

Lee Lake Association Meeting Minutes April 13, 2017

Special Informational Meeting with Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones

The meeting was called to order by Mike Grenon at 7:02 PM. He announced the Potluck would be moved from April to May 21. It is in need of a chair person.

Visitor/Speaker Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones from RLS began by telling about herself, her studies, her doctorate, and her staff at Restorative Lake Sciences of which seven have advanced degrees. The scientific approach means she recommends herbicides to combat invasive weeds. However, she personally favors a holistic treatment.

Lee Lake is deep with high dissolved oxygen levels. We have 16 native plants (monocots). Lakes have muck or marl bottoms. Our lake has marl which milfoil does not like, but it will grow.

Options of treatment:

A. Whole lake Sonar is not recommended.

Question about 2,4-D being “agent orange” was answered. It is not “agent orange”. The similar compound in RLS treatment breaks down into chlorine, CO₂, and ammonia.

Glycogene (glycosate) is a carcinogen that is found in Round-Up. Do not use!

B. Suction Harvesting can cost between \$1,000-\$3,000 per acre. So, for 9 acres, between \$9,000 and \$27,000. When asked how long it might take, Jennifer J-Jones said 2-3 weekends in a row. It may take more than one season.

C. Chemical Granular Triclophere would be spot treatment. It is OK/safe for shallow wells. Environmental chemicals are not cleared for use until trials are 100% safe. There are only 3 systemic about 20 types cleared and accepted for use in the environment. Pharmaceutical drugs are allowed to be on the market while still doing trials.

Every lake has different chemistry; that is, its own chemistry. Sometimes what we think will happen and what we think will work does not. She gave several examples.

Phragmites create their own sediment. Drowning may work: cut holes or stab stem to let water into tube/stem 4 weeks to 6 months to die. Cut off seeds (head, plume). Try a controlled burn. Constantine said the muskrats are decreasing the patch of phragmites in lake on Lakeside Dr.

Jennifer gave us these DON'T Rules:

Don't use any fertilizer unless it's in a contained garden.

Don't burn leaves by the lake or dump leaves into the lake.

Don't mow to the lake and leave clippings to go in lake.

DO annually check your septic tank and system.

Mark Casebeer reminded us that our website lists 10 Preventative Steps.

Sam Schultz made a motion to adjourn. Duane Packer seconded it. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully,
Diane Inman, Secretary