



**Little York Lake Preservation Society
Annual Meeting minutes June 22, 2023**

Meeting called to order 11:05 AM
by President Gary Lawrence at Dwyer Park Pavilion, Preble NY.

Board Attendees:

President	Gary Lawrence,	Treasurer: Don Fisher,
Vice President	vacant,	Secretary: Robyn Fisher,
Director	Julie Palermo,	Past President: Paul Stepien
Director	Ted Larison,	Director: Jared Regard

Minutes for June Annual Meeting Review: Robyn Fisher

Dick Albro made a motion to accept the minutes of 2023 Fall Annual Meeting, Bill Luety 2nd motion, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Don Fisher

Financial readout provided. See separate attachment.

Ending balance \$23,872 as of 5/31. Lake Treatments will now flow through Lake District funding.

Dick Albro made a motion to accept the report and Susie Norton 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Board Elections

Gary Lawrence and Robyn Fisher agreed to serve 2 more years. Paul Stepien made a motion to approve nomination, Dick Albro 2nd motion... motion carried.

New board

President:	Gary Lawrence	Director: Julie Palermo,
VP:	Vacant	Director: Ted Larison
Treasurer:	Don Fisher	Director: Jared Regard
Secretary:	Robyn Fisher	Past President: Paul Stepien

Old Business

- 2023 Lake Management Plan and Treatments Review: see separate report
 - Note: 15th year of CSLAP provides us good tracking of water quality.
- 2023 Raffle results and future plans. Julie Palermo
 - Netted \$5,000, which is the most we can gain without having to produce more state reports and was our target goal. However, this had limited outreach to the broader community who use the lake beyond lake residents.
 - Clear we can't make much headway with just \$5,000 per year. Therefore, looking to form a new funding committee and look for larger, more long-term funding ideas. Please sign up if you would like to be a part of that.



- **New Business**

- CCS&W director: Amanda Barber presented
 - Emily will be the LYL Boat Steward 2 days a week this year, this is the final year of grant money for this.
 - They are looking to put some bumpers around the boat cleaning station by July 4th to provide more protection and avoid damage done last year.
 - Will again this year have clinics for Septic Tanks sometime in July. After completing this one-hour session participants can receive a \$100 certificate to use toward tank cleanouts. Also looking to use prior received grant money for those who need new system. Since the Health Dept did not forward any possible participants, you can contact Amanda directly if you are interested in obtaining some of this grant money. Grants could be in the thousands of dollars. Normally participants will receive 50 to 70 percent of the total cost. Some signs of septic system failure are soggy spots or standing water in the lawn where leach field is or slow drains in the house.
- 2024 LMP Work Plan: Don Fisher see separate report
 - Thank you to volunteers doing CLSAP: Ted Larison, Andy Young, Brian Hall, Gary Lawrence and Don Fisher.
 - Still deciding how to deal with small patches of Milfoil: hand harvest or blankets.
 - Continue to work with C-OFOKLA on outreach using grant dollars.
 - Weed Harvesting was done last week and will come back end of July or early Aug to tackle Starry Stonewort that grows later than Curly leaf Pond Weed. We tried treating Starry Stonewort with chemicals but got no residual effect, which caused us to reject that treatment and use harvesting instead.
 - NYSFOLA conference attended by Don Fisher. He learned of a new tool that will provide oversight into how well we are performing on our Lake Management Plan. He also noted that most lakes have all the same problems we have.
 - We need to do more sediment studies, may hire consultants to help. Note: have learned dredging is more expensive than originally considered. More like 8 digits than 7. So, we need other ways to reduce sediment.
 - With the milfoil reduction the nutrients, still in the lake from runoff, has seen the growth of 2 new invasive species in the lake, Brazilian Water Weed (looks like spaghetti) and Fan Wort (has white blossoms and is stringy). We will put links to pictures of these on our website. LittleYorkLake.COM
- C-OFOKLA: LYLPS rep is Marie Ferro
 - There was a community meeting at Tully last Thursday. If you saw the email for that and did not attend, please complete the survey attached to the email. Thank YOU.



- With C-OFOKLA we will support the Fall Conference on 9/13 in the Dwyer Park Pavilion. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch.
- C-OFOKLA received an outreach grant using that to create a Mural in Tully.
- Lake events:
 - July 6th Cortland County is sponsoring music and vendors all day in the park. At dusk usual fireworks are planned.
 - The boat parade run by Laura Fergosi will start at 6 PM on the 6th. No stated theme, no prior sign up required just show up, and she needs 2 non-participating lake residents to judge. Please contact Laura.
- Home Billboards
 - Revenue claims about the benefit of the billboards for town of Homer have been widely exaggerated, it's more likely even if gain of \$200,000 town would only see ~\$350. Ads cannot be restricted; it is unlikely that town will have ads that impact it.
 - Some attended a meeting with the town board where 20+ attendees stated they did not want these billboards and the Town Planning Committee rejected the idea, but the Town board continued to press forward.
 - **Sign a petition:** Last one included 350 names, but Town Board felt that was less than 1-2% of population. So, another petition is circulating. **Please sign if some comes to your house or reach out to Amy Bertini.** Preble voters can sign too. Also plan to include a petition showing who WANTS these to show how few want them.
 - Michael Park stated he wants one on his land (he is the Town Supervisor, see list of the board below). OF concern is that the board can on their own can rules and zoning.
 - The DOT has final say on where these could be placed but until approved, they will not weigh in on having them or not.
 - There are considerations to hire a lawyer to help fight this. LYLPS as a 501C3 cannot. Possibly DarkSkyHomer.org, lead by Victor Segal and Karen Dudgeon might be able to but will likely need help paying for this.
- Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs)
 - Algae is always in the lake but when certain conditions occur, they bloom. This is a foamy spot in the lake, and it is deadly for pets and could make people sick, especially small children. Avoid that area until it disappears.
 - Blooms can last weeks. Luckily with the river flowing through our lake we rarely see one.
 - If you see an HAB please contact us at Contact@LittleYorkLake.com .
- Note: In 2024 a **NY State Boater Certificate** is required for anyone born after 1978 and in 2025 anyone operating the motored boat or jet ski must have one. You can take a course in person. Check the NYS P&R website for dates and locations or take an online course found there too.



Meeting Adjourned: at 11:06 AM.

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