

Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2020
Colon Township Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman Borgert called meeting to order at 9:58 AM

Approval of agenda: Correction to the agenda to add public comments after 8H. Tenney/ Bell, all yes

2. Roll Call Board Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Crawford, Tenney. Absent Pangle, Wenzel.
3. Roll Call Advisory Committee Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Charles, Crawford, Camper, Taylor. Absent Costello, Dounes, LeRouge, Schneider.
4. Motion to approve minutes from May 20, 2020 meeting: Dismissed as minutes approved at July meeting. Motion to approve minutes from July 11, 2020 meeting: Tenney/Bell, all yes.
5. Secchi readings: Long Lake 2' on 8/5 Palmer Lake 3' on 8/6, Lepley Not taken. This is the poorest reading on Long Lake in about 5 years.

6. Financial Report.

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
07/01/2020	Beginning Balance		\$ 384,804.12	\$ 384,804.12
07/01/2020	Approved Bills from June	\$ 3,850.00	\$ -	\$ 380,954.12
07/01/2020	Sturgis Media Group	\$ 78.70		\$ 380,875.42
09/03/2020	Ending Balance			\$ 380,875.42

BILLS SUBMITTED TO PAID

07/29/2020	PLM - LONG LAKE E. MILFOIL TREATMENT	\$ 2,123.75
07/29/2020	PLM - PALMER LAKE E. MILFOIL TREATMENT	\$ 902.00
BILLS TO BE PAID:		\$ 3,025.75

A motion to approve the 7-31-20 financials was made by Bell/Crawford, all yes.

7. Old Business

- A. Taylor to chair committee to review special assessment district with first meeting after September tax rolls are update. Borgert, Charles & Crawford to join committee.
- B. No new complaints regarding the wake boats on Long Lake.
- C. Per Progressive AE – regularly scheduled meetings need to be posted at meeting site 18 hours prior to meeting, but do not have to be posted in the newspaper unless that is the normal practice. Facebook and/or website are good options to notify the public about meetings but do not meet the posting requirement. All public hearings must be posted in the newspaper. A recommendation from the advisory committee to suspend publication of the regularly scheduled meetings starting in 2021 in the Sturgis Journal was brought forward. A motion was made to stop publication of the regularly scheduled meetings in the Sturgis Journal starting in 2021 by Crawford/Tenney – All yes.

8. New Business

- A. Advisory committee report by Crawford. Recommendation from advisory committee to allow Taylor to work on Facebook and web page design. Discussion was had about the reach a website and

Facebook would have compared to the Sturgis Journal at a reduced cost. The estimate for a website and Facebook is \$264.00 annually compared to Sturgis Journal publications of approximately \$472.20. A motion was made to allow Taylor to create a website and Facebook page for review by the board prior to publication by Tenney/Crawford – all yes.

- B. Progressive AE did sonar density survey 7/16. This maps the location of weeds.
- C. Hausler from Progressive AE did weed survey 7/23. This checks the type and density of weeds. This report and the sonar report are needed to apply for the expanded algal treatment permits in 2021. The information in these reports is very valuable for future treatment requests.
- D. PLM, after discussion with Progressive AE, treated the South End of Long Lake and the channel on Palmer Lake for E. Milfoil, as approved, on 7/29. There was a small increase in the treatment in the Palmer Lake channel after Progressive AE finished their two surveys.
- E. PLM will conduct their water chemistry and treatment efficacy in late August.
- F. Borgert suggested sending out another survey to the riparian's with our newsletter next year. There was some discussion about topics that might be included in the survey including restriction on boater traffic. It was suggested that Borgert send out an email to the advisory committee and board members with some of his ideas to get the discussion moving forward. The thought is that there will be ideas to present and discuss at the September meeting from several members.
- G. Andy from PLM will attend the September meeting. Borgert to try to get Tony from Progressive AE to attend either in person or via Zoom/phone.
- H. Public comments
 - i. Concern over posting after the June weed treatment by PLM. A riparian on Burr Oak Road, next to the beach, said he and several neighbors had signs put in their yards about the treatment almost a week after the treatment was complete. Borgert to investigate with PLM and report back.
 - ii. Questions about the legality of roped off personal swim areas showing up around the lake. No complaints at this time, just curious about the law in case this activity becomes more prevalent. Crawford to investigate and report back to the board.
 - iii. Riparian on Lake Drive unhappy with the floating weeds around her property. She wanted to know if this is from the weed treatments. Borgert explained that the treatments kill the weeds and most of the dead plants fall to the floor of the lake. Most of the chop that is floating on the water is from boat props that cut the plants as they go through the littoral zone. There was a brief discussion around the treatment of E. Milfoil and what the plant looks like as it grows in the lake and as it floats after it has been cut by propellers. This riparian is relatively new to Palmer Lake and has not experienced the large weed growth of the years prior to the draw down.
 - iv. Short discussion around the water tests conducted by PLM at the direction the board. PLM tests the water at 6 different points to make sure it is safe for human use.
 - v. Short discussion about using open ended questions on a public survey resulting in unhappy riparian's when their specific question is not answered. It was recommended that any survey provide a list that can be ranked similar to past surveys. It was also noted that riparian direction is vital to shape and direct the board.
- I. Lake Board scheduled meeting dates for 2020: September 12. If unable to meet because of social distancing restrictions, a virtual meeting will be scheduled.
- J. Motion to adjourn at 10:53 by Bell/Crawford -, all yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Crawford
Colon Lake Board Secretary