

Colon Township Lake Advisory Committee—Meeting Minutes 7-8-2023

Call to Order: Chairman Tim Taylor called meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Roll Call:

Lake Board Members Present: Jim Borgert, Ed Bell, Tom Tenney, Jim Crawford.

Advisory Committee Members: Tim Taylor, Stan Charles, Phil Camper, Gerald Costello, Royal Gentz.

1. Motion was made to approve minutes of June 10, 2023 Lake Advisory Committee meeting as presented. Borgert/Bell/motion carried.
2. Fishing reported as good. Reports of blue gill, walleye, and perch being caught.
3. Lake conditions:
 - A. Water Clarity / Secchi Readings: Long Lake-3 feet, Palmer Lake-2 feet, and Lepley Lake-No report.
 - B. Water temperatures (degrees F): Lake Street-69.5.
 - C. Stump/Log issues: Several stumps reported near point.
 - D. E. Coli readings: Tom Tenney presented E. Coli readings taken June 19, 2023, and they are as follows: Beach-34.5, Lake Street-24.9, Inlet LSC-117.8, Long Lake Bridge-23.1, BSC @ Needham Road-344.8, Decker Bridge-770.1, Hagelgans Road-360.9, Lindley Road-980.4, Outwater Road-1203.3, M86 Bridge-209.8, and Langwell Road East of Babcock Road-1732.
It was noted that the Matteson Lake Association has not taken any E. Coli readings this year.
It was also noted that PLM did not take any E. Coli readings in Palmer or Long lakes this year.
 - E. Reviewed the SeScript Algae Analysis Report. Limnithrix sp. comprised 99% of the algae in the analyzed samples. Andy Tomaszewski from PLM intends to attend the August meeting to present treatment guidelines and options going forward.
 - F. Several public feedback, comments, and questions were provided as follows:
 - F.1 Brent Franks requested that the meeting agenda be posted before the meeting. Consider posting on lake board website.
 - F.2 Could the lake board install plants in the lake during the fall or winter to help? Response-It is not feasible for a number of enumerated reasons.
 - F.3 How long has Progressive AE been testing our lake water? Response-Since 1991.
 - F.4 Can stumps be marked? Response-Not feasible because stumps are too numerous and they move around. It is also a liability issue. If the lake board undertook the task of marking all stumps, but missed marking a stump, that could be a liability assigned to the lake board.
 - F.4 Pete Hojnicky. Commented that he was glad that the lake board is making things better for riparians. Asked if the lake board could provide a reminder to riparians regarding boats getting too close to docks
6. Motion was made to adjourn meeting at 9:45 AM. Borgert/Bell/Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:
Stan Charles, Secretary