Round Lake Management Commission

April 7, 2022 meeting notes

In attendance:  Mayor Scott Nickles, Chief of Police Gil Rivera, Deputy Chief Gary Lunn (Round Lake Beach) Marty Nelson, Paul Law-Trustee Round Lake, Dan Madden, and Kathy Paczynski .

Meeting began at 5:00pm

Discussion began with reviewing RLMC good work to date: fish stocking, lake clean up, etc. The importance of maintaining the health of the lake (which is the highlight of the area communities) was noted.

Conversation touched on the need to increase safety on the lake with police presence, possible control of access to boat launch, and use of “new” boat to conduct safety inspections. A dock location for boat storage and accessibility was selected.

Next, we moved on to struggle of making improvements to the lake (highlighted in the 2021 Round Lake management Plan from Integrated Lakes Management, Inc).  Recommended improvements include treating invasive milfoil, dredging, and controlling zebra mussels.

The cost of treating the whole lake is high. Question was raised; What if we harvest milfoil and then treat remaining patches. Would it be more effective?  Perhaps a partnership can be formed with the communities and the Huebner Foundation to address these lake issues.  Mayor Nickles will reach out to leaders of the other communities that have property on the lake to contribute financially to the lake improvement project being considered. Will also reach out to ILM and see if they have a more reasonable price that what was quoted in 2020.

Other ways of obtaining funding considered:  Trivia Night at Round Lake Beach Civic Center

Starting a “Friends of the Lake” group

Have a table at “National Night Out” to share info, educate the public, and solicit donations (8/2)

Meeting ended about 5:50pm

RLMC discussed having an appointed chair to facilitate communication with the group. We will discuss this idea further at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Paczynski