

Summary of Dec. 7, 2023 Healthy Lakes Meeting

There were six members in attendance.

TLID Update

- The TLID annual report will be on the BLCA website soon. Applications for grants to control AIS have been/will be submitted by deadlines.
- The TLID board continued discussion regarding the ongoing research on wake boats.

Alum grant update

- All water and sediment samples were completed this summer. Carp study will be next summer. A preliminary report from Stantec is expected this winter.
 - Sediment cores were taken in November. 3-5 samples from 4 different places in Briggs, and 3 different spots in both Julia and Rush.

Water sampling

- Walt will provide the final numbers for 2023 at our Jan. meeting

Lake Steward program

- Bre, Ruth, and Naomi will be trained on how to evaluate properties for Lake Steward designation. The online training will be done this winter so that we can implement the program this spring. The board approved money for signs.

Lawn Care Companies

- Dave spoke with neighbors at the Lighted Train event to get names of other lawn care companies that people use. He will be contacting those companies to inquire about their lake friendly practices.
- Ruth will post a question on FB to gather the names of other companies.

Elk Lake Park

- There will be boulders placed along the shore to prevent/deter access from the water. Native plantings have been done along Hwy 16, and many native plants are also coming back now that some of the invasive saplings have been removed.

Elk Lake No Wake Ordinance

- It is being finalized. Chuck will monitor the water levels next summer.

2023 goals were reviewed and goals for 2024 were established.

2024 Healthy Lakes Committee Goals

Goals which do not have specific owners are owned by the committee as a whole.

1. Extend water quality monitoring data throughout 2024 as per Lake Management Plan, with cost sharing for testing from Palmer Township. *Walt Munstermann*
2. Collaborate with the Three Lake Improvement District throughout 2024 on water quality and water stabilization issues. *Bob*
3. Participate in BLCA related Board of Adjustment hearings throughout 2024. *Steve Demueles*

4. Coordinate and fund AIS surveys for Big Elk Lake by August 15, 2024. *Gary Anderson*
5. Publish a Healthy Lakes committee summary of each meeting in the 2024 Lake Report issues and post on BLCA website. *Ruth Thom, Bre Bauerly*
6. Actively participate in Sherburne Coalition of Lake Associations [COLA] throughout 2024. *Scott Ruiter, Shelly Alger-Peyton*
7. Actively participate in the planning and development of the One Watershed One Plan throughout 2024. *Scott Ruiter*
8. Continue the Shoreland Restoration program and administer Gentle Footprint grant Program. *Shelly Alger-Peyton, Chuck Heinemann*
- 9. Seek ways to increase education and awareness among members, new lake residents, and visitors regarding best practices for maintaining and improving the quality of our lakes. *All***
10. Implement and coordinate the Lake Steward Program. *Bre, Ruth, Naomi*
12. Host an educational event for youth to introduce non-motorized watercraft and to provide instruction on water safety and ecology, and the Leave No Trace principle. *Ruth Thom, Naomi Kimball*