

Lake Lida Property Association

Beach Captain's Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2019

Lida Greens

Reviewed minutes of Executive Board Meeting, May 2019.

Some things have significantly changed since that meeting regarding the weed control application, Dave will report on that. There was a question about picking a different night for the Beach Captains. Linda will send out a Survey monkey regarding a better night next year.

Treatment on South Lida- happened on May 23, 2019. After last year's annual meeting we were asked to have an Executive Board meeting to address the weeds issue, which we did. A South Lida resident contacted the MN Pollution Control Agency- August 2018. Talked about what could be done. A result of the meeting was the go-ahead to do treatment on South Lida.

A Survey was done in early May which led to a Treatment Plan. The cost would be around six thousand dollars. Shortly thereafter the DNR sent out a different map which resulted in treating the north end of the lake a total of 15 acres, and about 8 acres at the other end of the lake- total cost for treatment was roughly \$15K. There was no cost for the permit from the state. Total with the survey and the treatment was \$17+. The question is will this be effective – it can't be a one time thing, we need to re-treat.

Sustainability, where are we going to come up with the cost? We are going to run out of money quickly – membership dues will only bring around \$6k. Addressed questions – could it go away on its own? Invasive means it won't go away on its own, water temperature among various other variables impact the problem.

How do we assess the success? Do we compare to parts we didn't treat vs. the area we did? We discussed the difference between Curly leaf pondweed- vs. algae. It was suggested that we need to look at developing the funds for it.

This led to a discussion of LID- which may be an answer to being able to fund it. It takes people to get the petition signed, we need help. We need signatures of support from 50% of the residents to move forward. Then we need to have a plan establishing the direction we would go with the LID. Even if it is a team effort to get it operational we need people to run it- Board of 5 to 9 members from lake residents.

Talked about a petition that Beach Captain's would take to their beach to see if people are interested. Group asked for a handout regarding what a LID is, Dave has a handout explaining it all. Discussion about dues - \$15-\$20k a year is what we are needing. LIDS is the only way you are going to be able to collect that money- in order to get rid of pondweed, we are going to have to become a LID. Lots of questions around what we can address and what we can't- treatment is to manage it, not eliminate it. It doesn't appear the cost would be as much the subsequent years. Roughly \$20k for us to maintain this weed control. Lots of side discussion around the issue. Quick survey from those present regarding their support for the LID. Unanimous support.

We discussed the Annual meeting – it needs to be shorter, there need to be time limits for speakers. We will need a definitive answer on the LID as a result of this meeting-whether or not we should move

forward. IF we are going to do it, we need an Outline of a LID at the meeting. It was suggested to talk to Wayne Johnson to get more information. What Pelican Lake does doesn't mean we have to do it, but it's a good starting point. To be a LID, we have to figure out what we want to do, what it would cost and how much of a levy would be imposed. Question was asked "how much would it cost to do a survey on North Lida?" - Dave reported on cost (Dave please insert cost here) for North Lida- closest spacing is 120 meters, if we pursue a LID we need to have an assessment of the situation on North Lida. The survey doesn't just identify aquatic invasive species but also non-aquatic weeds.

They know where to go now that we did a survey- so that would be a cost savings for subsequent years. If we want to understand the water quality and get a borderline we could do that if we had a LID.

We have plenty of problems that need to be addressed- zebra mussels which is causing part of the problem. Some reported seeing fewer zebra mussels. Everything we talked about are things the LID would be able to address. DNR also does an analysis before we move forward. Curly leaf doesn't disappear. Pelican Lake has been treating for curly leaf pondweed for years. South Lida is a "filter" for North Lida. Smaller lake problems end up being a bigger issue.

Group asked for information on LID so they can look at it and share with their Board members. Jim Wolters from the DNR will be attending our Annual Meeting. We need to be prepared if we want to pursue a LID. We need to develop a strategy, the half that pay should be mad about the other half that don't pay. Dave will get us information ahead of the annual meeting- the first thing we need from members is an agreement to pursue the LID, then we will move forward. How many lots are on the lake- roughly 640. How many folks have a beach meeting before the annual meeting? Mixed response, but most do.

Need to state the issues before you ask for the LID and the cost imposed on property owners. We discussed other ways to fund? Donations? At the August 2018 meeting folks were offering to throw money at the issue, we don't know what it would raise, we never asked what they were thinking. Should we ask folks if they would be willing to kick in money for a water treatment fund? But is that a good long term plan? Another selling point to the LID, is that water quality is going to affect your property value if we don't address the problem.

Should we raise the dues? Raise it then LID might look a little better.

We backed up to review the budget before discussing raising the dues. Zach reviewed the treasurer's report. Question was raised regarding where the cost to RMB labs come in- they are paid through our dues to the COLA. Our efforts shouldn't go to defending an increase in membership dues, it should go into establishing the LID.

Idea to propose – discussion was raising it to \$25/\$30/\$50 – need to be careful about how we message it. We don't want the association to be a casualty. Motion to raise the dues to \$30 this year. All but one voted in favor. Linda will make the change to the Membership Form and add "Would you be willing to donate towards efforts to eliminate the curly leaf pondweed?"

Dave reported that a couple of folks on North Lida that did some projects, asked for more \$ through the grant project. Group agreed that we stay with the \$500.

Website has been updated. Linda reported that we have to move the website to a new and better platform- cost will increase from \$297 year to \$497 a year. Website has been moved but needs improvement. Linda and Dave will meet with Scott Backstrom to discuss the updates.

Annual Meeting date will remain the second Friday in July– showed new signs.

Zach will add a column for donations to member lists and send them out.

Talked about stocking – walleye- Dale would like to see bigger fish before he passes on. 😊 DNR stocked May 2019 Jim can address specifically if we can stock some from our fund at our Annual Meeting. There is a fish committee- Pelican Lake has about the same amount of fry as we do but it's a much smaller lake. Stocking happens in the spring. Mike will have Jim specifically address the stocking they did and the options we have for doing it as well.

Lake level- Jim will also address that. Dave will look into a handout for things you can and cannot do on your beach. Zach or Mike will contact Luther Aaland regarding the lake water level issue.

Meeting adjourned.

Eleanor from Nature Conservancy spoke to the group about garnering support for advocating the legislature for money for clean water from the Nature Conservancy fund instead of allowing the government to use the funds for other projects.