

Wildwood Lake Frontal Property Owners Semi-Annual Riparian Meeting – May 29th, 2016

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

Lake Committee Report

Loon Status: Blair saw eggs in the nest, but not sure if all is well, as the Loons have not been nesting on the eggs.

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 responded/approved our Lake Drawdown procedure. As voted and agreed upon at the May 2015 Riparian Meeting, the actual lake drawdown for the 2016- 2017 period will be voted upon at the Sept. 2016 Riparian Meeting.

Lake Treatment: Due to the cold late spring, weed formation is later than normal for this time of year, as the lily pads are just starting to break the water surface. Weed survey will be performed on or around June 14th with the first treatment shortly thereafter.

For 2016, the current plan is to have three (3) treatments, as follows:

1. Late June to treat “nuisance” weeds.
2. Mid to late July to treat eurasian milfoil and other weeds (water temp. required to be min 60F).
3. Fall treatment for lily pads (same time/treatment as last year; fall treatment required as 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 removed.

Zebra Mussels: Appears the zebra mussel population has decreased, but Blair found some quagga mussels. Quagga mussels are larger and can kill the zebra mussels, but bring on their own issues; we will have to monitor them closely. Note: Yellow perch and green eared sunfish sometimes eat quagga mussels.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC): Blair presented the TOMWC shoreline survey findings for Wildwood Lake (2014) as compared to other lakes in the region. In general, Wildwood Lake is significantly better as compared to other lakes with minimal cladophora and heavy algae formation, but close to average on erosion, poor greenbelts, and alterations. The complete report is available at watershedcouncil.org/wildwood-lake.html. At this time, WVPOAC does not recommend to spend \$5,000 for the specific study for Wildwood Lake.

Riparian Newsletter: Restorative Lake Sciences just mailed the current newsletter, but all Riparian’s did not receive. Mike Solomon of RLS to determine how the mailing list is generated and inform the WVPOAC BOD so updates can be made, if needed.

Dam Maintenance: As a result of the dam inspection report, there are three (3) issues we need to continually monitor and/or repair:

- (1) Minor crack in the dam

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- (2) Zebra mussel buildup
- (3) Rustproofing of nuts and bolts

None of the above are considered serious at this time.

DNR Fish Survey: The subject survey did not provide any conclusions or recommendations for WVPOAC BOD to pursue as a result of the 2015 fish kill, so John Moore personally contacted the DNR for further direction. 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 as a precautionary measure, 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. The Lake Committee will report their findings at the Sept 2016 Riparian meeting.

Also, the Wildwood Lake pike limit guideline will be up for review in spring of 2017. At this time, our pike limit is five (5) of any size, but only one can be over twenty-four (24) inches. Removal of caught pike less than 24 inches will help facilitate an increase in bass population.

Adjourn: WVPOAC President Jim Nihls adjourned the meeting at 12:26 PM