

Lake Committee Report. Meeting held April 3, 2023

GEESE

- We have renewed our PA permit to addle geese eggs to control the geese population. Landowners are encouraged to notify the office if nests or eggs are spotted. Someone from the committee will addle the eggs as per the PA guidelines. Individuals may not addle the eggs themselves. Seven eggs have been addled so far this year.
- Trained committee members will be using a laser to disturb geese that are disturbing landowners' property. Again landowners are encouraged to notify the office.

HAZARDOUS ALGAE

Algae can be hazardous in certain quantities and conditions. It is important that if larger amounts of algae are observed that the committee be notified ASAP in order to test and treat the algae. All testing would be done under an understanding with PLEON.

BEACH TESTING

Weekly testing is required by the PA Dept. of Health. We have engaged Sekula Labs once again to perform testing at Clubhouse Beach and West Shore Beach starting the week prior to Memorial Day. Should the test show positive for harmful bacteria, we will immediately be notified and that beach will be closed. Every effort to retest ASAP will be made so that beach(es) may reopen.

FISH STOCKING

We will be stocking the lake again this year upon the recommendations of our consultant. Zett's Fishery will be delivering the following fish sometime in mid May:

- 350 LMO Bass
- 100 Shiners for smallmouth bass populations and to increase sunfish angling.
- 100 Black Crappies to supplement food for yellow perch. Increased size in the yellow perch creates food for increasing the black bass population.

We have an anonymous donor who is interested in purchasing additional bass for the lake, but our supplier is unsure if he will have them available. We are checking on additional sources.

Catch and Release is strongly recommended for any bass or pickerel caught in our lake.

CREEL SURVEY

We will be conducting the 2023 creel survey via a link on Facebook and the Walker Lake webpage. We will also be printing out small cards for the office and/or security to distribute to anyone unaware of the survey. The survey gives us additional information to help decide to stock the lake in the future.

SECURITY

Non-residents have previously been spotted fishing on the lake. This Committee is asking that extra attention be paid to vehicles at Sandy Beach and the Boat Launch in particular to ensure that they have the proper tags. We are also asking that combination locks be put on the gates at these two areas similar to the lock on the tennis court, with members to be provided with the combination upon request. If this is implemented the combination will be provided to local first responders.

BEAVERS

One beaver was trapped and removed, but there is additional evidence of a second beaver remaining. We are contacting Fish and Game to check on an additional den. Homeowners who suspect that a beaver is on their property should contact the office, who will contact the Lake Committee. While WLLA will have any beavers removed, it is the property owner's responsibility to remove the beaver den. Dens can be re-occupied by other beavers.

FISH HABITAT

Our consultant recommended that we improve our fishery with the addition of artificial fish habitat structures. These would be paid for by community donors and placed upon the consultant's recommendations. We are awaiting pricing and additional details.