

CLTA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING 22 May 2025

All 2024 elected board members are present.

The meeting being held on Zoom as well for people that cannot attend in person.

The 2024 minutes were accepted as written.

Financials were presented by Sandy – accepted after discussion.

There were discussions on the financials for membership, rental of the apartments above the old market, and SAD 1 and SAD 2.

SAD 1 - primary coverage is for the pump maintenance and weed control. The Lake Association is keeping a reserve of money for the potential repair of the pump (pump is 10 plus years old and approaching its expected operational life) and a potential month electric bill of approx. \$5K per month if the pump is turned on.

SAD2 is the aeration project - Per Russ, monies have not been collected for SAD2 for a couple of years. The current reserves can be used for weed control. The contractor is in the process of cleaning out the equipment. Egle will not renew the authorization to aerate the lake.

Sandy addressed the boat access cards, guest usage, and does the renter have boat access -yes.

Questions on amount of money in reserve - the discharge pumps belong to the county drain commissioner and township

Jennifer Jones - 61 acres of milfoil and curly leaf was treated. Active seed bank in Eagle and Crooked which allows regrow of. Thinking about a systemic treatment to kill the roots. More costly approach. Water quality - increase level of phosphorus which increases the algae growth and decreases light and more turbidity. Also, leaf's in the lake and burning of leaves increases the phosphorus. Wanting to get the native species back in the lake. Nitrogen can cause an explosion of growth in the lake. Suggesting that people use a fertilizer buffer 50 feet from the lake front. Peroxide should be used on the blue / green algae (this alga is very toxic). Open fires - 20 feet from lake edge. Missed areas should be reported and get a second treatment. Usually takes 2 to 3 weeks to see the kill or no kill. Good treatment program for milfoil. Lilly pad treatment will be done in the fall on an individual-by-individual basis.

Long term fix project - - Pumps are working and have been turned on, monitored by Tom Wheat and Jason Wiersma. They will report each week on water levels and will be posted on Facebook and website each week.

Activities - Band at the market evening will be Aug 31 between 5 and 9 PM.

The Musslemans' put on a fireworks show in the cove every 4th of July. The board discussed that this area is a good location, and boards can make their way to the cove. The board authorized \$2000.00 to help pay for the fireworks.

Discussed getting in the lake's text messaging group by texting the word "LAKE" to 269-257-5145. This is the quickest way to stay informed.

Members would like to change the axis on the graph for a shorter period of time to get a little more granular for the lake level info.

Sanjay and Russ announced that they are moving off the lake within the next year. It was recommended that Trish Roberts and Tom Anderton could fill these positions. A vote by CLTA members present at the meeting voted to confirm these new members plus, Lesa and Dot, to a two-year term.

Public comments and questions.

Texas township is wanting to put in a pathway from Texas park to 6th street pathway. Posted speed will not change. What needs to be done to get the speed lowered. Need to check the township for this program - still open for public discussion. Believe the path to be 8 feet wide. Jennifer is willing to give a professional stance on how the path will affect the lake. The township is looking for all inputs either by messages, texting, and / or emails or people can stop in the offices.

It was brought up that people around the lake are building right next to the shore instead of 60 feet back as required by the township ordinances. This topic will be discussed at the upcoming zoning board meeting on June 25 at the township hall. Next, check the township web site for more details.

Reduce the green grass by planting native plants which will help reduce the phosphorus and nitrogen levels in the lake that gives rise to weed growth and algae blooms.