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September 12, 2024 LGCC Meeting (Refuge Golf Club)

President Becky Ridge welcomed all members and visitors and thanked those that helped with cleanup/recovery after the recent storms. Board Members in attendance were Becky, Birdie, Tami, Vicky Pat and Perry. A total of 23 members were in attendance.

Todd Murawski, Anoka County Parks Dept., shared information about the summer programming at Lake George Regional Park. There were seven day camps for youth ages 4-13 with all camps having a water/lake theme. Some of the public programs were offered in collaboration with St. Francis Community Ed. LGCC/LGID donations were used for new youth life jackets specifically for the four year olds. Budget and staffing have been approved for similar programming for 2025. Becky presented Todd with the club's Minnow Race so that it could be used by the youth in the day camps.

Tom Dunlap, a formally certified arborist, shared information on Emerald Ash Borer and Oak Wilt. He recommended hiring a tree professional that is able to provide a certificate of insurance and workman's comp policy on the day of the job. Emerald Ash Borer does have a cure but it is very expensive. He recommended getting an estimate every two years to see what is the most effective and economical approach. He shared information on what to do after trees are cut down. See the following websites for more information: Emerald Ash Borer Network-<https://www.emeraldashborer.info/> Mn Dept of Natural Resources EAB Network -<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialanimals/eab/index.html> And U of MN Extension-Oak Wilt <https://extension.umn.edu/plant-diseases/oak-wilt-minnesota>

Lake Report/Tom Rotramel: The Lake Level Monitoring Gauge installed by Anoka Conservation District read 1.36 today. This is the same as the reading on June 30th, slightly higher than the July 31st reading of 1.32 but below the month end of August at 1.58. The month of August provided 7.84 inches of rain while we have received zero so far in september. While our lake water level is receding, we are still about the level when the gauge was first installed this spring (1.36 vs 1.24). This represents about 1.44 inches.

Since our last meeting we measured the Lake George water clarity and surface temperature on:

August 20th at 7 feet 3 inches and 78 degrees

September 5th at 6 feet two inches and 72 degrees

September 9th at 6 feet two inches and 74 degrees

Treasurer's Report: Tami reported as of August 31, 2024 the available balance was \$12,134.00 with expenditures during the month of \$403.00. Tami will be working to invest a portion of the funds in a CD.

The Proposed Budget for 2025 was discussed with an increase of \$675.00 over 2024. The Budget is available for viewing under the "Resources tab at <https://www.lakegeorgemn.org/>

Lake George Improvement District (LGID): Don Nast shared a report for the Lake George Improvement District held their 15th annual meeting August 20 at Oak Grove City Hall. Charley Sawbey, MLN Landscaping services was the keynote speaker on the topic, "Shoreline Management for Seasons of High Water". Using visuals and descriptions Sawbey presented examples of lakeshore designs and installations that mitigate erosion and run-off of residential shorelines. Attendees learned about new day camp and other programs held at the Lake George Regional Park in a report given by Todd. In board elections Jay Edwardson was reelected and Pat Graiziger was elected as a new board member. Following the annual meeting the board of directors held their reorganization meeting and elected the following as officers for the year: Chair-Juanita Reed-Boniface, 1st Vice-Chair Donald Nast, 2nd Vice-Chair -Jay Edwardson, Secretary-Robyn Erickson and Treasurer-Pat. Jaiden Edwardson will continue as Lake George Ecology Management Coordinator and John Vilandre will serve as recording secretary.

New Business: The board discussed the possibility of establishing a community response team for response to disasters around the lake. Please email any of the board members with suggestions.

The door prize winner was Don Nast
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Upcoming Events: September 28, 2024 Roadside cleanup-Backup date is October 5, 2024
October 10,2024 Lake George Conservation Club followed by LGID year end wrap up report at the Refuge Golf Club