

## **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Healthy Lakes Meeting Agenda Palmer Town Hall, 6:30 pm**

### **Update from BLCA board**

- Membership registration mailings were sent out, area landowners have been sending them back and using the new online registration.
- Still looking for an editor for the Directories, some residents have stepped up to help out.
- Walt gave the water sampling report at the recent meeting.
- Ice Day cancelled due to poor ice conditions.

### **TLID Update**

- No update, TLID meets next Monday.

### **Alum grant update:**

- From Dendy at Stantec: "We are processing the sediment chemistry data and have begun to set up the models. It will take us a few weeks to work through all the activities. I doubt we'll have a draft report by March 7 but depending on how the modeling goes, I may be able to provide...preliminary findings".

### **Updates on action items:**

- Landing Signage update— Signs have been printed and sign holders made outlining the fine for garbage on ice and in water. They will be placed out at each lake access and the public canoe landing.
- Lefty did some research on potential interactions between lawn chemicals and lake treatment chemicals. Results were limited.

### **Other updates / New business**

- Someone asked Shelly about potential for "Quiet Hours" on lakes. The group discussed the benefits and implications of something like this. Shelly asked Cole Petrosky, it may be a topic worth discussing further.
- Inviting PLM to a meeting to answer questions about lake weed treatments was proposed, Shelly is going to ask if they can attend the March meeting.
- Bre suggested a Tree Giveaway in the spring. Purchasing bundles from the Sherburne SWCD tree sale with Plant Bank funds and giving them away to lakes area residents at a spring event. The county tree sale bundles are 25 trees each, which is often prohibitive to landowners who don't have enough space for so many trees.

### **Action Items**

- Ruth to contact Stantec again seeking lake modeling results
- Shelly to check on PLM interest and availability to attend March meeting
- Bre to check on pricing and timing of trees from Sherburne SWCD

## 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*
11. 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*