenda to add public comments between 8F and 8G. Pangle/Bell, all yes

2. Roll Call Board Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Crawford, Pangle, Tenney. Absent Wenzel.
3. Roll Call Advisory Committee Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Charles, Costello, Crawford, Camper, LeRouque, Taylor, Tenney. Absent Dounges, Schneider.
4. Motion to approve minutes from May 20, 2020 meeting: Pangle/Tenney, all yes.
Motion to approve minutes from June 13, 2020 meeting: Bell/Pangle, all yes.
5. Secchi readings: Long Lake 5' on 7/10, Palmer Lake 2'9" on 6/28, Lepley Lake 3'6" on 7/10. This is the best reading on Lepley Lake in more than a decade. It was noted by several people that the shoreline clarity seems to be better than the deep hole secchi readings.

6. Financial Report.

Balance 5-29-20	\$417,846.50		
		Income	Expenses
Approved bills paid from June meeting			33,131.26
Interest earned 6-30-20		88.88	
Bills submitted to be paid:			
Progressive AE quarterly retainer 7-2-20			2,500.00
PLM- Lepley Lake E. Milfoil Treatment 6-19-20			1,350.00
Sturgis Media Group – legal meeting notice 6-6-20			78.70
Balance 6-30-20	\$384,804.12		

A motion to approve the 6-30-20 financials was made by Tenney/Pangle, all yes.

Discussion regarding significant increase in Sturgis Media Group meeting notices was had. It was noted that the advisory committee had discussed creating an online presence through Facebook/website. Borgert to ask Progressive AE if legal notice can be given on one of those two platforms to reduce expense.

7. Old Business

- A. Taylor to chair committee to review special assessment district with first meeting after 1/1/21. Borgert, Charles & Crawford to join committee.
- B. Schneider has buoys in place. Crawford created map showing approximate placement of the 10 buoys the board is responsible for. Copies of the map were handed out to all members present.

8. New Business

- A. Advisory committee report by Crawford. 1,100 walleye to be stocked in Long Lake late fall. Better native plant growth was noted by PLM at treatment/survey done 7-2. Most other items discussed are on board agenda.
- B. E. Milfoil treatment completed by PLM on 6/3 and 6/6

- C. PLM completed check on treatment 7/2. All treated areas responded well. Four new E. Milfoil spots on East side of channel were recommended for treatment. E. Milfoil was also found at South end of Long Lake, however, plants were covered in silt and algae so treatment was not recommended at this time. A motion was made to allow PLM to complete treatment as recommended on channel and to evaluate Long Lake spot and treat at their discretion by Pangle/Bell, all yes. Lepley Lake and connecting channel looked good after treatment. Richardson Pond Weed was found on both.
- D. DEQ stated they needed additional biomass information with the application for the expanded algal treatment on Long Lake after their discussion with fisheries. The board has that information but DEQ said they do not have time to review the documents this year because of COVID and the late date for the request by fisheries. DEQ said they will not approve a permit for 2020, but would be sure to consider such a request for 2021.
- E. Walleye stocking is on track for Long Lake with 5 fish per acre to be completed by November 2020 (1,100 fish). Our lakes get the most walleye of any lake in this district. Next fish survey scheduled for 2024, rescheduled from 2020. This survey will be a limited survey done right after ice out and is primarily looking to study the walleye population.
- F. It was noted that wakeboard boats are causing significant damage on Long Lake shores and docks. (3 complaints). Borgert contacted fisheries who sent him to Lt. Thayer. Thayer suggested contacting state representatives and senators with concerns and also working with local government to create a slow/no wake lake as the best options. Riparian, Linda Christiansen on Bass Lane spoke of the danger the large waves are causing to people and property. Borgert recommended that she contact the local sheriff with boat numbers if the boats are breaking the law, otherwise it was recommended that Christiansen contact the township. It was also recommended that she try to get a petition to show support for her position before she approaches the township. Some discussion was had about the benefits and detriment a slow/no wake law would have on property values and to the community. The board also thought it would be a good idea to place "common sense" boating ideas in the newsletters annually.
- G. Next meeting scheduled for 8/8 at the township hall. If unable to meet because of social distancing, Taylor agreed to help set up a Zoom meeting.
- H. Motion to adjourn at 10:53 by Pangle/Bell, all yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Crawford
Colon Lake Board Secretary