

**SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
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SLMD Newsletter June 2020

Dear SLMD Members:

The SLMD Annual Meeting is Saturday, July 25, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Marion Hall. The annual meeting date was postponed and rescheduled from its original June 27, 2020, date due to Covid-19 concerns. We request that all meeting attendees carefully maintain social distance and wear masks while attending the meeting. These personal conduct safety requests are consistent with national CDC recommendations to minimize risk of exposure to the corona virus for all attendees at the annual meeting.

SLMD reserves the right to reschedule the annual meeting on short notice to SLMD members, in the event government health safety recommendations change between now and July 25.

**Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Treatment Progress**

Spring Lake's two primary aquatic invasive species are Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) and curly-leaf pondweed (CLP). Spring Lake also has significant populations of non-native narrow-leaf cattails. Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resources treated 0.5 acre of EWM and 1.25 acres of CLP on May 28, 2020. The treatment of EWM in the south basin near and across from the boat landing appears to be successful. The CLP treatment in the north basin was also moderately successful, but some CLP elsewhere in the lake and in the areas of treatment remains present. The spring AIS survey and treatment costs came in approximately \$1,500 under budget.

Arnie and Marty Wilke removed reed canary grass in Spring Creek (Sucker Creek) between the carp weir and Spring Lake Estates Drive in April.

Arnie Wilke has been cleaning and maintaining the carp weir for many years.

**Carp Weir Easement**

Spring Lake Farms, Inc., Gary Walejko and Robert Walejko gave an easement agreement to SLMD in 2019 to permit access to the carp weir on Spring Creek for periodic maintenance and cleaning of the weir by a designated SLMD representative. The easement was given by the Walejko's and their corporation, without charge to SLMD. SLMD thanks them for their generosity and shared concern and commitment to the health of Spring Lake. The easement was recorded with the Waushara County Register of Deeds in the fall of 2019.

**Financial Audit**

Joan Lehman and Meredith Kelbert did the financial audit of the SLMD accounting records in May 2019.

**Healthy Lakes Grant**

In April 2019 SLMD was awarded a Healthy Lakes Grant in the amount of \$17,050 by the Wisconsin DNR. Eight SLMD property owner/members participated in the grant application. The projects include 6 native plantings, 8 rain gardens, 1 water diversion project, and 1 fish stick. Four rain gardens and three native planting projects were completed in the fall of 2019 by three of the property owners. The remaining projects must be completed in 2020 to receive the 75% reimbursement, not to exceed \$1000 per project, for the remaining five participating property owners.

## Spring Lake District Management Plan Update

The DNR requires that lake district management plans be updated every five years in order for the district to be eligible to treat aquatic invasive species. The Spring Lake District Management Plan was adopted and approved in 2015, so the update should begin in 2020, at the latest. The plan update regulations require a comprehensive aquatic plant survey of Spring Lake. Golden Sands Resource Conservation, a non-profit located in Stevens Point estimated that the survey would cost approximately \$2000. This expense is included in the proposed 2020-21 budget for SLMD that will be considered at the annual meeting.

### Board of Commissioners Election

An election for one position on the SLMD Board of Commissioners (Directors) will be held. Arnie Wilke stated his intention not to serve another three year term on the Board. We are hopeful a year-round resident member of SLMD will run for this volunteer position. If interested in the position, please contact any Board member to discuss the duties and expectations of a Commissioner.

### Summary of SLMD activity

- ❖ 2000 - Property owners formed an organizational committee resulting in a petition to the County to form a Lake Management District.
- ❖ 2001 - first SLMD Annual Meeting was held in June with first SLMD Board election.
- ❖ 2002 - 1<sup>st</sup> treatment for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), 7.1 acres treated in spring.
- ❖ 2003 - SLMD received Grant to have a Lake Management Study done
- ❖ 2003 - 1<sup>st</sup> treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) treated in a test patch on North end of lake, accomplished with donations from property owners in that area.
- ❖ 2004 - Restoration & Management Feasibility Study completed; EWM treated, 2.92 acres on 6/2
- ❖ 2005 - CLP and EWM treated, 4 acres total on 5/12
- ❖ 2006 - CLP treated, 1acre on 5/1; EWM treated, 3 acres on 5/8
- ❖ 2007 - CLP treated, 3 acres on 5/2; EWM treated, 3 acres on 5/17
- ❖ 2008 - CLP treated, 3 acres on 6/3
- ❖ 2009 - CLP treated, .8 acres on 5/5; EWM treated, 6 acres on 5/12
- ❖ 2010 - No treatment done, monitored status of AIS and health of native plants in lake
- ❖ 2011 - CLP treated, .27 acres; EWM treated, .58 acres - both on 5/10
- ❖ 2012 - CLP/EWM treated, 1.25 acres on 4/17; CLP treated, 2.65 acres on 4/30
- ❖ 2013 - CLP treated, 2.7 acres; EWM treated, 5.3 acres - both on 5/10
- ❖ 2014 - EWM treated, 1 acre on 6/4/14; hand-pulling removal, 2 acres on 8/8/14, .43 acres on 9/14/14.
- ❖ 2015 - EWM (0.9 scattered acres) hand-pulling removal around lake- targeted areas 7/17/15, 8/30/15, 8/31/15
- ❖ 2016 – EWM treated (2.4 scattered acres), hand-pulling around lake; treated narrow-leaf cattails in narrows
- ❖ 2017 - EWM hand-pulling by 2 divers; hand removal of reed canary grass
- ❖ 2018 – CLP and EWM treated; 4 acres total on 5/15/18; hand removal of reed canary grass; Carp weir repair
- ❖ 2019 - CLP and scattered EWM treated in north basin: 1.0 acres; easement for carp weir maintenance
- ❖ 2020- CLP treated 1.25 acres; EWM treated 0.5 acres;
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