Meeting Minutes- Thursday, August 24, 2017

In the absence of President Bob Hedges and Vice President Steve Welty, Bill Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Those present:

**Atwood:** Kevin & Vicki Lee Johnson, Jimmy Scott, Scott Smith  
**Cedar:** Cal & Miriam Carnahan  
**James:** Bill Schmidt  
**Lake of the Woods/McClish:** Steve McElhoe  
**Michiana Fish:** Henri Wesdorp  
**North Twin:** Don Merten  
**Oliver:** Meridith Cameron  
**South Twin:** Tom Smith  
**Stone:** Max & Fran Samuelson, Herb & Joan Ulery  
**LCLC Administrator** Sandy Ferrell  
**DNR Fisheries:** Larry Koza

**Secretary report:** emailed previously.  
**Treasurer report:** $13,399.89

**Program:** Larry Koza, the Director of the Fish Hatcheries in Northeast Indiana spoke on conditions in our LaGrange County lakes. Cedar, Wall, and McClish Lakes have been studied this year on 1) Condition of fish community 2) Water quality testing for fish life 3) Plant growth for fish support. Fish Habitat National Plan mandates a study of fish habitat and a watch for invasive plants/fish and treatment: starry stonewart, which is related to chara, milifoil, and gizzard shad, which migrated from the Little Elkhart River. There are three types of fish: warm water (large-mouth bass, and pan fish), cool water (walleye, trout, small mouth bass, yellow perch), and cold water, which need more oxygen.

**Committee reports:**  
**Community Outreach-** None.  
**Redevelopment-** Meredith Cameron reported the sewer and water project is the main focus now and moving forward.  
**Plan Commission-** Miriam Carnahan reported the meeting is Monday. Still searching for a new Planning Administrator; the agenda is short and there is nothing impacting the LaGrange County lakes.  
**Parks-** None.  
**Regional Utility District-** None.  
**SWCD-** None.

**Old Business-** Sandy Ferrell, LCLC Administrator, is still needing lake photos of summer activities for the website.  

**New Business-** Bill Schmidt announced the September meeting would elect a nominating committee. The October meeting would be the election of officers.

He also announced programs for the remaining months of 2017 to include; Dave Arrington, 2017 water testing results, September; and Bryan McCoy, LG Historical Society, October. Bob Schmidt suggested moving Bryan McCoy to spring and using the Hoosier Environmental Council to speak in September. They had asked to meet with our group this fall.

Sandy Ferrell passed out copies of the July 30 water testing results to those present. Water testing after September 10 will be posted on the website. These are the 2 summer tests done by Dave Arrington.

Miriam Carnahan said the date for the Hoosier River Watch/LARE water testing training was June 9, 9:00AM, at the recreation building at John Larimer’s home on Cedar Lake (old Howe Military camp). All lake representatives and their interested residents were invited to attend. Bill suggested we include Steuben and Noble County representatives and residents as well. Bobbie Burton has volunteered to register those planning to attend.
Lake Reports:
Atwood- Successful goose roundup; 4 beavers removed that weighed 40-60 pounds; unplugging the “wetland” for the brave-hearted; milfoil treated.
Cedar- Sewer planning/proposals are on schedule and proposed expansion to include Howe. Summer newsletter mailed to conclude the summer lake season.
Lake of the Woods/McClish- The second dry hydrant has been installed; they purchased a portable speed sign.
Michiana/Fish- They had their picnic, and things are going well.
N. Twin- Annual meeting was held and election of new officers.
Oliver- Dredging on hold; its quiet.
South Twin: Study grant; fireworks on Independence Day; quilt show.
Stone- Held an ice cream social, ordered t-shirts, had a lucrative poker run, and had Jake Carlisle, DNR, speak on boating regulations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next meeting is 28, 2017, 7:00PM, County Annex Building, LaGrange.

Miriam Carnahan, Secretary