

Wildwood Valley Property Owners Assn and Club
Annual Riparian Meeting – September 3, 2017

Call to Order – President Jim Nihls called the meeting to order at noon.

Lake Committee Report:

Blair Wickman gave a report on the loons and loons nest. He noted that at two occasions this year, the loons had an egg. However, the eggs were never hatched and no new loons were born. He noted that this could be due to the older age of our loons. He also requested that boats stay away from the loons nest while they are on or near it.

Blair also noted that the fishing reports have improved greatly and the outlook is getting better.

He further noted that the no size limit on pike is still in effect and you can take as many as five out of the lake. Blair did say that if you catch a pike 24 inches or larger, you may only take 1 out of the lake. He does not know when the DNR will put limits back on our lake.

Blair then gave an informational overview of how our lake treatments work and what we can and cannot do to kill weeds in our lake. He also noted several types of weeds that we can only temporarily kill (they will grow back). All of our restrictions are guided by DNR regulations. Our next application (which is directed at the lily pads) is scheduled for September 11th.

John Horvath asked about the green algae that have been accumulating. It was explained that this algae is being treated currently.

Donna Shankleton asked about where are we with funding. President Jim noted that we have enough funding, but the Township Supervisor will be looking at the funding in their next meeting.

Denny Gallagher told riparian to be careful around rocks and logs on the lake, as the Zebra Mussels attach themselves to them and are very sharp and can cut you if you come in contact with them. Denny experienced this and needed to go to the hospital for treatment.

A discussion of a possible drawdown of the lake was discussed. President Jim noted that the board was in favor of a drawdown using the stop logs built into the dam. He noted that the board favored a one foot drawdown vs a two foot drawdown. The board vote was 6 to 4 in favor of 1 foot. Jim took a vote to see how many in attendance wanted any drawdown this year and this passed with a large majority in favor of drawdown. He then took votes on a one foot vs two foot draw down and the majority favored a one foot drawdown.

Jim noted that Bob Chadwick was the chairman over the dam and drawdowns. Bob mentioned that he now has six individuals who will be working with him. He also noted that the drawdown is scheduled to begin on October 1st and will only lower one inch per day.

Jim adjourned the riparian meeting at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Stapels, Acting Secretary