Round Lake Management Commission meeting notes April 6, 2023

In attendance: Dan Madden, Bob Cerretti, Marty Nelson, Kathy Paczynski, Paul Laws

Guests: Marty Sener, Jim Bland

Meeting started about 5:30pm

Business:

* Marty reported the FB engagements were at 77% and post engagements, 23%
* Bob reported a current balance of $14, 271.90.
* RLAM shirts were distributed.
* 501c3 update; Dan will address as soon he gets the information.
* Marty distributed suggested changes to the Intergovernmental agreement for discussion next month.
* Fish stocking will take place again in the fall. Goal is 2 musky per acre to reduce carp population
* Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 13. I have a conflict on the suggested date May 20.

New Business:

 Natural plant replacement in Round Lake, habitat conservation and underwater habitat in deep water to help fish with cover and protection. Research ideas about this and look for possible grants and funding to mitigate planting. Could floating plant rafts be used (i.e. Chicago River “wild Mile”)?

Presentation:

John Bland spoke about Zebra Monitoring project.

In brief, Zebra mussels are negatively affecting the character of the great lakes including Lake Michigan. Their presence affects water clarity which in turn affects the quality of the fish and fishing. The many lakes in Lake County are negatively affected by the zebra mussels and the mussels spread easily downstream in watersheds and on boats.

Lake County Zebra Mussel Project is interested in using Round Lake as a research location to expand our understanding of invasive zebra musses and Chinese mystery snails. This project utilizes high school and college interns who monitor the collection plates which would be put in numerous locations on the lake. (With permission) It is a citizen science program. Once the presence of the zebra mussels is determined, then treatment can be done.

The project is looking for support in managing the projects, finding acceptable locations for the plates, and permission for students to access the plates for monitoring.

We will look for residents who are willing to have plates near their shoreline and allow access to the plates for monitoring. Jim Bland will need their Contact info to communicate with them.

* Marty Sener brought up questions about the lake treatment last year.
* Marty also questioned the effectiveness of having the police boat on the lake. It was good to have trained staff, outfitted properly, etc. Effectiveness is difficult to determine since no one knows how often they were out, and boats and jet skis were still zooming around. There was no communication regarding the intended frequency of patrolling. Dan saw them once. We’d like to see a regular presence on weekends especially at the beginning of the boating season.
* The group wondered about the possibility of No Wake signs and will some people put out the illegal buoys again this year.

Meeting adjourned about 6:45pm.