

Summary of the Healthy Lakes Meeting - Sept.1, 2022

There were 8 residents in attendance. We discussed the following:

BLCA annual meeting update from Cam- Gina Hugo, Sherburne Parks Coordinator gave an informative presentation on the 5, 10 and 15 year plan for the park on Big Elk Lake, a letter was sent to local representatives, the county and the DNR requesting a more consistent presence in monitoring safe boating practices on our lakes, discussion regarding sponsoring clean-up days on our lakes (after ice fishing, after ice out, etc), there will not be a Sept BLCA board meeting due to Palmer Day

TLID update from Scott- three new directors were elected at the annual meeting, two left due to term limits, and one was re-elected, purple loosestrife was found in the bayou again and the rapid response plan was put into action (thanks to Mike Flannery leadership), James Johnson gave an informative presentation on water monitoring

Big Elk Lake LID Status - nothing new.

Gentle Footprint Projects and Grants from Chuck - Two are complete and awaiting their promised funding. One project has completed phase one and is scheduled to finish phase two soon. Two projects are on hold, and several owners have expressed interest in projects for next year. The BLCA approved funding for new signs to display at project sites. Shelly Alger-Peyton has agreed to work with Chuck Heinneman going forward.

2022 Water Quality Data report - no update at this time

Sherburne County Park on Big Elk - see notes under BLCA update.

Education - Discussion continued regarding how to better promote and educate our members and visitors regarding best practices for our lakes. The COLA is making fridge magnets with tips for seasonal lake stewardship. Chuck is going to talk to Franny at SWCD to see if the county can provide an article for our lake report and to share on our website. Langowskis are checking with the DNR to see if they have any ready-made brochures, similar to the sample copy that Hennepin county was distributing at the fair. Pamela and Ruth are providing info and articles on the Facebook page. Other ideas: increase number of BLCA general meetings with speakers/educational presentations, make Tik-Tok info videos, promote more neighborhood gatherings