

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
3RD QUARTERLY MEETING
VILLAGE HALL
JUNE 29, 2024

Board Members Present: Carol Dixon, Chairperson, Jody Deichl, Secretary, Deb Bartolerio, Treasurer, Kathy Weiss, Village President, John Kannard, County Board Representative

Attendees: 17 attendees in addition to board members.

The meeting was called to order by C. Dixon at 10:00 by thanking all for attending.

MINUTES – After reviewing the minutes from the April 6, 2024 meeting, they were approved as written.

TREASURERS REPORT – D. Bartolerio announced that the budget looked good. Chemical treatment came in under budget, and there have been very few expenses so far. Most of the tax receipts have been gathered with the remaining to be in by the end of July. The fuel bill (harvester and truck) from last year is assumed to be absorbed by the Village – thank you!

CHEMICAL TREATMENT REPORT – K. Ksobiech reported that the chemical treatment application was submitted in March and approved on April 5th. Treated areas would be based on spring survey results. Cost of the permit was \$170.00. Mid-May, notification was sent, and flags marked the areas to be treated. Thank You to Kristi for taking on this important task.

WEED HARVESTING UPDATE – J. Molosky stated that despite the weather, a lot of cutting has been done so far. He explained that all the rain has made dumping of the weeds very challenging and difficult. A huge “thank you” to S. Halbrucker and his staff for their assistance with lifting out the truck when it was deeply mired in sand. Joe also noted that repairs to the conveyor belt along with wind and rain on several of the days have delayed harvesting. The following statistics were presented for comparison:

In 2023 we cut 23 days in May-June 30th and produced 57 machine loads of weeds = 150.25 hours of cutting.
In 2024 we cut 23 days in May-June 30th and produced 117 machine loads of weeds = 154.3 hours of cutting.

THAT’S A LOT OF WEEDS!!!! He noted that we are harvesting as much as we can when the weather allows.

A question was raised regarding all the additional floaters and wasn’t a part added to the harvester to prevent this? Joe mentioned that yes, the part was added. He investigated this with Inland who said that the floaters may be due to a different type of weed which is much heavier and denser. This will be addressed further. It was also suggested we arrange for additional harvesting hours to help with the overabundance of weeds. More to come as we investigate further into insurance, applicants, etc.

GEESE DEPREDATION REPORT – E. Ksobiech noted that he collected 61 eggs, but missed two families and will get them next year. It’s a tough job and the weather has not always cooperated. He said that next year he would start even earlier than he did this spring which was on March 31st! Thank you again for all you do!

WINTER DRAWDOWN UPDATE – C. Dixon explained that at the May 20th Village Board Meeting the Lake District again asked for a drawdown for the winter of 2024/2025. K. Weiss suggested an ad hoc committee be formed of Village Trustees, Lake District members, and Lions Club members. So far there have been 3 meetings with an additional 4 meetings set up. Data and reports have been exchanged. DNR personnel have provided in-depth information about mussel rescue and electrofishing results. More to come as meetings continue.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The secretary position is up for election. A nominating committee of P. Zimmerman and L. Plennes has been formed. Please contact either of them if you are interested in the Lake District Secretary position. Voting will take place at the annual meeting in August.

OPEN FORUM – When Mike Fisher from the Lions Club was asked about the Lake District sharing or paying for the cost of restocking northernns in the lake, he declined any assistance. This amount could be worked into our budget since no chemical treatment would be needed in the spring if a drawdown was held.

The vacant fish biologist position in our area is being posted and should be filled this fall.

Next Thursday, the 4th of July boat parade will begin at 1pm. It will start at the East end of the lake.

NEXT MEETING – Annual Meeting at the Beach Pavilion on Saturday, August 17th at **10:00**

ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made by J. Kannard and seconded by D. Bartolerio. Meeting adjourned at 11:12AM.

ENJOY THE REMAINING SUMMER!