

Aquatic Plants, Natural and Invasive Species, and Wetland Restoration Committee
January 6, 2007
Meeting

Members of the committee present at 9AM in the Village Hall: Tony Mignon, Matt Menges, Bob Klasek, Darrel Stoen and Rita Meier.

Old business:

- A. Update of Steering Council Committee: Tony reported:
- Lance Park: two separate grants cover the boat launch and the park.
 - Esch Rd. grant was not approved this year; the culvert is the site for a lot of EWM so hopefully a grant can be obtained next year.
 - Darrel mentioned that the village is passing an ordinance to limit the amount of sand allowed to be put into the lakes. This (sand) has become a problem, filling the lakes and requiring removal at the channel.
- B. Request for cattail control LM Bayview Bay
- Tony read email from Rita Meier expressing concern about taking down all the cattails (included)
 - Tony read email from Lynne Hellman dated 10/30 expressing concern also. She opposes use of herbicides for this native, non-invasive plant. Tony will invite Craig from the DNR to our next meeting so that we can discuss how to manage cattails. He also suggested that we should invite other homeowners as well. Tony asked us to consider whose responsibility it should be to manage cattails.
 - Matt said we should consider the value of the cattails for the quality of the lake.

New Business:

- A. Survey of lake property for potential Lake District use.
Five parcels of property owned by the village were highlighted. Members of the committee were asked to consider whether they could be used for the benefit of the community and the Lake District before they could possibly be sold.
- B. Bob asked if the dam had been pulled because the lake is high. Darrel thought it was pulled but will check.
- C. Testing of lakes for 2,4-D herbicide
Rita pointed out that most herbicides contain 2,4-D, so our testing will pick up residue from local residential use as well as the chemical BioServices applies. We would like to get a baseline showing the amount of 2,4-D in our lake; four samples on each lake. Then we would repeat the test 2 to 4 weeks later, after BioServices has applied herbicide to EWM. Rita will get estimates.
- D. Motion was made to contract BioServices to treat our lakes again this year. By getting this funding approved now, we can treat the lakes when EWM emerges early in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00
Minutes submitted by Rita Meier.

Addendum:

Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 11:54:58 -0700 (PDT)
From: "Rita Meier" <rita_meier2003@yahoo.com>
Subject: Cattails in Bayview Bay
To: "Tony Migon" <tmigon@oisi.com>, "Matthew Menges"
<mmenges@mengesroller.com>

Tony,

Since I didn't hear from you Tues, I thought you must not have been able to get hold of your contact at the DNR.

I've done some more thinking on the request that we remove the cattails and here are my concerns:

- * Kathy Aaron states on p21 that she only found Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly Pondweed in her analysis of the lakes for invasive species. She recommends that we should be treating the EWM.
- * Cattails are native and not an aggressive problem like EWM. The report recommends preserving native emergent plants, in fact, planting more.
- * I spoke with two neighbors in the bay who really want to keep the plants as they like the natural look. They state that the cattails have always been there.
- * We should probably be following some guidelines about the overall plan for the lakes. I believe there is one and would like to get a copy.
- * Finally, if property owners want to manage their own riparian water and get permission from the DNR and are following an overall lake plan, I believe they should be responsible for funding such a personal initiative.

Please let me know your thoughts on this. I appreciate that you have given me the opportunity to express myself on this issue.

Rita