

November 12, 2017

TO: Town Board Members, Town of Fort Ann, Washington County, New York

FM: Joseph F. Loszynski, Park Manager, Lake Hadlock Park District

SUBJ: Monthly Progress Report

MATTERS PENDING FROM LAST PROGRESS REPORT:

1. Regarding the narrative and information I have covered in two previous progress reports regarding shoreline management and the need to formulate a management model to control the irresponsible use of Lake Hadlock's shoreline, I have contacted a representative from the Fulton Chain of Lakes and requested a meeting to discuss the manner in which they handle new development on their lakes. I am hoping that I can meet with them very soon to conduct some benchmarking and identify the best practices they have used to prevent destruction of their natural shorelines. I am optimistic that their input will be invaluable and will assist me with moving this issue to a point of making a prudent and responsible recommendation to the town board on this subject matter. MATTER IS PENDING.

NEW BUSINESS SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD:

1. During the month of October, I attended a board of directors meeting with the lake association. A host of issues was discussed and information exchange with the attendees as to the status of the lake management plan and projections for next year as to the operational footprint for the lake management plan. The board approved the funding for a \$2500.00 fish survey which will be conducted next spring and into the summer months. The data produced from this survey will provide the lake association the necessary criteria for stocking the lake with fish species that will survive considering the current fish population of the lake. The survey will also produce information as to the location of highly probable fish spawning beds, the health of the current fish population, as well as the diversity of the fish that exist in Lake Hadlock. I applaud the lake association for taking this move in hopes of improving the fish population and making the lake a better sportsman lake for fishing for many years to come. PENDING INACTIVE UNTIL THE SPRING OF 2018.
2. Minor repairs have started on the mechanical harvester and will continue through the winter months. I have been attempting to get estimates on painting the mechanical harvester due to the interest expressed by the lake association in raising funds to accomplish this. To date, no painting contractor has expressed interest in doing the work or even responding to inspect the boat to provide a rough estimate on painting. I will continue to work on this over the next couple of months to determine what it would cost to repair the rusted areas and then paint the entire watercraft. MATTER IS PENDING.

3. Discussions have commenced with AIM to determine the best operational and management approach to address controlling and eradicating milfoil beds, without compromising the current health of the lake and not increasing the density of the beds that already exist. I am confident that if the mechanical harvester is primarily dedicated to controlling the growth of native plants and is kept away from actively growing milfoil beds, that AIM will be successful in not only controlling milfoil but in some instances eradicating it in the less density beds that exist in the deeper parts of the lake. These discussions will continue throughout the winter months, with a concrete plan in place before the growing season starts in 2018. MATTER IS PENDING.

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