

Loon Lake Watershed Improvement Alliance Minutes

Date: 7/10/21

Place: LLWP Pavilion

Time: 9:00 am

In attendance: (Board Members [11]): Joe Carlson, Mark Davidson, John Hayden, Karen Monroe, Alice Publow, Dede Ranger, Bridget Quibell, Bob Reynolds

Guests: Doug and Jean Whitney, Gareth Allum

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund: \$6,760.40

Capital Fund: \$16,392.45

Total: \$23,152.85

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

1. **Knotweed Project:** At Serenity Cove, some of the Knotweed canes have grown to a diameter large enough to be strangled by the 1/2' mesh. The canes have girdled to an extent that they withered and dropped off. From the lake, the green leaves in the patch can be seen to begin to brown. We will continue to monitor, photograph and remove dead canes.
2. **Joint Water Quality** aeration report: The aeration compressor and defuser arms have been installed. Pre installation testing was completed by Brockport students and will continue biweekly throughout the summer.

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

Wetlands Mgmt:

Preserve Manager's Report: Submitted by Eric Busch

1. With the help of Ed's tractor I mowed the flood plain and then the section of the field near Chapel Rd for the Loon Lake Association's fireworks launch site. And did some trimming around the barn foundation. The tractor is functioning very well.
2. Applied another coat of preservative to the vertical pavilion beams - especially the outsides - to protect them from the weather per Rob Hughes' recommendation. Purchased another gallon of the product in advance for future sealing as the exact product is being phased out.
3. An estimate for the electrical work is in process.
4. Trails continue to be mowed very nicely and the recent check was

appreciated

ISSUE: Communication with watershed residents (Outreach):

PRIORITY: 3

1. **Link Articles:** Bob said he chose clips from *Diet for a Small Lake as filler* for the 'Alliance Matters' page. He was complimented on a job well done. Articles are needed for the next publication.

2. **Fund Raisers:**

a. **LL Curio Items for 2021:** Alice has collected \$250 for a custom painted box and \$150 'buy now' on Loon Lake Tray.

b. **Blue Flag Iris:** So far Alice has collected \$800 with the 'Blue Flag Iris' fundraiser. 86 iris have been planted. Thanks to Bob's donation 12 have been planted at LLWP. More are left so please encourage neighbors to plant.

c. **Ear marking of donations** has been discussed and rejected as too much paperwork. In the near future, a new meter for lake recordings will be needed. DEC is talking about cutting the CSLAP program 3 years off and 2 on. It is vital to have records for consistent years and LLWIA may need to take measurements requiring a meter with more functions. Alice would like to know that funds will be available. Karen suggested that a new meter be included in next years budget.

3. **Publication of LLWIA meeting minutes:** It was discussed that the secretary record the meeting as accurately as possible. When the draft goes out for review, attendees can indicate sensitive information that they feel should not be published on the website. However, LLWIA is transparent and open in most matters.

Other topics:

1. **Belanger Property Southeast wetland:** –Karen's group has collected pledges in excess of \$4,000 for purchase of the Belanger Property. LLWIA Board approved the completion of the property purchase if the total cost (which will involve a title search, title insurance, recordation fees, and attorney fees) would not exceed \$7,000. LLWIA and/or Loon Lake Association will need to secure a formal easement across Meyer's farm property so that walkers may get to the property being purchased.

2. **Pavilion Dedication:** Will be held on August 11 before the 7:00 to 9:00 pm concert. The celebration will include the silent auction, ribbon cutting and toast. A flier is attached.

President's report: John has spoken to the party that requested 'No Boat Launch' clause that was included on the LLWP purchase. It was agreed that non motorized boat such as kayaks, canoes and paddle boards may be hand carried in and launched from the island. A sign requesting boat cleaning before launching and facts about invasive hitch hikers be posted.

Next meeting: Saturday, Aug. 14 at 9 am at LLWP pavilion