

Colon Township Advisory Lake Board
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Jim Crawford at 9:00.

Present: E. Bell, J. Borgert, P. Camper, J. Crawford, R. Gentz, T. Tenney

Absent: S. Charles, J. Costello, D. Schneiter, T. Taylor

Guest present: Larry Lemke - Matteson Lake Association, Paul Hausler - Progressive Companies

Andy Tomaszewski - PLM

1. **Approval of September 14, 2024 Minutes:** E. Bell moved to accept the minutes. Second, T. Tenney Motion carried.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Change, Larry Lemke and Wilson Ray (Matteson Lake Association) were removed from the agenda and placed by Paul Hausler and Andy Tomaszewski.
3. **PLM:** Andy Tomaszewski reported on two items:
 - a. Permit for Algae Treatments: EGLE has the permit and has 30 days to approve it. Andy felt positive that the permit will be approved
 - b. Algae Treatments: Andy discussed 2024 treatments and results and need to start treatments on an earlier date this year. An earlier date will be determined by algae cell count of 20,000. This may result in more treatments in 2025. Cost per treatment is approximately \$27,500.00, Monitoring cost \$1,400.00, sample testing under \$600.00.
4. **Progressive Companies:** Paul Hausler reported on Big and Little Swan Creek Watershed Study. Paul presented a 10 page Executive Summary of the Watershed Study. He emphasized that both creeks were in good shape, also that the watershed is 66% agricultural.
Recommendations:
 - a. Use of Best Management Practices (BMP) for agricultural areas.
 - b. Use of the EPA model of sub-watersheds to assess the positive impacts of various BMP types and sizes.
 - c. Education for landowners along creeks.
 - d. Annual water quality sampling continued in both Palmer and Long Lake and their inlets to monitor nutrients, sediment and pollutants.
5. **Matteson Lake Association:** Larry Lemke reported that the planning grant for the watershed area of Matteson Lake and Swan Creek north of the lake was rejected. EGLE is requesting an audit of their association be completed before further consideration. At this time an audit is not financially possible for their association.
6. **Items # 4 & 5 on agenda:** These items were not discussed per time permitting.
7. **Motion to Adjourn:** T. Tenney moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 Second, E. Bell Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Tenney

Advisory Board Secretary