Lake Mason Improvement Committee (LMIC) Monday, February 3, 2025 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM by Zoom

Minutes

Present: Dave Deltgen, Michael Madden, Barbara Maley. Guests: Keifer Sroka, & Patrick Kilbey

Absent: Bob Carlson, Dale Sankey, Brooke Cooper, Jeff Marshall, John Konkel, Mike Atterberry, Liz Lehr, Tim McFadden, Steve Lizer, Pam Klein, Sally Danke

- 1) Follow- up to the shoreline assessments
 - a) Adams County Trip Reports were sent to those who had shoreline assessment done. Marquette Co will be sending theirs out soon.
 - b) Letters from LMIC were sent the end of last week to those who had an assessment and the 1 property that had volunteered but was not assessed.
 - c) It is too early for most property owners who had shoreline assessments done to have contacted the counties re: shoreline recommendations.
 - i) Plan will be for Keifer and Patrick to work individually with each landowner who wants to follow-up with the recommendations.
 - d) Bella Goose did not respond to Barb's request to meet with them to discuss the Healthy Lakes and Rivers grant. However, they did reach out to Patrick. He met with Allison Heesch, owner, and Mary Sweeney (Allison's mother who lives next door to Bella Goose and is the green-thumb for Bella Goose).
 - i) Patrick discussed with them:
 - (1) the grant that is available.
 - (2) discouraged Mary Sweeney from getting a grant for her property this year.
 - (3) Plan: Start with the grant for Bella Goose and then expand to the parents' adjacent shoreline next year if they would like to.
 - (4) LMIC members could help with plantings, weeding, watering, etc.
 - (5) This will be a great example: publicized by signs (2 are required by the Health Lakes Grant), newsletter article, social media notices, open house, etc.
 - e) Newsletter Article re: shoreline assessments and heathy lakes and rivers was drafted by Bob Carlson. Needs to be sent to Keifer and Patrick for review.
 - f) Drainage on Golden Drive is a very complex issue. Keifer and a DATCP rep did go to Golden Drive to see the possible drainage problems. Much more research is needed to determine the scope of the problem and possible corrective measures.
 - i) What is needed are photos / videos of the area when there is a significant rain to see what actually happens, where the water flows, etc. Barb will reach out to the affected neighbors requesting this documentation be done and sent to Keifer.
 - ii) This issue of drainage may not fall under County Land and Water Conservation. Though it was agreed that the LMIC is a good channel to use to encourage the issue not fall by the wayside.
- 2) Cursory full lake shoreline assessment from a boat would best be done in April or May before vegetation hides the shoreline. This would be to see the overall state of the lake's shoreline not a detailed assessment.
 - i) Discussed having a newsletter article telling landowners that this will be done. Barb to draft article, Keifer to review. Also use LM Facebook & website to inform the community.
 - ii) After "boat tour" possibly reach out to those that already have good buffer zone plantings to offer them a yard sign and possibly use them as good examples of what landowners can do.
 - iii) Later in the meeting discussed creating signs, up to 1 ft tall, 2 feet wide, that could hang from the end of the dock and have a symbol indicating this owner has a shoreline that is lake friendly. The symbol could be explained on the boat landing signs.

- 3) Bouy taskforce members are: Michael Madden, Bob Carlson, John Konkel, Sally Danke, Mike Atterberry.
 - a) The Bouy Taskforce Game Plan document was reviewed.
 - b) Sally is the Spokesperson; Michael Madden is the Scribe.
 - c) The group needs a Team Leader. None who have attended the first couple meetings are willing. Michael sent a request to Mike Atterberry. If he declines then Dave will reach out to Steve Lizer, then to Jeff Marshall, then to Bob Carlson.
 - d) One area of concern is the placement & removal of the buoys around the lake and the ADA fishing platform near Mason Station.
 - i) Deano's has been providing this service, however billing and completion of the tasks has been problematic.
 - ii) The ADA fishing dock is owned by the LMMD. The Pier at Mason Station boat landing is owned by Douglas Township.
 - iii) Michael will forward to Dave an email from Jim Brancel that has the history of this issue. Dave to review for possible actions/ideas.
- 4) Tabled: Engagement Project
 - a) Reps give updates on additional residents they have met with: name, address, date of meeting.
 - b) Reps are to hold onto the packets that have not been given to neighbors. Do NOT mail them or leave them with others as the purpose of the Engagement Project is to get to know the neighbors and build a sense of community. Continue to gather reports of neighbor meetings at upcoming committee meetings.
 - c) Adding the previously "missed" LMMD residents after Board has finalized the list.
- 5) Next meeting. Wednesday April 2 at 9 AM by Zoom