



LAKE MANAGEMENT & RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2011

The meeting began at 7:30AM.

The following members were present: Eric Howland, Rob Greene, Ron Tschantz, Jeff Gray, and Scott Noble.

Portage Lakes Harvester Demo – Jeff has made contact with a representative of the Marina that owns the harvester. She stated that the harvester would not be in the water until some time in May. We will be notified once the harvester is in the water. Eric requested that they be asked when the harvester would be in operation so it could be evaluated in use.

Lake Treatment Update – Jeff Eric stated that the Lake was toured on Thursday by Jeff, Scott and himself. The bottom of the lake was raked to evaluate any early season weed growth. A small amount of Milfoil and one strand of Curlyleaf were detected. The results of the lower lake drawdown (48”) appears to have had a positive effect killing off weed growth (i.e. both Curlyleaf and Milfoil) in shallow areas. Most of the plant growth was large amounts of Cara (sorry Jeff, not sure of the spelling), which is a plant-like algae that is very beneficial to the lake. Lake temperature was at roughly 49 degrees, clarity was at 5 feet, 7 inches and oxygen levels remained high (over 10ppb) down to 27 feet.

Congress Lake Harvester – Jeff stated we should be able to evaluate the harvester at any time. He has a meeting at Congress Lake on April 19th and will set up a visit.

Engineer Update – We have received the final report for phase I of the original proposal. Burgess and Niple has been contacted to provide a proposal for phase II, which should take us through the permit process. We will provide more information once it becomes available.

Environmental Grants – Eric spoke with individuals at the Ohio Lake Management Society conference regarding environmental grants. According to those he spoke with, there is a strong possibility that there are grants available to assist us with sediment removal even though we are a private lake. We will continue to research this further.

Fish Tagging – No updated information.

Posting 2011 Fishing Limits – Scott stated that the new signs are in place at all of the Bay areas, Marina and Dam. Eric stated that there is a request for additional signage at areas like Bay 11 where the sign may not be visible from the far end of the docking area. We will evaluate and discuss further. Additionally, Eric was questioned by a member of the community whether the fish limits were per watercraft or per person. It is believed that the limits are set on a per person basis.

Milfoil Weevils – The committee discussed the possibility of using the milfoil weevils in the lake as a means of control for Eurasian Milfoil. It was determined that Bay 9/10 would be the best area to try because of previous heavier milfoil growth and minimal algae blooms. Jeff stated that you can not use the weevils anywhere copper is used to control algae as it will eliminate them. Eric suggested that Kevin seems to have a strong interest in the weevils and maybe he would be willing to further research there possible use.

Toxin Testing – Eric stated that you can now purchase a self kit for testing algae blooms for toxins. The testing only takes 45 minutes and the results are 95% accurate. Eric asked Jeff to look into this further to see if it would be worth having kits on hand.

Lake Levels – Scott stated that the spillway is currently open with a flow over the emergency overflow. We are continuing to try and keep the lake at summer pool.

Carp Tournament – No updates at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35AM.

The committee set our next meeting for Saturday, May 14th at 7:30AM. It was previously determined that the committee meeting will be a tour of the lake via Kevin's pontoon boat.