

*GEESE EGG ADDLING*

The permit for egg addling with the Fish and Wildlife Services has been renewed for 2024. Registration is valid from March 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. As per the 12/14/23 issue of the Pike Co Dispatch, Delaware Township has approved a "2024 goose control proposal for township properties by Geese Police at \$425 per week, along with a \$100 addling charge per nest".

*CREEL SURVEY*

Please continue to fill out the 2024 Creel Survey via a link on Facebook and the Walker Lake webpage. The survey gives us additional information to help decide to stock the lake in the future. This applies to any fish caught in 2024.

*FISH STOCKING*

We are awaiting the Fishery Report from Aqua Link and will use that as a guide to make recommendations to the board regarding fish stocking.

As of late last year, we are now required to have a permit to stock fish. We are seeking information as to the cost of the permit and reporting requirements.

*TWIN LAKES MEETINGS*

Some committee members met with a few Twin Lakes residents to discuss various funding methods for the lakes including grants and outside funding, and to generally exchange "Best Practices" for lake management.

Twin Lakes residents were informed by Attorney Stieh that unlike WLLA, the water in both Twin Lakes is owned by the residents. As Walker Lake is also a private lake, we would like the Legal Committee to inquire of Mr. Stieh if that is possible for us and what the advantages would be.

*Aquatic Wildlife*

We had a landowner request from the January Board Meeting to address a concern regarding reduced wildlife activity. We discussed various methods of determining a baseline of local wildlife, but have not reached a conclusion yet. We will reach out to the Pike County Conservation District to see if any other local groups have noticed a decrease in wildlife populations.

*BEACH TESTING*

Initial contact has been made with Sekula Environmental Services to conduct weekly eColi testing and DNA testing as needed. They are working to find a DNA testing lab.

*Aqua Link Consultants*

We anticipate having our Fishery, Macrophyte, and Monitoring Reports from Aqua Like prior to our March Lake Committee meeting. We are requesting that the consultant meet with us in person to answer any of our questions at that time.