

Onekama Township Invasive Species Committee

Monthly Meeting—DRAFT

January 22, 2024 4:30p

In attendance: Chair Doug Barry, Phil Sedelmaier, Kevin Hughes, Tyler Dula, Alexis DeGabriele, Al Taylor (via telephone). Also in attendance: Bre Grabill, PLM (via telephone), Bob Blackmore, Randy Skiera.

Meeting called to order at 4:32p.

Motion to approve the agenda by Hughes, seconded by DeGabriele. All in favor, motion carried.

No previous meeting minutes to approve.

Public comment: none

Old Business:

Sedelmaier report that the results of the fish study include fewer bluegill, perch population unchanged, goby population increased substantially. Working on setting up a meeting with the DNR before mid-February.

Hughes suggested Dr. Workman attend also to explain his work. Barry and DeGabriele to help find a meeting date. Barry to prepare a press release draft regarding the fish study results.

Grabill reported she is working on the PLM lake management plan to report to the Board in February.

The February 19th meeting is being rescheduled for February 5th, instead.

DeGabriele to follow up with Vicki at Cisma to see if handpulling of European frogbit had been done last summer as requested after PLM found areas of it twice.

Dula reports Scarlotta's work at North Point park was successful. Treatment work is going to happen soon at Carden park.

Taylor suggested that this committee focus on eradicating Japanese Knotweed this year. Taylor reported that for funding purposes, this committee is responsible for aquatic invasives meaning in the lake, on the lakeshore, or in the wetlands. Anything else is out of their jurisdiction.

New Business:

Sedelmaier stated this committee needs a written standard for treatments going forward regarding prior approval by the committee. Need to have specific guidelines for both rapid responses and general policy standards. Following Grabill's upcoming report, Sedelmaier will write a draft policy for the committee to review at the March meeting.

Public comment:

Skiera asked about PH records for the lake. Should be listed on the Township website as well as in PLM's report.

The March meeting will be held on the 18th at 4:30p.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00p.

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Submitted by Michelle Swanson, Recording Secretary