

## OLPA Executive Board Meeting

April 5, 2023

Attendees: Tim Creamer, Linda Kelly, Teri Lori, Jon Bristol,  
Marion Greenhalgh, Deb and Jim Monaco, Kate Walsh

Opening. -Tim

There is \$15,000 available Soil and Water money if we come up with acceptable projects.

Treasurer's Report. -Tim/Teri Lori

Checking account balance: \$110,256.90

Expenditures: NYSFOLA membership

CSLAP \$370 (DEC will no longer be covering cost.

Jim Kelly, Rich Thomas and Marion Greenhalgh to attend training to replace Ben H.)

Gift of \$1000 received from Rich Anderson's roofing company

Weed Control. -Jon

- Task force to meet toward the end of April. A lot of interest on the strategic thinking end, but also need more volunteers "in the water"
- Want to present a real presence on the lake this year. Gary Picarski has offered to house the barge. Bruce Boyea offered his tools
- Initiatives: herbicide, but we need more expertise before applying for testing . Suctioning. Matting. Grass fed carp.
- OCWA has offered to distribute our printed materials about phosphorus and Adelgid if we get them to them by May 15
- There are two new DEC officers for this area

Lake Friendly Living. -Margie/Tim

- Theresa Link with Soil and Water identified Woolly Adelgid on all the Hemlocks on Burma Rd. The best times to look are April & May and November.
- There are grants for herbicide available. Homeowners have to sign off if they want it applied
- Questions: What tree would replace Hemlock, with the same soil retention properties? Are we able to link to Community bulletin boards?

Earth Day Event. -Tim/Bill Ayling

- April 22, 9-11:30
- We registered with OCRA
- American Chemical Society supporting again.

Watershed Shuffle. -Tim/Mike Bome

- July 15

NYRWA Letter. -Tim

- Margie is a member of this association. They have concerns about farms using seeds coated with pesticide, most of which goes into the soil affecting birds and bees. They have asked the lake associations to write to their legislators. Jim Monaco suggested we get more independent information before signing on. Tim to contact Mark Burger before composing a letter for board approval.

Scholarships. -Tim

- Vote to continue giving to Marcellus, Tully, and OCS scholarships. Jim Monaco proposed raising to \$400. Marion 2nd. Vote passed

Projects/Planning. -Tim/all

- Wash Station opening. Scott Prindle would like to have an educational event. Discussed times. Jon proposed an educational video that could be viewed any time. Also discussed was getting it on a local news show. Jon will write up a press release for channel 9
- We have to decide on Stewards this year. In the past the \$35,000 was fully subsidized, but that has ended.
- Dumpster Days: Barb Lynch, Teri Lori and Marge Robbins to get dates
- Rich Thomas has been doing work at the conservation area on trail maintenance and trees. Planning tree maintenance work in May
- 9 Element Plan: Marion applied for grant with help from Mike Plochoki and Lauren Darcy. Nothing this year but will apply again next year. Other possibilities for grant from Drinking Water Protection Plan.
- Board opening: Ben Hardwick resigned due to work/family responsibilities.

Concerns/Questions. -All

- Suggestions for Soil and Water money: 1) do something about the runoff on Rte 174 north of the Lakeside Vista. Perhaps hydro seed. 2) Replace lost tree where eagles lived at the edge of Harts property, perhaps with some type of platform like Osprey nesting platform. Marion and Jim to check with DEC, Fish and Wildlife, Ron Peckham who has put one on his property. 3) Jim Monaco suggested signage on Rte. 20 and 174 to identify Otisco Lake as the [real] Eastern gateway to the Finger Lakes.

Respectfully submitted  
Kathleen Walsh, secretary