Loon Lake Watershed Improvement Alliance

Date: 10/9/21 Place: Zoom Time: 9:00 am

In attendance: Board (Total 11): Gordon Baron. Eric Busch, Joe Carlson, Mark Davidson, John Hayden, Karen Monroe, Alice Publow, Bridget Quibel, Dede Ranger, Bob Reynolds

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund: \$19,816.05 Capital Fund: \$19,267.45 Total: \$39,083.50

1. Budget: Bob reported that it is almost completed.

ISSUE: Water Quality (includes: Invasive Species, Onsite Waste Treatment Systems (OWTS), Aquatic Vegetation) PRIORITY: 1

Aeration Project:

- 1. Report submitted by Paula Thoma
- The unit has been turned off and the buoys have been removed. The diffusers remain on the lake bottom with a weighed tether
- Bernie and Joe Carlson are working on covering the unit for protection as well as for noise reduction purposes
- Alice has been in touch with Michael Chislock to arrange for one more visit
- Paula will compile a report of algae observations to add to the Summer2021 Data Report. Alice and Doris please send data or statement.
- Michael Chislock will compile and report on first year data Dec/Jan

2. Brockport Students:

Michael Chislock, Brockport professor, would like to bring his current class of 16 to sample on Loon Lake. Karen Monroe and Eric Busch's boats are available until 10/19. After that date, Brockport's canoes and borrowed kayaks have permission to launch at the cove next to Serenity. The date is yet to be determined.

ISSUE: Storm Water, Sediment Control and Stream Corridor and Wetlands Mgmt. PRIORITY:

Wetlands Mgmt: Preserve Manager's

1. Report- Eric Busch

A. **Electric** Plans for the electric instillation are moving forward and are expected to begin in the next 2 weeks. NYSEG is ready. Permitting require a \$75 check. LLWIA will pay the electrician and submit the bill to Wayland for

windmill fund reimbursement. The water pipe will be run in the same trench to the pavilion. The water will need winter shut off.

- B. **Picnic tables and benches** will be stored in the pole barn.
- C. **Mowing** continues and John has been weed whacking closer to the trees.
- D. **Flood Plain:** Eric checked the creek after the 2.5" rain and reported that excess drainage flowed into the flood plain as designed preventing flooding to the adjacent cottages.

2. Tree report- Alice

Trees for Trips (T4T) has another new coordinator and all are records were again lost. Alice has resent all our info and will pick up replacement trees and stakes. We are all out of stakes because Alice has been painting the 4' oak stakes white and has been marking all non tubed trees. These stakes provided by T4T are preferred for their 4' height and their durability.

- 3. **Prism signs:** Hilary has given us 3 'Hitch hiker' signs telling of the dangers of invasive transfer. They are to be posted at LLWP.
- 4. **Port-a-potty:** It is thought that LLWIA should rent a port-a-potty from June through September for season 2022. In the unit a sheet could be placed with pencil so user can check in and be counted. This should give us some idea of the necessity of the expense. The unit will be placed near the pole barn.

ISSUE: Communication with watershed residents (Outreach): PRIORITY: 3

1. Link Article:

- a. **Ranger/Argentieri look back:** One of the family will write an article describing past life on Loon Lake focused on lake environment. Alice will try to relate this to environmental concerns.
- b. **signs of algae poisoning:** Alice will write an article describing the signs of algae poisoning due to HABs.
- c. **Invasive Info:** Alice will contact Hilary about info warning of the Spotted Lantern Fly which has the potential to damage grape and other agricultural industries.

OTHER TOPICS:

1. Alternative Septic System: Eric reported that he has installed an 'Eljen Filters' system that requires less space than a traditional leach field. A write up for the link is requested.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- **1. Memorial Tree:** John reported that a 10 to 12', Yellow Wood Tree will be planted in memory of Elly Davidson Hayden's sister on the Loon Lake Wetland Preserve.
- **2. Donations:** Capital funds will be needed for future maintenance of the pole barn.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, Nov.13 at 10am Zoom. The November meeting will be at 10 am in response to Karen Monroe's request. The fate of a December meeting was not discussed.