

2023 LLVLA Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday 7/22/23

Time 9:15 AM

Location: Hobart Township Hall

In Attendance: 79 Long Lake Property Owners and Guests.

Meeting called to order by President Eddy Rousch.

Welcome and introduction of guest speaker Julie Aaland, Mn DNR area Hydrologist. The Long Lake watershed scale is 52 square miles which drains into Long Lake. Long Lake is a healthy system and very stable. It does not have a lot of highs and lows. Since 1939 (a severe drought year) the water level has only fluctuated by 3 feet. Long Lake is a deep, cold water lake and is important to the DNR. It is a high priority lake and is part of the local water shed plan. Money could be available for conservation efforts.

Responses to questions from members: The fish survey was done this spring and Jim Olson has the results which can be found on-line. The green "slime" is an algae and heat (temperature) causes it.

9:45 Business Meeting

- I. Motion made by Brad Offutt to approve agenda and slate of officers as written in the agenda. Second by Roger Johnson
- II. Treasurer report by Bette Pitzel. Membership is at 99 plus 3.
- III. Spraying report by Eddy. 95 acres were sprayed by plane on June 6. A different company was used this year. We will continue to evaluate spraying
- IV. Adam Olson reported that we are looking into mosquito spraying. More information to come.
- V. Tim Nephew reported on Lake stocking. This year the price is \$19 a pound for walleye fingerlings. We are seeking donations for this project. LLVLA will match up to \$5000 in donations.
- VI. Doug Schulz reported on water collection and AIS. He thanked Rick Kirsch for training him and for collecting water sample data for years. The water clarity is improving due to the zebra mussels eating the algae bloom. However, weeds are increasing in shallow areas do to the nutrients that the zebra mussels are depositing in the lake. Bette shared that the yellow iris is invasive and should be destroyed if found.

Announcements

- I. 2024 dues will be \$50.
- II. LLVLA stocking donation match of \$5000.
- III. Watch for information about the city plans to improve Loon Park. An event will be August 8th to begin raising funds and unveil the plan. Thank You to Dennis Pausch for improving and maintaining the Loon Park restrooms this year.
- IV. Eddy reminded us to be good neighbors with our property and on the lake.
- V. LLVLA will continue beaver.

- VI. Watch for information concerning Fall Ditch clean up.
- VII. Angie Fidler, east side, volunteered to monitor lake levels for the DNR.
- VIII. Thank you kitchen helpers, Ellie Johnson, Janelle Lotzer, Tracy Offutt, and Jane Nephew. Thank you to Colleen Slough for the table decorations.
- IX. Door prizes were given out throughout the meeting.
- X. Motion to adjourn by Roger Johnson. Second by Maria Rousch.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Kirsch, substituting for Secretary, Joy Stumbo