

Wildwood Lake Front Property Owners Semi-Annual Riparian Meeting – Sept. 4th, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12 Noon by President Jim Nihls.

Lake Committee Report:

(Presented by Blair Wickman and RLS consultant Mike Solomon)

Loon Status: There are 2 baby Loon's; eagle(s) attempted to capture the baby loons, but all seems OK....both have been spotted after the attack.

Lake Draw Down/Lowering: The current lake level is normal (full). The Lake Drawdown Procedure was submitted to the DEQ prior to the Sept. 2015 deadline. To date, the DEQ has not provided any feedback on the WVPOAC Lake Drawdown procedure. Based on RLS's evaluation of our lake weed survey, they believe we do not need to drawdown the lake this winter (2016-2017 period); the BOD agrees with RLS and recommended to all for no drawdown this winter. A vote was taken by all present for no drawdown and passed with no exceptions. In addition, the BOD will evaluate the cost to have a 3rd party company provide services to manage future drawdowns, and present to the Riparian's at the next meeting.

Lake Treatment: The lake clarity, water quality, and weed control is excellent. It was noted that Rocco's lakefront area is in the best condition in years.

In 2016, three (3) treatments were performed, as follows:

1. Spring treatment (June 23rd – 18 acres) for "nuisance" weeds.
2. Mid-July (11 acres) to treat eurasian milfoil and other weeds.
3. Fall treatment (Sept. 12th) for lily pads (same treatment as last year; treatment only performed in the fall because it is most effective then and there is a four (4) month water irrigation ban after treatment).

Regarding bull rush (tall grass), this is not chemically treated but should be manually remove.

BOD recommends the same treatment plan for 2017, with the exception of attempting to perform the Spring treatment earlier in June (week of June 12th) if possible, depending on weed growth.

Some of the treatment restrictions per our permit were noted:

- Cannot treat within 500ft of the dam or Loon's nest (permit only states nest, not 'active' nest, so Loon restriction is all season)
- Native "nuisance" weeds treatment restriction is max 5ft water depth or 300ft from shore (so cannot treat in the middle of the lake)
- Only allowed to treat developed area's
- Only allowed to treat a maximum 40ft x 40ft area per dock for lily pads
- Eurasian milfoil treatment is systematic type (kills roots), but Pondweed treatment is only approved for contact treatment (does not kill the roots).

DNR Fish Survey/Re-Stocking: At this time, the DNR has verbally stated that re-stocking is not necessary, and the Wildwood Lake fish population will increase naturally back to normal levels, but some Riparian's asked for the WVPOAC Board to research and determine the cost and requirements (permit? DNR approval?) for bass re-stocking if deemed necessary or desired. Blair has researched this issue and his findings are:

- A permit would be required, and based on verbal discussion with the DNR, they have not indicated whether or not they would approve. Also, anyone can submit a permit....does not have to be from a WVPOAC BOD officer.
- Re-stocking cost was in the \$4,000 to \$5,000 range
- Funds would have to come from a special assessment or private donations, as we cannot use LMP funds for fish re-stocking

Based on the above, the BOD recommended to NOT re-stock the lake and will not pursue any further. No one present objected to this decision.

Fishing Contest: It was noted the BOD approved to increase the Fishing Contest award amount from \$10 to \$25 starting in 2017. Also, only WVPOAC members are eligible to win the award.

Adjourn: WVPOAC President Jim Nihls adjourned the meeting at 12:27 PM

Respectively submitted, Mike Von Hagen, Secretary