

# TWIN LAKES OF MATTESON

## August 27, 2022 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE/CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. President Wilson Ray, Vice President Sharon Kolassa, , and Secretary Blair Shaman were present, along with 23 members. Treasurer Erik Sabaitis could not attend.

### **LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Wendy Lemke moved to approve last meeting's minutes, Marv Kirchhofer seconded. Approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The balance in the Fish Fund: \$3662.75, General Fund: \$10,019.55, Lake Management Fund: \$5148.08. Larry Lemke moved to approve the report, Charlie Belza seconded. Approved.

### **VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE**

- 140 members this year, highest ever

### **SECRETARY UPDATE**

- Info on Canada Goose problem posted on web site

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- Apparel – Rachel
- Picnic – Tricia/Rachel/Melissa  
Proposed moving picnic to Township Hall rather than Lorrie Wall's lot to save cost and effort of picnic. Suggested ice cream social/dessert event instead of full picnic. Committee to move forward with change of venue and other details for next year.
- Garage Sale - Norma  
Only 5 people participated this year, perhaps because some hold garage sales all summer. Timing was discussed, perhaps helpful to change date to earlier in the summer.
- Fish Committee – Scott  
Scott is stepping down as chair of the Fish Committee, soliciting new chair. Planted 1300 perch in May.
- Water Quality Committee – Larry
  - Larry contacted Progressive AE on idea to lower water level by one foot over the winter. Progressive does not believe this will impact water quality, although it may impact fish spawning. Suggestion will be discussed with new Fish Committee chair.
  - A couple of mussels have been found in the lake, which is good news, as these may be helpful in filtering the lake water. Identified as Giant Floater and Fatmucket types. We may want to work with the DNR to add more mussels, and this finding suggests that they may be viable.
  - Water quality sampling was performed August 3 and sent to a new lab in Grand Rapids. Results consistent with recent past. Bacteria levels are safe within the lake although not across entire watershed.
  - We have partnered with other regional organizations to apply for a watershed planning grant through the State. The proposal is for \$110,000 to create a watershed plan over two years. This includes \$80,000 from the state with a \$30,000 local match, mainly in the form of additional water quality sampling across the watershed.

The grant would fund the creation of a watershed management plan, which is the first step in a two-step process. The second step would allow for implementation of the plan. We will know if we have been selected in December. If we are not selected, we will still be well positioned to make subsequent proposals.

Assuming we create a watershed management plan, and become a 501(3)(c), we will be able to apply for additional grants.

***GUEST SPEAKERS***

Olivia Muller - DNR Conservation Officer for Branch County

Enforces fish and game, marine laws

Respectfully Submitted,

Blair Shaman  
Secretary