

July 11, 2020

Skogman Lake Improvement District Annual Meeting

Presenter: Steve Owens President

Meeting & Potluck Picnic - hosted by Bill and Cherie Berg with assistance from Shari VanAlstine

- We had a great turnout for the meeting and picnic. Twenty-seven residence attended. All persons were introduced.
- Mike O'Connell from Lake Management provided information about Lake Skogman regarding invasive weeds, native plants, and control of the invasive. In May, Skogman LID filed a permit with the DNR for Lake Management to treat 13.5 acres of Curly-leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil at the SE corner of the lake. They applied a new product called Diquat to control both invasive weeds at the same time. Mike said there is not much Curly-Leaf Pondweed or Eurasian Watermilfoil taking off on Skogman compared to other lakes in the area. No dense areas of growth. We get to the areas that need treatment early enough, along with the native plants having a good footing and the clarity of the lake may help in preventing the weeds from gaining ground further off shoreline. Next year we are looking at treatment along the NW side of lake between the Lind home and the Farm. Applying for a permit costs nothing. We can apply but we don't have to do the application, or we can just do a partial of the permit.
- Mike said that Skogman Lake is in good shape as far as Invasive Weed Control goes. Let's keep on top of it.
- Mike provided information how individuals can control weeds in front of their homes. Annually, Lake Management provides home owners the option to participate in invasive weed control on an individual basis. First application is in June and the second application is eight weeks later. Cattail and Lily pads are protected by the DNR. One can have a small area treated if they are blocking access to your dock, but DNR approval is required. In 2020 there were 31 lake fronts treated for invasive weed control. One can have the application applied once or twice per year. In 2017 – 33 property owners treated their individual shore lines. 2018 – 29 property owners treated.
- Question to Mike if there are any native plants that we could introduce to reduce the growth of the invasive weeds. Mike indicated that it is hard to get any natural plants started. One lake introduce Lily pads and soon the entire lake was infested with Lily pads. When they went to DNR to have the Lily pads controlled, the DNR refused because they are protected.
- Muskrats can be a nuisance and can dig into the shoreline, eroding it. You can live-trap the muskrats and move them or exterminate the critters.
- U of M, MLR, MN COLA, Safe Wakes for MN Lakes and Tonka Bay Marina have launched an effort to fund a research project this summer. This project will be a study of larger/more powerful boats and wakeboarding/wake surfing boats and their effect on shoreline and lake impact. All present agreed for the LID to donate \$1000.00 for this research. Mike mentioned that Cattail is good at preventing shoreline erosion from the big waves from boats and nature.

- Free Floating islands (weeds and Cattail): These may float on your shoreline and attach themselves. If water rises, it may float away. You need DNR approval to move these floating islands.
- Steve Owens announced that there may be some lake owners having their septic systems going into the lake. The DNR may be checking on area homes.
- Treasurer report: Balance of \$24,543.50 as of June 1. Note: We can only use LID funds for weed control in the lake.
- Century Link has provided fiber optic at 331st and Skogman. If you go online to Century Link and say you want fiber optic, we may get enough residence to get fiber closer to our homes.
- Next Annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 10, 2021.
- These meeting notes will be sent via email and mailed to those I don't have email addresses for. If you have an email address, please email me at mfun63@gmail.com so we can take you off the USPS list and save some money for the LID. Saves me time also. Thank you.
- If anyone is interested in becoming a Skogman LID Board member, please contact Mark Funfar at mfun63@gmail.com or 612-708-2936.
- Thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting. Thank you Mike O'Connell for your presentation.

Meeting notes provided by Mark Funfar Secretary.