

**Loon Lake Park District Association, Inc**

**Annual Meeting**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**Call to Order:**

**Introduction of Craig Leggett, Town of Chester Supervisor**

**Loon Lake Dam discussion**

**Major renovation work coming.**

**Engineering firm working on rehab project.**

**Draft final report being reviewed by state and board.**

**Grant opportunity.**

**FEMA Grant high hazard dam**

**Funding for dam: \$485,000 to rehab dam- before June 2021**

**Work to begin after notice of funding – target 2022 construction**

**Anchor it, fix leaks, etc.**

**\$41,667 per year from county from occupancy tax which has taken a hit this year due to Covid-19**

**Looking for realignment of amount**

**Town adopted per state DEC regs FEMA flood plain development code – permitting layer for erosion of shoreline**

**Earlier this year town board discussed boat launch fee: charging for non-residents launching of boats to offset boat wash station – Covid-19 budget restraints**

**Beach – not enough lifeguards had to cut 50% capacity 37.5 people allowed on beach**

**Beach closed when no lifeguard**

**Septic's: algae growing in some areas looked at it. Water quality issue. Inspection of septic's for each property sale is supposed to take place. Realtors are ware of this.**

**Comprehensive Plan Update: time for town to update.**

**Spoke with Gail Danforth: facilitated focus group to assist with master plan – next Spring early Summer**

**Lake Safety Officer hours cut back – budget cuts, personal and purchases**

**Thank you to LLPDA for contributing extra hours to lake safety officer, Rich Konig.**

**Engineering cost \$110, 000 paid out of pocket to LLPDA for Dam.**

**Maybe compensated by FEMA – we need to submit for reimbursement.**

**FEMA high hazard mitigation grant.**

**Or the LLPD will pay for it. LLPD is a taxing district.**

LLPDA is an association – LLPD is our taxing district.

LLPD had boundary greater than around lake. Many additional roads.

Q: Is there a correlation with septic and algae?

Craig: yes, phosphorus and nitrogen supports more plant growth and aides and abets invasives.

Q; Have you located the source?

Craig: no, eb and flow issue prevents locating source.

Dye pills suggested as possibility.

Lake George Park District made deal with local banks for low interest loans to redo local septic systems. We may be able to pull together similar programs.

Q; What precipitated algae testing?

Craig: No other finding other than seeing algae.

Harmful algae bloom on Friends Lake last year as well. Keep monitoring, if seen please report ASAP.

LL has had several over the years, see map for further info.

Thanks to LLPDA officers/BOD

2020 Invasives management status                      2020 results by Aqualogic

Progress: town provides the \$ and the LLPDA manages it.

2017	\$90K	33150 pounds
2018	\$90K	23075 pounds
2019	\$75K	18150 pounds
2020	\$59,150	7350 pounds

Projected 2021 \$50K I do not see it dropping much less below that.

Significant amount of less plants being seen. Making good progress.

2021 \$50k management status at this point.

Q: What is the best way to report it?

Report it to John Nick. 254 sites around lake marked. John to forward info to contractor.

It was John's concern that the volunteer divers and opinions were a concern a 3<sup>rd</sup> party was best way to go. APIPP and APA

John Nick: Looked at locations on Loon Lake that are 16 ft and shallower to take data.

Density, pattern spread, natural or non-natural plants. Load info to tablet, transit to APIPP and APA they provide analysis for data on map. Look for progression thru the years. Getting much better at controlling it.

If interested, volunteers can assist going on boat to search for invasive species.

Aqualogic year 4 of work on LL. Harvesting to go out to bid next year, but Aqualogic now owns property on the lake.

#### Invasives Species Evaluation Program for Loon Lake

Visit over 250 sites and take data at each

2020 will be our third year of taking data

Reviewed annually by APPIP and APA on Loon Lake

APIP compiles the data, we then pass the data on to our invasives contractor.

We can also see if we are making progress year over year

#### Loon Lake Safety

Loon Lake Safety Officer: Rich Konig Cell number 1-623-251-1393

His hours were reduced from 300 in past years to 120 for 2020

The LLPDA contributed an addition 90 hours

Warren County Sherriff Marine Deputy on Loon Lake weekly

Craig on committee with new county sheriff for more patrol on lake.

Craig alluded need to reduce hours of Rich Konig.

John asked LLPDA board to add 90 hours to Rich's time – lake use on weekends.

Stray swim dock to be brought to owner.

Secretary's report:

John Nick

Reports has already been approved and accepted by the BOD

Treasure's report:

Mary Flynn

I will request Anthony Capobianco to perform his annual review of our books

294 paid members last year 298 totals to date for this year. A lot of generous people.

\$11,900 last year \$10, 200

See report on page 2.

Educ \$857 flyers, seal magnets

Lake Mgt Exp: extra hours \$1,467

Done very well this year.

\$23, 349 in acct.

Q: What kind of insurance being paid for

John: Insurance for directors in office

Significant reduction in events this year

Had boat parade, golf tourney at reduced level of participants

No insurance for individual functions – folks signing release.

John to speak to insurance carrier to discuss getting additional insurance for LLPDA functions

Move to accept to report as read.

Motion to accept

President's report:

2020 Newsletter

I hope everybody gets a copy if not signed up

Rich McCrum puts newsletter together. Thank you, Rich,

Show copy

Thanks to Rich McCrum and his two editors Noelle McCrum and Jo Anne Nick

LLPDA is now NYS Tax exempt. Thanks to Dennis Donnelly

Dennis also filled out NYS and IRS tax returns for 2019

We are also a 501C3

Tom Thorson- Lake photographer – raffle his work.

