

March 16, 2024

Attendees: Linda Tortorelli, Dan Tortorelli, Anthony Corapi, TJ Benson, Paul Anderson, Samantha Horvath, Michael Mrozik

A meeting was held at 10 am on March 16 at Espresso Royal to discuss the findings of the recent fish and water quality survey, as well as recommendations. TJ Benson presented the recent fish/water survey report to Joe Parkos, a Lake fishery biologist who has expertise in this area. TJ reported that Joe Parkos read the report and made the following recommendations for us to consider:

- 1) Create our own natural structures to enhance breeding for small feeder fish, such as bluegills and gold shiners. These structures can be made from branches tied together and sunk with concrete blocks. TJ will ask Joe for recommendations as to how many and placement of natural structures.
- 2) Create our own [pea] gravel beds to enhance breeding for small feeder fish. TJ will ask Joe as to how many and location.
- 3) Explore further the benefits of an aerator along with cost and how to supply power – possibly solar. This can help with water quality. TJ will ask Joe his thoughts on this.
- 4) Joe suggested that we could purchase some “gold shiners” as feeder fish – but we shouldn’t buy anything else. Shiners could be self-sustaining as long as they have the structures. (Gravel beds and natural material clumps.)
- 5) Joe also suggested that we NOT do the [electrofishing removal] bass thinning [provided by Aquatic Control but instead encourage CHLA residents to catch and not release bass of a particular size].
- 6) We discussed having scout days for scouts to earn their fishing badges by catching fish and NOT releasing.

We are awaiting TJ’s responses from Joe.