

Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2022

Colon Township Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman Borgert called meeting to order at 10:02 AM
Approval of agenda: Tenney/Pangle, all yes
2. Roll Call Board Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Crawford, Pangle, Tenney, Wenzel. Absent: None
3. Roll Call Advisory Committee Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Charles, Crawford, Gentz, Taylor, Tenney. Absent: Camper, Costello, LeRouge, Newman, Schneider.
4. Motion to approve minutes of April 9, 2022 meeting. Wenzel/Pangle, all yes
5. Financial Report.

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
03/31/2022	Beginning Balance		#####	\$ 380,460.66
04/29/2022	Interest		\$ 75.20	\$ 380,535.86
05/05/2022	PLM & Progressive AE	\$ 4,975.00		\$ 375,560.86
05/16/2022	Ending Balance			\$ 375,560.86

BILLS SUBMITTED TO PAID

05/14/2022	Jim Crawford for newsletter		\$ 366.95
BILLS TO BE PAID:			\$ 366.95

Motion to approve the 5/14/22 financials with change to beginning balance from \$380,460.65 to \$380,460.66 was made by Bell/Tenney, all yes

6. Old Business
 - A. Discussion was had about the Phoslock treatment proposal by PLM. Treatments would start end of May or early June and include up to five treatments at a cost of about \$59,000.00 per year. Contract is for three years but can be cancelled or stopped at any time if monitoring does not show desired results of reduced Phosphorous and increased rooted plant growth. Advisory committee made a recommendation that the lake board approve the Phoslock treatment as described in the proposal by PLM dated July 19, 2021.
Motion to approve contract & treatment was made by Pangle/Wenzel, all yes
7. New Business
 - A. Advisory report presented by Taylor. Two concerns sent through online presence to Taylor. Kiss from Walters Trail concerned about Lilly pad growth around their property. Tiedman from Walters Trail concerned about algae & Lilly pad growth around their property.
 - B. Tiedman described reduced water flow around their property and an inability to get a boat to the channel from their property because of the Lilly pads. They are also concerned about the green algae growths they see close to their shoreline. Borgert looked pictures provided and advised that the algae is not a harmful variety algae. Borgert also noted that part of their water

flow issue is the log that is laying in the water and cattail growth. Log removal is the responsibility of the property owners. Property owners are also allowed to clear plants in a 40 foot x 40 foot area from their shoreline. Borgert also advised that PLM will do a survey of their frontage to see if a fall Lilly pad treatment is possible to improve navigation to the channel. Wenzel noted that property owners can use miwaters.com to apply for a permit from EGLE to dredge or remove additional plants from frontage. Pangle said Carolyn Grace, head of the St. Joseph Conservation District, may be able to provide assistance as well.

- C. Borgert spoke to Gunderman from department of natural resources and was told an additional 250 Walleye could be stocked in Long Lake this fall as part of the regular stocking process. Discussion took place regarding the benefits of the additional Walleye for Gizzard Shad control as well as fishing. The cost of the stocking would be around \$1,000.00.
A motion to approve the additional Walley stocking was made by Bell/Pangle, all yes
- D. Ten locations were tested for E. Coli on 5/10/22 by Bell, Borgert, and Tenney. All locations tested safe for swimming, but all levels seem to be elevated for this time of year. Levels in the Palmer Lake ranged from 2.0 to 38.8. Levels in Little Swan Creek ranged from 36.9 to 125.9. Zimmerman from the Tri-County Health Department is aware of all readings. Because the readings were in the safe range another sampling will take place the first week of June.
- E. Progressive AE to do spring survey for weeds on 5/25. Information will be shared with PLM. Recommendations for any treatments will be made based on that survey.
- F. No public comments
- G. Lake board meetings for 2022 scheduled for 6/11, 7/9, 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.
- H. Motion to adjourn at 10:38. Tenney/Pangle, all yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Crawford
Colon Lake Board Secretary