

USCLA BOARD MEETING AND RECOGNITION EVENT – OCTOBER 14, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Dave Boerger, John Bull, Mike Burwell, Doug Cooper, Bob Haase, Kurt Liethen, Bruce McIntyre, Joe Pierucci, Rosanne Bartush Rule, David Silver, Terry Weingarden, John Zubalik

Welcome! 6:30PM

David Silver (president) began the meeting with a welcome and a big thank-you to all Board members for their efforts on behalf of the USCLA! He is hoping that this can become an annual event. Thanks to Dave Boerger for setting up tonight's event!

Augmentation Well (AKA) Update: Thanks to Mike Burwell and Dave Boerger for their efforts! There is a 78% signup rate. However, the request was denied for the augmentation well. There is presently an appeal requested with attorneys. A legal resolution is not expected until April, 2023! If it does go in our favor – we may have another summer with low lake levels. Unfortunately, it may take even longer. We are hoping for a law judge to approve although there has been a COVID related backlog. The well, therefore, is on hold for the moment. It could go all the way to the Supreme Court.

There was an environmental review of wetlands approved as of October 13, 2022. EAGLE is concerned that it may impact wetlands. Costs accrued with augmentation well have been approved. We are “locked” into the Appeal process with the Water Resource Commission (WRC) in the County.

A mapping of the bottom of the lake (Contours) needs to be done. We want to show that the bottom of the lake is better than it was. Proposal: \$4,000 for Contour Mapping. Dave Boerger proposed that we proceed with this plan and John Bull seconded the motion. Vote: 100% approval to proceed with this plan.

Weed Management – Joe Pierucci (The Weed Minister): There are 33 different species of invasive weeds in our lake: 19 submerged weeds (ie. Curly Pond Weed, Eurasian Milfoil, white lily pad), and 11 emergent plants (purple loosestrife, phragmite).

In the Summer of 2022 there were five herbicide treatments, and one harvest at a cost of \$63,0783.55 (includes launch \$400, permits, Savin (Applicator) consult (10 trips with consult).

Two algae control treatments (Bayside and R.C.Banker's). One treatment for lily pad control (lily pads are protected if NOT in a motor way). 30 acres of Pond Weed were harvested in 2022 (8 acres less than 2021). All treatments were avoided around holidays, and treatment maps were sent out to neighborhoods in advance with notice of water restrictions for the area. In addition, this information was included on our website.

More strategies will be investigated for treatment of Lily Pads. The treatment needs to get to the roots, and when they start to go dormant. This will reduce the population by half, but also increases the cost.

Thanks also to Doug Cooper, Bob Haase, Alan Simons, and Kurt Liethen (The Godfathers of Weeds)!

Inter-Lake Agreement -SAD: Terry Weingarden (West (Bloomfield) and Bruce McIntyre (Orchard Lake)

We can control our own lake with their help!!!!

Special Assessment District (SAD):Joe Pierucci (Chairman):

We need a SAD budget-:

\$55,000 - harvesting and herbicide

\$10,500 – consult, administrative fee's, and contingency plan cushion

\$1,000 - goose round-up

Total for 2023 - \$65,000

Meeting ended. Dinner is served. Enjoy...and thank-you!

Rosanne Bartush Rule, USCLA Board member, Secretary (1/10/2022)

