

## WHITE LAKE CITIZENS LEAGUE SPECIAL MEETING WITH DEQ

March 23, 2016

President Tom DeSantis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He introduced Mr. Duane Roskoskey, from the MDEQ. He introduced the members of the Dredging Committee: Patte Day, Chairman, Tom DeSantis, Dick Pinagel, Bob Parrett and absent members: Bob Pisoni, Walt Koziol and Mike Wachsberg.

This meeting was called to address accusations, via a flyer that was anonymously distributed, that we knowingly put contaminated soil from the dredging project on farmland that was used as a dumping site. Mr. Roskoskey said he became involved in the dredging project in 2012. Soil samples were done in 2012 and again in 2014. The tests were redone in 2014 for copper leach ability. The tests came back as non-leachable. The results of the tests and the fact that some of the MDEQ guidelines were changed, resulted in the determination that the spoils were clean and safe.

Betty Raupp, who lives next to the farm where the soil was placed, is concerned that the soil is unsafe. Mr. Roskoskey explained the tests and said they are safe. The arsenic was very low. The copper which tested at 432 PPM is well below the acceptable 1,000 PPM for drinking water and 20,000 PPM for direct contact. She stated she was not notified that the farm next to her was going to get soil placed there from the lake dredging.

Patte Day explained that the WLCL, and the contractor, Gro America, got all the necessary permits for the project. Patte read a notice from Highland Twp. stating that since the DEQ completed its public process and announcement, no permit was required from them in regard to disposal of the lake soil. The farmer, Mr. Ruggles, got permits from Oakland Co. to have the soil placed on his property. White Lake Twp. did not issue a permit as the County supersedes the Township in this matter. It would have been a good neighbor thing to do for Mr. Ruggles or the County to have notified Mrs. Raupp that soil was going to be placed on his farm. Mrs. Raupp and Mr. Ostrander (neighbor) would like to have soil at the farm retested. The DEQ and WLCL feel that it is very likely that the soil has been cross contaminated since it has been mixed with the farmers soil and that any tests done now would not necessarily reflect what was actually taken from the lake. Mr. Roskoskey said the lake soil is probably less contaminated than the original farm soil.

Tom DeSantis said he would contact Mrs. Raupp within the month to let her know if we will redo the tests.

The meeting with the MDEQ adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Our regular monthly WLCL meeting followed.

## WHITE LAKE CITIZENS LEAGUE

Meeting March 23, 2016

President, Tom DeSantis called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. Board members present: Larry D'Angelo, Bill Maine, Patte Day, Lenny Wojewoda, Bob Parrett, Joan Cooper, Gary Webb, Chuck Neville, Sean Whelan, Linda Reid, and Carol Webb. Absent: Walt Koziol. Paul Falzon.

Minutes: The minutes from the September meeting were approved on an online vote. Tom DeSantis said that from now on, the minutes, after any online corrections from the Board, will be approved at the following month's meeting and then will be published on the WLCL web site by Bob Parrett.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Neville presented a detailed receipts and expense report. As of today, we have a cash balance of \$34,914.18. In the past year our cash balance ,after expenses, had an increase of \$3,480.18. He has checked out different banks to get more interest on our money. He proposed we move all accounts to Huntington Bank. Bob Parrett made a motion "to move all WLCL accounts from Chase Bank to Huntington Bank." Seconded by Bill Maine. All in favor. Gary Webb made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Joan Cooper. Approved.

Weed Report: Dick Pinagel said we plan on using sonar this year. He has applied for the permits from the MDEQ. The sonar levels used are low. He said none of the chemicals put in the lake are harmful. People can swim right after. They still are required to post notices. People can decide to turn off watering systems or not swim. The weeds they are targeting are milfoil and curly leaf pondweed. The first application will be in late April or early May. Water temp should be 55 or more.

Larry D'Angelo brought up the subject of someone taking a video of our meeting. Martin Cierlk, was taking a video of the meeting with the MDEQ. Larry suggested that if someone comes to tape our meeting, that we should sign a waiver to allow them to do so. Most of us do not like the idea of someone taping the meeting without our approval.

Communications: Bob Parrett reported that the newsletter is almost ready to go out.

Resident, Kelly Feeman, would like to have White Lake Twp. have an ordinance like Highland Twp. that allows 1 dock per 50 feet of property. Larry said the problem is that White Lake has some ordinances but they do not enforce them. Since we have a public access on the lake, the State technically owns the lake. The DNR is responsible for enforcing rules and regulations on the lake. Kelly had a copy of the ordinance that was adopted for Walled Lake. It was suggested she talk to Jason Hudson, White Lake Twp. Ordinance Officer, to see if anything can be done.

Membership: Linda Reid proposed getting flags for members again this year and having them bigger than last year. She also proposed getting a wood sculpture of White Lake to be an incentive for members to pay their dues by the end of the pancake breakfast. There would be a drawing of all paid members, and one of them would win the sculpture. Bob Parrett made a motion "to authorize Linda up to \$1,500 to purchase flags. Seconded by Patte Day. Approved. Gary Webb made a motion "to give Linda \$50 to purchase a wood sculpture of White Lake for a drawing." Seconded by Patte Day. Approved.

Merchandise: Lenny Wojewoda has been working on merchandise to sell for this year. He would like to have an online vote for a theme for this year's boat parade. He will ask for suggestions for themes and

then have a vote to pick one. He would also leave canisters at some stores for people to drop off suggestions. Themes suggested will be presented at the April meeting and final vote by Memorial Day.

Home Tour: Jack Butler will be in charge of the Home Tour this year. He will be moving after this summer. It is possible Laura Galuardi, who has been helping Jack, would be interested in taking over as chairman of this committee.

Fireworks: Sean Whelan and Gary Webb both are interested in working to coordinate the fireworks after this year.

Social: Larry reported that Janice D'Angelo will still be in charge of the pancake breakfast. Janice said it is hard to keep up with making pancakes. She would like to purchase a grill to use. Bob Parrett make a motion "to authorize Janice up to \$1,500 for food and to purchase a grill." Seconded by Patte Day. Approved.

ML&S Conference: Sean Whelan and his wife will be attending this year. They are going to get certified to do the water testing for the lake. He will be out doing phosphorus testing on Thursday.

Sheriff: Patte has been in contact with the Sheriff office to set up this year's patrol schedule. They will be charging \$33.22 per hour. We have to have a new contract drawn up with them. She has also been working with Mike Kowall to get permits to put the buoys on the big sandbar on the lake and by her bay. The DNR will make up a sign to put at the boat launch to remind people to go counter-clockwise on the lake. We will have to pay for the sign.

Coast Guard: The annual boat inspections will be held on June 18th this year.

New Business; It was decided that we will let the MDEQ decide if they want to retest the lake soil that was placed at the Ruggle's farm. We do not want to pursue the retesting.

Adjournment: Gary Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lenny Wojewoda.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Webb, Secretary