

PLIB Special Meeting Minutes 10-3-11

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 – All present
2. Public Comment
 - a. Marilyn Smith – Sonar kills many weeds, not just milfoil (list of weeds read aloud but not included in the minutes). Marilyn went on to state that Tryclopypyr does have risk factors. It has an adverse effect on Salmon and Rainbow Trout. The board has also been told by Tony that a large and excessive number of weevils would be needed to treat the lake however, he is not taking into account the reproductive capacity of the weevil. Studies show less weevils would be effective. Additionally, Tony has only given one treatment option for 2012, this is not an integrated approach.
3. Chairman Report – I was on Indian Lake and looked at what they had going there. I found it very enlightening. Very few bubblers control 88 acres at the cost of about 20,000. Herbicides to treat that area would cost more.
4. Appearances
 - a. John Tucci – John gave a presentation in regards to Progressive AE's understanding and study of Laminar Aeration done on Indian Lake. Mr. Tucci believes Progressive AE was misleading in the approach they used in gathering information to present to the Board concerning the aeration process.
 - b. Tony Groves – Tony stated that he stands by his initial opinion of aeration.
 - c. Question (Jim) – Can you show us a lake that has been treated over time with herbicides that does not end up costing more in the long run?
Answer (Tony) – Over time, the cost goes down, not up. Lake Cadillac is a good example.
 - d. Question (Jim) – Is Tryclopypyr the herbicide we are using in our latest option? Answer (Tony) – Yes. Response – Jim read a report on Tryclopypyr and its toxicity.
 - e. Question (Arden) – Have you heard Lake Cadillac is considering aeration? Answer (Tony) – No.
 - f. Tony then stated that he has stated his recommendations and the Board needs to accept it or decline it and hire a new engineer.
 - g. Cathy stated that Indian Lake used herbicides and now they are using aeration.
 - h. Question (Elaine) – Why do the Bacteria treatments stop after 2 years? Answer (John) – We will reevaluate after the 2 year mark.
 - i. Question (Elaine) – Where does the equipment come from? Answer (John) – Pennsylvania

- j. Question (Elaine) – How long does it take typically to see improvement once the set up is in place? Answer (John) – As early as 30 days.
- k. Question (Cathy) – Do you give a guarantee? Answer (John) – If you choose to lease the equipment, that has an opt out in the contract.
- l. Question (Arden) – At some point, would we be able to stop the aeration treatment or does it go on forever? Answer (John)- It needs to run every year but for less time.

5. Public and Board Comments (intermingled)

- a. Audience Member – What is the cost of aeration? Answer – We only have an estimate from John’s earlier presentation this year but 5 years averages 265.00 per year per unit and that is for a west bay pilot project only.
- b. Jim Kilpatrick – We have been doing the weevil augmentation for 2 years. Let’s try to fix our problem with aeration.
- c. Audience Member- People compare our lake with other lakes but we don’t have the traffic that other lakes do.
- d. Arden invited Tony Groves to stay on and work with John Tucci to treat the lake. Tony declined stating that he does not stand behind aeration and does not want to be involved.
- e. John Tucci - There are 2 firms that have recommended aeration.
- f. Bob Roll – A test area is okay but what about the rest of the lake? Reply (Elaine) – I am interested in a test area as well but perhaps we should start smaller and then broaden the scope once we see that it’s working. I don’t want to spend a good portion of the funds on just the test area. If we did this, it would give us more money to treat the remainder of the lake. I think we are all in agreement that we have never used the proper amount of weevils in the lake to actually see what they can do. I propose we use aeration for 2/3 of the west bay and use the correct amount of weevils in other areas.
- g. Dave Klebba – I agree with starting off with a smaller test area. If it works then we can expand it.
- h. Ann Klebba – The west bay is the worst. This represents about half our problem. If we can fix this with aeration, it makes sense to do the whole west bay at once.
- i. Chairman Jim – Tony, are you sure you wouldn’t like to stay on board? Answer (Tony) – There are legal issues and many other things to consider. I will give you my final report and will help you in the future if you need help with anything I have done.
- j. Chairman Jim – We will need to get a new engineer
- k. Elaine – I would like to ask that Mr. Tucci direct all information and communications to the Board only from this point on rather than sending to community residents.

- l. Chairman Jim – We need to talk to the 2 firms that Mr. Tucci is working with to see if we can come to some sort of agreement so we can get a contract in place. Arden motioned that we have Paul and Cathy contact both parties to ask for quotes which include aeration and weevils (biological controls); support by Cathy. Roll Call Vote – unanimously yes.
- m. Cathy – We need to address a couple of things on the Boat Wash Station. It will likely be a couple of years before the PLIB takes control
- n. Rosemary Consoni – Prefers we work with Lakeshore Environmental. Jim Kilpatrick concurred with Rosemary’s sentiment, as did John Beeson.
- o. Bob Smith – I respect Tony for standing by his decision to not recommend aeration.