

# Meeting Minutes

## Dixie Lake Improvement Board

October 18, 2023 – 9:00 AM

**Location: Springfield Township Offices Lower-Level Small Conference room**

1. Call to Order - call to order by Steve Felix at 9:01 AM. Attendees: McCallum (remote), Steve Felix, Paula Vining, Bob Hoffman, Larry Young, Paul Hausler. Mike Mulligan (remote), Jane Magidson attended for specific topics regarding lake health.
2. Treasurer Report – Paula Vining
  - a. Paula reviewed report including all recent updates. Bob motion to accept report, second by Steve, all approve.
3. Engineering Report, Purple Loosestrife, Algae discussion – Paul Hausler
  - a. Mike Mulligan, Jayne Magidson joined for discussion.
  - b. Paul reviewed report for 2023 activity, including dates for surveys and reminding that the target is non-native invasive plants. Jane requested further discussion regarding a more aggressive attack to address the phragmites due to the extensive level in north section of lake, and presented map/ description of specific area. Will add to the March DLIB agenda and will also discuss with DLHA; Paul will assist with pricing, but note, it requires a permit and professional application in the heavy areas. Paula motion to accept report as presented, Bob second, all approve.
  - c. algae- algae this year was normal at end of season, there is no way to determine if it is harmful by its presence, only by testing. The presence of blue-green particles is when testing would be recommended. Notify via algae.com. The DLIB tactic has been to not address in Sept as it is the end of boating season. In August or earlier we test for it if it is not dissipating. DLIB reviewed and will continue to support this strategy in the future.
  - d. Purple loosestrife- heaviest growth is northwest portion of lake. Jane attended to provide current status. Paul discussed options including 1) specific **Galerucella** beetles that 'eat' it (don't eliminate but reduce to ~10%); with no known harm caused by beetles (Lake Oakland currently using this treatment). Lakeoaklandboard.org has details. Timing- application of beetles would be in June/July. 2) Plant removal is an option but the large area makes that not practical. must Burn/eliminate seeds to eliminate. The DLIB will discuss as part of the meeting in March and will discuss with DLHA. Paul will get pricing information and will discuss at next DLIB meeting.
4. Launch Site Update
  - a. Maintenance – all. Good response from homeowners, ramp holding up very well. Next year we will to retain every 2 week lawn cutting.

- b. Key retrieval as residents move- currently on the honor system as people move. Will ask for communication with DLHA to ask anybody moving return key to DLIB/ DLHA so it can be moved to the new resident. Will add as topic for March meeting for decision.
- 5. DLIB insurance discussion
  - a. Steve to continue to work with Insurance company for appropriate insurance for DLIB Board Members. Will discuss at March DLIB meeting.
- 6. Future Board Member tips. Draft Review – Steve Felix
  - a. Steve handed out a draft of a document for future DLIB board to assist with what we have learned through the current term.
- 7. Resident topics- included in the Engineer report topic above.
  - a. Purple Loosestrife
  - b. Algae
- 8. Open Discussion/Public Comments
  - a. Next board meeting- Wed March 20 at 9:00am at Firehall. Will set future 2024 meetings at March meeting.
  - b. Steve Felix made a motion to end the meeting, second by Bob Hoffman, all approve. Meeting closed at 10:02am.