

# GLCC Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2024

## ATTENDANCE:

| NAME  | TITLE                                 |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Rob Flood   | President                             |
| Todd Schara   | Vice President                        |
| Rachael Klabunde  | Secretary                             |
| Brandon Mangini   | WPD Manager                           |
| Michael Dykes   | WPD Maintenance Supervisor            |
| Becky Jante   | President, WPD Board of Commissioners |
| Skip and Sue Neiburger, Bill and Sandra Moss, Garry Grzelak, Dru Carlson, Brad Pawlowski (via Zoom) |                                       |

- Meeting called to order at 7:02pm
- Pledge of Allegiance

## SECRETARY REPORT:

- Passed out 4/11/24 meeting minutes – reviewed by attendees
- Motion for Approval of minutes by Rachael Klabunde, seconded by Skip Neiburger and approved by all at 7:04pm

## TREASURER REPORT:

- No report given

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fall fish stocking – update given on timeline and stocking of fish
2. GLCC Information/Social Media Update
  - a. WPD offered GLCC a page on the WPD Website
  - b. Page will be updated to show meeting dates and other important events
  - c. New GLCC email address: [GagesLakeCC@gmail.com](mailto:GagesLakeCC@gmail.com)
  - d. Facebook page – like “Gages Lake Conversation Committee”
3. Adopt-A-Highway Spring Cleanup 2024
  - e. Clean-up was done on April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - f. 10 bags of trash
  - g. 21 volunteers (highest attendance in history)
4. Any Other Old Business: None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Weed Control for 2024:
  - a. Tigris was on the lake on May 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the plant survey – Biobase Map and Plant Inventory summary distributed and explained
  - b. Will target Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed
  - c. Alternate treatment proposal – use sonar product to treat whole lake. After further discussions, it was determined that it's too late to use this approach. The plants are already quite thick and it'll take 45-60 days to be effective. Also, price is \$30k. The Board will study the approach further for consideration of 2025 season.
    - i. Consider asking Tigris what lakes have used it and review the results
  - d. Best approach is two treatment program (spring and mid-summer)
  - e. Treatment zones discussed – increase acreage for heavier areas and adjust certain directions of zones
    - i. Zone 2: 3 acres
    - ii. Zone 4: increase acreage to the north and south for a total of 7.5 acres
    - iii. Zone 5: remains at 8.21 acres
    - iv. Zone 6: increase acreage to the north for a total of 6.5 acres
    - v. Zone 7: increase acreage to the north for a total of 6.5 acres
    - vi. Zone 8: remains the same
    - vii. Zone 9: remains the same
    - viii. Zone 10: increase acreage to the southeast for a total of 8.7 acres
  - f. Volunteers to distribute treatment notification letters (Dru Carlson, Garry Grzelak, Becky Jante, Todd Schara, Rob Flood and Rachael Klabunde)
  - g. Additional treatment of Lilly Pads if necessary
  - h. \$404 per acre totaling \$19,472.80 (additional funding to be provided by the WPD)
  - i. Goal is to have application completed by 5/17/24

Motion to treat 48.2 acres for a cost of \$19,472.80 by Garry Grzelak, seconded by Bill Moss and approved by all at 7:36pm.

2. Stone Grill Fundraiser
  - a. The Stone Grill at C'Mon Inn will donate 10% of food sales on May 20
  - b. Thanks, Rachael, for organizing this event
  - c. Stone Grill will also offer food at the carp derby
3. Carp Derby
  - a. June 1, 2024
  - b. Coordinate with WPD, Lions Club and Greater Chicago Bass Club
  - c. Let's get the word out for this event – signs, social media
  - d. Greater Chicago Bass Club will donate a fishing pole and coordinate the weigh in
  - e. Motion to approve signs by Bill Moss, seconded by Todd Schara and approved by all at 7:44pm

4. Carp Removal with IDNR
  - a. In touch with biologist to remove carp
  - b. Date to be set – need to be ready with about a week’s notice
  - c. Need 2-4 volunteers to assist
  - d. Will investigate composting facility instead of using WPD trash
  
5. Shoreline Clean Up
  - a. June 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - b. Needs numerous volunteers
  - c. Garbage bags provided
  - d. Chest-high waders are recommended
  - e. Fishing boat / canoe
  - f. Meet at Sunset Beach at 9am
  
6. Any other new business:
  - a. Brandon Magnini - Lilly pads: Is there a good time to start attacking the cove areas? As soon as you see that they’re becoming a nuisance. Recommend cutting them as low to the bottom of the lake as possible.
  - b. Bill Moss – Go Fund Me GLCC? Flyers are handed out to lakefront owners before treatment and they’re able to contribute for funding. GLCC will consider future fundraising.

**GLCC PROJECTS & GOALS FOR 2024:**

| <b>Goal</b>  | <b>Status</b>            |
|--|--------------------------|
| Weed control Spring '24                                  | May 2024                 |
| Carp Derby   | June 1, 2024             |
| Shoreline clean-up                                       | June 2, 2024             |
| Adopt-A-Highway clean up spring/fall                     | Completed April 10, 2024 |
| WPD Harvest Fest   | September 28, 2024       |
| Fish stocking (Fall 2024)                                | October/November         |
| Public relations/education – GLCC section on WPD Website | Ongoing                  |

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Todd Schara, seconded by Skip Neiburger, and approved by all at 8:00pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

June 13, 2024