Golf tourney normally contributes about \$6,000 to local groups

2020 tournament results have not been established yet

"16 Candles Org": b day gifts to local kids up to sixteen years old. Helps families in need.

She sent golf committee a thank you note of gratitude.

Membership drive

John Nick/Ken Wade

Tiered Membership, mug promotion

Total 292 members to date as of 8/22/2020

Membership levels:

54     \$100

45     \$50

48     \$30

145    \$20

Anticipating being well over 300 mark! Great response, thank you!

Roughly 700 in tax district.

We did a mug promo this year.

Brianna's Law requires boater training certificates for all motorized vessel operators in NYS phased in by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Those renting a boat or jet ski are not required to have a boater training certificate per the laws. The ones that need it most are the ones that do not have to have it.

Grace period no longer intact. Grandkids etc. no longer allowed to drive boat even if someone on boat with certificate.

Review dates and specifics noted on sheet

Water testing

Jim Fregoe

Nancy Fregoe: 100 lakes that participated in ADKS. Our 6<sup>th</sup> year, test 3x in summer – get results after the 1<sup>st</sup> of following year. Graph results. Sodium levels dropped from year before due to using brine instead. We are one of highest in survey groups for sodium levels.

Clarity of lake has almost doubled from June 2020 until now, Aug 2020. We are doing good!

Q: Mounds of bubbles floating in lake?

An: Chemicals in water? It is a natural thing – John: decomposition of vegetation causes methane gas.

An: Deepest part of lake tested consistently. Septic runoff, fecal coliform.

Q: Should we be doing another individual water testing near brook and beach areas?

Craig: Yes, always a good idea to test.

Do when sample bottles are gotten from Bolton.

Boat launch/inspection station update. Tablet is functioning.

Each boat logged; data sent multiple times per week to Paul Smith College for analysis.

Good data to have for town if changes on lake decided.

John looked at data from very boat launched, boat launch now open 7 AM to 6 PM.

Q: Anyway, to manage boats launched from private property or marina or shoreline?

John: No, we cannot control that.

Q: Size of boats a big concern. Wake board boats, and large size boats on lake now in large quantities ruining shoreline with large wake.

Craig: Environmental and social issue needs to be addressed. No way of regulating it.

Member: Just read other lakes are instilling a policy -if you damaged someone's boat or property, you pay for it.

John: Committee now discussing data of boats in lake, jet skis, etc.

Boats types are changing, jet skis up exponentially.

Boat and jet ski inventory sold out due to covid.

How boat is operated within 100 ft of shore. Looking into 200 ft of shore. Too much rafting going on at same time. Near John's house and in Blue Bay. Shore erosion and safety issues being investigated. Town takes lake Assoc thoughts and opinions seriously.

Lake is changing significantly with boats and boat operators. Some very dangerous choices being made by boaters.

Covid possible cause for greater amounts of "day launchers".

Nancy: Paddle boarders on lake at night – recipe for disaster.

John: Paddle boarders with no life vests, after dark but we cannot control lack of common sense.

Gail Danforth is sending messages on Face Book to educate people about safety issues on the lake.

Thorson: Hand rules of lake out at launch, marina and in rental homes.

John: insert is in newsletter, given out at marina and boat launch.

Safety Officer Rich Konig has been distributing them and encouraging other to follow suit.

John: Possibly have boaters sign that they received boating regulations at Town launch.

McCrum: More renters Air BNB's and other website rentals on the lake than ever which is part of the issue.

John: tenants' handout to be revised possibly.

Per Warren County short term rental homes to pay 4% tax.

LLPDA BOD will continue to fund to Gail's education committee.

Launch attendants on duty 7 days a week till Columbus Day, open 7 AM till 6 PM

LLPDA Activities 2020

Events Reduced due to COVID virus

2021 Summer Social/Tom Thorson picture will be raffled at the Summer Social, his web site has a lot of beautiful pictures available from around Loon Lake

Education committee: Gail Danforth

Nominating Committee: Eric Lauritzen

Thanks to Howie Kennedy whose term ended

Many thanks to Doug O'Brien who passed this past July, Doug was a strong supporter of Loon Lake and many other groups in our Town.

Three year term nomination:

Patrick Reed

Cecilia Lauenstein

Mary Flynn

Mike

Motion to accept

From the floor:

Is lake data (boats launched, etc.) available to public? Curious to know how the volume has changed.

Number of docks counted 3 years consecutively. Loading up docks can contribute to additional boats on lake.

Warren County Soil and Water Committee. Jim Liberium is an excellent resource for us to determine # of acres per operating vessel for safety.

An average of multiple types of boats 10-11 navigable acres on lake.

Education committee: send out message for boaters to be considerate of shoreline and personal safety of yourself and others.

Click Count: 2016

2016 354 motorized boats

Present 416 motorized boats

2016 46 jet skis

Present 76 jet skis

2016 351 docks

Present 416 docks

Our lake is less than 600 acres.

9 boats available for rental at marina – boats rented by day and or per week.

6 speed boats/ 3 pontoons

Public Launch data results compiled by Paul Smith's.

The lake is getting busier!

Ring of Fire Event still on for September 5th

Start campfire at shoreline Sept 5<sup>th</sup> is still on. See newsletter for events.

Nancy: Boater safety course for adults in addition to kids?

Yes, open to anyone and is online.

