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Rogers Lake Authority

Regular Monthly Meeting
July 10th, 2024 @ 7:30pm
Rogers Lake West Shores Club House

1. Call to Order – Mark Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

2. Attendance – Mark Hastings, Dick Smith, Joel Hawkins, Maneesha Joshi, Toni Phillips and 5 members of the public.

3. Approval of Minutes - Dick Smith made a MOTION to accept the minutes from the June meeting. SECOND by Toni Phillips. Discussion: None. VOTED: 4 OPPOSED: None. APPROVED. Motion Passed. Maneesha Joshi abstained.

4. Old Business
    a. Review expenditures for June 2024 - $147 clerical fees, $4400 seasonal employment, boat expenses $479, and $8000 for water testing.
    b. Patrol Boat update – seems to be going well. Group chat is used each day for communication to keep everyone up to date.
    c. Status DEEP Complaint #2024-4899 and pending Notice of Violation – Mark Hastings has not had any further contact with DEEP regarding the violation. We must prove the need to get a permit to use the sluice gate.
        i. Hydrology Survey – Mark has been in contact with engineering firm and has sent parameters of proposed survey to DEEP to ensure we will meet what DEEP needs. There will be a conference call with DEEP to review as soon as possible.
    d. Results of Invasive Plant Survey – Herbicide Application – Joel was on boat for the survey. Lots of success with before and after applications. Lake was previously full of milfoil and it is now gone. Northwest corner of lake might be getting invaded by something coming in from a pond further upstream. Recommendation is to apply herbicide to 3.85 acres and that will be done tomorrow July 11th.
    e. Tributary water sampling – Joel provided analysis of initial testing. Streams 5 and 6 (Boat Launch and Bridge that goes over Grassy Hill) are the two main flows. Joel suggests we do more measurements focusing on Streams 5 & 6 and the tributaries and then consult with experts at Yale. Will need to plan out next steps – Mark will communicate with the RLA members.

5. New Business
    a. Lake events:
        i. Size Matters fishing July 16 6:00am to 12:00pm 15 boats
        ii. Mid-Week Drive4Five fishing July 24 5:00pm to 8:30pm
    b. Setting date for September draw down of the lake – Every leap year the lake is drawn down 14” and this is a leap year. Proposed date to start is September 16th and it should take about 6 days.

    Toni Phillips made a MOTION to start draw down of the lake on September 16th, 2024. SECOND by Maneesha Joshi. Discussion: None. VOTED: 5 OPPOSED: None. APPROVED. Motion Passed.

c. Setting program for weed pulling - Weeding areas that are not being treated because the area is small. Date is set for July 28th, 2024 at 10am.

6. Public Comment –
   - Tom Mondelci- In the mornings fishermen are blasting up the lake.
   - Paula Signora – Is everything ok with the rowers? RLA member shared that the mornings have been loud.
   - Paula Signora – Geese issue at Haines Park is very bad this year.

7. Adjournment – Maneesha Joshi made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. SECOND by Dick Smith. Discussion: None. VOTED: OPPOSED: None. APPROVED. Motion Passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday August 7, 2024